

Restorative Justice Approaches in Intercultural Conflict Settings

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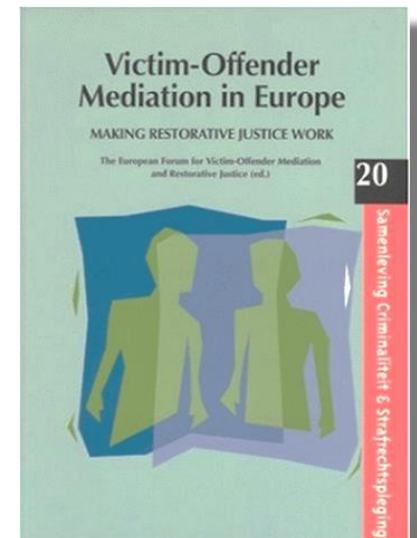
Today's presentation

- European Forum for Restorative Justice
- ALTERNATIVE project **ALTERNATIVE**
- Filmmaking
 - Incl. 3 films (max. 35min)



European Forum for RJ

- Since 2000 at KU Leuven (BE)
About 250 members
- **Aim:** 'To assist and support the establishment and development of victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices in Europe'
- **Focus:** RJ practices in criminal matters (and related areas, e.g. family, school, community)
- **Activities:** conferences, seminars, trainings, online platform for encouraging networking, research, practice, policymaking



RELEVANT FOR YOU?

Seminar on RJ in intercultural conflicts

- Berlin 2 June
- Free for EFRJ members!
- Deadline to register: 10 May!!
- www.euforumrj.org

About the Forum	Events	Projects	Publications
<p>Subscribe to the newssflash</p> <p>Read our newsletters »</p> <p>ORGANIZE A RJ LUNCH!</p> <p>During the International RJ Week 2014 (16-23 Nov), RJ Lunches will be organized across Europe and beyond! Be the first one in your country!!!</p> <p>Read more (RENEW YOUR) MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>There are individual and organisational membership categories. Membership benefits include reduction in conference fees, reduction in publication costs and a reduced price subscription to Restorative Justice: An International Journal</p> <p>Read more</p>	<p>The European Forum for Restorative Justice aims to help establish and develop victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices throughout Europe</p> <p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>22/11/2014</p> <p>Exploring the potential of restorative justice for sexual violence</p> <p>We are happy to announce the final conference of the KU Leuven coordinated Daphne Project 'Developing integrated responses to sexual violence: an...'</p> <p>Read more</p> <p>24/11/2014</p> <p>RJ Lunches across Europe during the RJ Week 2014</p> <p>The international Restorative Justice Week 2014 will take place on November 16-23. Also this year, the theme will be INSPIRING INNOVATION. In 2013,...</p> <p>Read more</p> <p>All events »</p>	<p>JUDICIAL TRAINING PROJECT</p> <p>A questionnaire has been sent to judges and public prosecutors in the 27 member states, to help us to obtain an understanding of the use of RJ within and outside the sentencing framework in criminal matters.</p> <p>Read more</p> <p>PROJECT ALTERNATIVE</p> <p>The main objective of this 4-year project (2012 – 2016) is to develop alternative understandings of security and justice through restorative justice approaches in intercultural settings within democratic societies.</p> <p>Read more</p>	<p>NEWS</p> <p>25/09/2014</p> <p>International Conference on Circles of Support & Accountability</p> <p>Barcelona, 20-21 November: International conference on an innovative method of post-release monitoring of sex offenders.</p> <p>Read more</p> <p>15/09/2014</p> <p>The end of two projects</p> <p>Two of the EU-funded projects coordinated by the EFRJ just finished! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of these projects!</p> <p>Read more</p> <p>More news »</p>



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EFRJ Newsletter

June issue on Arts and RJ

- Communication
- Awareness
- Therapeutical tool

Booklet for the RJ WEEK (November 2017)



Project

ALTERNATIVE

Developing ALTERNATIVE understandings of security and justice through restorative justice approaches in intercultural settings within democratic societies

Partners from Belgium, Austria, Hungary, Northern Ireland, Norway, Serbia
Research (2012-2016)



*People's social and cultural background functions as **the lens** through which the parties perceive a conflict. It has a **strong influence** on the way people react, manage, perpetuate, worsen, communicate about, resolve and/or transform a conflict.*

(Biffi & Chapman, 2015)

- Under which conditions do people feel safe and secure?
- What do people consider as just and fair?
- How can restorative justice approaches contribute to people's feelings and experiences of safety and justice?



