WHAT IS
RESTORATIVE MEMORY?

IT IS A MODEST, PROVOCATIVE, OPEN
AND NON-EXCLUSIONARY CONCEPT TO
KEEP US MOVING, TO WORK IN THEORY
AND PRACTICE, IN ORDER TO ENGAGE
DIFFERENT AGENTS, DISCIPLINES AND
GENERATIONS WITH A HUMANIST
DIMENSION

Restorative memory might be defined as diverse practices being creative,
reparative, voluntarily, participatory, dialogic, interdisciplinary, complementary
(to the criminal system and other forms of memorialization) and dynamic.
Practices can be ephemeral or long-lasting. There are not objects of
reparation. Above all we are in front of subjects in different collective
contexts. Needs and rights of victims, in their diversity and dynamism, have to
be acknowledged, as an ethical duty of society. Restorative memory involves
victims, victimisers and communities in a non-essentialist and antagonist
definition.

RESTORATIVE MEMORY IS A
FORM OF SLOW AND CRAFTED
JUSTICE FOR THE IRREPARABLE

Justice understood as real justice, as active listening and
acknowledgment. Who are the victims/survivors/harmed persons?
What and how could it happened? Who is responsible? How do
they/we felt and feel now? What has been done? How do we
imagine a better future? What concrete and reparative things can
we do to get closer to that horizon without a ‘present bias’?

RESTORATIVE MEMORY ENTAILS
HIDDEN VICTIMISATION AND
MEMORY OF THE INDIFFERENCE
AND OBLIVION. IN DOING THIS,
ARTISTIC LANGUAGE BRINGS
NEW PERSPECTIVES

Perhaps, the fictional privilege, not free of manipulation, can
fill gaps, create empathy, liberation and beauty

GIVING MEANING AND/OR MAKING
SENSE BEYOND ENCAPSULATING
IDENTITIES. Restorative memory
AS A LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR A
MORE PEACEFUL COMMON FUTURE

There are forensic/legal, historical, transitional, narrative, dialogic,
Incomplete truth...

Restorative memory might be painful in its beginning (born out of unjust
and severe suffering), always complex in its full development - that never ends -,
but it aims at healing and social justice as factors that generate conditions
for diverse restorative practices.