



The Journey of Resilience by Benjamin Rusagara

International Conference
**Learning from the Past, Shaping
the Future: Remembrance,
Reconciliation and Reintegration -
the 1994 Genocide against the
Tutsi in Rwanda**

23 March 2026 (9:00-18:00)

Vienna School of International Studies
Favoritenstrasse 15a, Vienna

09.00–09:30

Admission to the venue

09.30–10:15

Opening Remarks

Ambassador Martin Eichtinger

Director of the Vienna School of International Studies

H.E. Beate Meinl-Reisinger

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria

H.E. Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Rwanda

10:15–10:45

Keynote Speech

Thijs B. Bouwknecht

Senior Researcher at NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences (KNAW), The Netherlands

10:45–11:00

Q&A

11:00–11:15

Coffee Break

11:15–12:30

Panel I: Memory Culture and Atrocity Prevention through Education

James Smith

Founder and Chair of Kigali Genocide Memorial & Aegis Trust Foundation, Co-Founder and Life President of the UK National Holocaust Museum, Rwanda and UK

Tali Nates

Founder and Executive Director of Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre, South Africa

Ljiljana Radonić

Vice-Director and Head of the project “Globalised Memorial Museums”, Institute of Culture Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Moderation: TBC

12:30–13:30

Lunch Break

13:30–14:45

Panel II: Reintegration of Génocidaires in Rwanda

Frank Kayitare

Country Representative at Interpeace, Rwanda

Chantal Ingabire

Executive Director at Community Based Sociiotherapy, Rwanda

Odette Mukansoro

Executive Director at Dignity in Detention, Rwanda

Speaker TBC

Rwanda Correctional Service

Moderation: Marina Maier

14:45–15:00

Coffee Break

15:00–16:15

Podium Discussion: Art, Trauma and Remembrance

Bele Marx & Gilles Mussard and Ancilla Umubyeyi

Project “When the pillars bear grief”, Austria and Rwanda

Judith Kaine

Founder and Director of Komezart, Rwanda and USA

Moderation: Doron Rabinovici

16:15–16:30

Coffee Break

16:30–17:45

Panel III: Reconciliation in Rwanda

Freddy Mutanguha

CEO at Aegis Trust, Director of Kigali Genocide Memorial, Rwanda

Sigall Horovitz

Academic Adviser on Transitional Justice at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, former legal officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Ariane Inkesha

Rwanda–Burundi Hub Director at International Alert, Rwanda

Willy Mugenzi

Managing Director at YES Africa, Rwanda

Moderation: TBC

17:45–18:00

Closing Remarks (TBC)

from 18:00

Networking Dinner

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