

**Invitation to Matariki meeting at Durham University:
Violence, peacebuilding and the city**

Peace and Conflict Studies have started to take a strong interest in the ways in which dynamics of violence as well as peacebuilding are affecting cities and are processed in urban contexts. In a context of migration and urbanisation, cities around the world have therefore been seen as microcosms of both war and peace. We would like to invite our Matariki partners who take an interest in 'the urban' in relation to peace and violence to a network meeting in Durham on **6 September (pm) – 7 September (am) 2018**. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- The destruction of cultural heritage in cities
- Urban 'badlands' and violence
- The role of the arts in the city
- The transformation of urban landscapes
- Memory sites in urban contexts
- Cities as micro-sites of peacebuilding
- Building trust through urban networks
- Urban infrastructures and architecture as catalysts of segregation and unification
- Relocations as spatial tools to restructure urban politics
- The global marketplace and the city
- Violence and peacebuilding in divided cities
- The (global) governance of cities

We would like to run this workshop in an open format, so you are free to present a paper you would like some feedback on, a project idea /initial findings, or propose a facilitated discussion about potential collaborative projects. Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary contributions are very welcome.

Please let us know whether you will attend and what you would like to contribute to the meeting by **1 May 2018**. Please respond to **Raphaella Kormoll** (r.t.kormoll@durham.ac.uk) with your contribution and to confirm attendance.

We understand that each Matariki university holds a fund for meetings of this kind. We will investigate whether it is possible to book accommodation in our colleges meanwhile and provide more specific information in due course.

If you have any further questions, please email Stefanie Kappler (stefanie.kappler@durham.ac.uk).