ALTERNATIVE **Film**



ALTERNATIVE

Time for personal stories...

- Under which conditions do YOU feel safe and secure?
- What do YOU consider as just and fair?
- How can RJ approaches contribute to YOUR feelings and experiences of safety and justice?

ALTERNATIVE **RJ approaches**

RJ models Restorative circles | Community conferences | Mediation

RJ elements in other activities

- Community workshops & informative seminars
- Thematic forums on social media
- Creation of restorative teams
- Training in schools
- Storytelling
- Film-making and film-screening*

Why filming?

For different purposes

- Research & dissemination
- Training & Raising awareness
- Community engagement
- Restorative tool for dialogue*

Building Bridges of Trust (Hungary)

- Storytelling
- Locals as critical audiences



What's the role of local community members?

- Source of information (i.e. Interviews)
- Feedback for editing films
- Participatory filming*

What the real Schöpfwerker know (Austria)

- in collaboration with locals
- for discovering and understanding realities
- for engaging with local community members



How to start?

Step by step

- Film Kit
- Initial Training
- Trust Building
- Ethical safeguards and informed consent forms
- Filming and storing footage
- General guidelines
- Editing training
- Final film 'ALTERNATIVE' and online platform

What are the challenges?

Contents

- Different purposes of the filming project
- Researchers as directors, cameramen, editors

'When making a movie, what we do is constructing a story'

'Bias arises from how conscious I was about the choices I made when filmmaking. Who to interview, how to visually portray them, what to edit'

- Films capture snapshots of opinions and conflict situations

'Some locals refused to share their opinions...'

- Indignation from the local audience

'I could have eaten you alive when I saw that film, it was very biased'

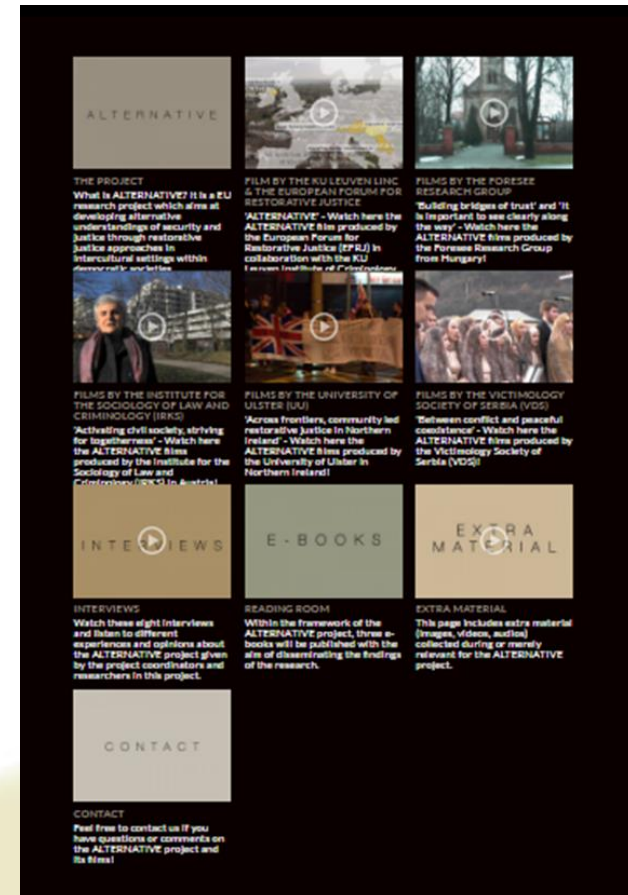
More ALTERNATIVE challenges...

Practicalities

- Researchers as filmmakers
 - Only HU worked with a professional
 - Training provided by KU Leuven
- Four different films in one
 - Styles
 - Local contexts
 - More stories within each film
 - All footage in local language

ALTERNATIVE Outputs

- A new film was created with additional raw material
 - Interviews with researchers
 - One film and individual interviews online
- ALTERNATIVE Films Online Platform
 - alternativefilms.euforumrj.org
- Book chapters (October 2017)



Thank you!



ALTERNATIVE project

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