

Disappearance Studies Conference

August 30 – September 1, 2026

Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland



Homenaje a los caídos / Homage to the fallen ones

Chilean arpillera, anonymous, 1976

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Organised by the International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE), in collaboration with the Journal of Disappearance Studies, the 2026 Disappearance Studies Conference takes place from **30 August to 1 September 2026** at the Derry~Londonderry campus of Ulster University. This in-person event convenes scholars, practitioners, policymakers, artists, families of the disappeared, and advocacy organisations to explore the socio-political, cultural, legal, and economic dimensions of disappearance worldwide.

The conference covers the following themes:

- Disappearances as a Human Rights Violation
- State Responsibility for Disappearances by Non-State Actors
- Legal Frameworks: Domestic regimes, International Humanitarian Law, and International Human Rights Law
- Forensic techniques in the search for the disappeared
- Transitional justice and victims' rights to justice, truth, and reparation
- Historical and contemporary perspectives on disappearances
- Psychological, social, and political impacts
- International solidarity, activism, and resistance
- Gender and feminist perspectives
- Emerging dynamics and technologies of disappearance
- Artistic and philosophical approaches to understanding disappearances

The conference programme can be found at
<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/conference/incore>

