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9:00  Welcome and Introductions
Ann Mason, Director of the Political Science Department, University of los Andes
Gillian Robinson, Senior Lecturer in the School of Policy Studies at the University of Ulster, Director of ARK (The Northern Ireland Social and Political Archive), and INCORE Associate

9:30  Session 1
The Role and Function of Research in Divided Societies
Chair: Ann Mason

Marie Smyth, Chief executive of the Belfast-based Institute for Conflict Research, Northern Ireland, Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace, and on the faculty of the University of Ulster
The Northern Ireland Experience
Gillian Robinson
The African Experience
Francisco Leal Buitrago, Political Science Department, University of los Andes
The Colombian Experience

Discussion and Questions
11:00 Break

11:15 Session 2
Researcher Identities and Position: Insider, Outsider, or Participant
Chair: Carlo Nasi, Director of the Graduate Program in Theory and Experiences on Armed Conflict Resolution, Political Science Department, University of los Andes

Gillian Robinson
Overview of Key Issues Raised in Earlier Workshops
Marie Smyth
Researching Perpetrators
Arturo Alape, Writer and historian
Researching the guerrillas
Mauricio Romero, Asociate researcher, IEPRI, Universidad Nacional de Colombia
Researching the Paramilitaries
Maria Victoria Uribe, Director of the Colombian Institute for Anthropology and History
Researching Criminals

Discussion and Questions

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Session 3
Action Research and Dissemination: Making a difference
Chair: Ann Mason

Marie Smyth
The use of participative action research in violently divided research fields
Gillian Robinson
Dissemination: One size fits all?
Fernán González, Researcher, Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular, CINEP-Colombia
Research as an instrument of depolarizing armed conflict
Mauricio García-Durán, Researcher, Centro de Investigaciones y Educación Popular, CINEP-Colombia
Social research as a tool for defining and implementing peace strategies

Discussion and Questions

3:30 Break

3:45 Session 4
Workshop on Ethics in Researching Violently Divided Societies
Chair: Marie Smyth

Open Discussion

5:00 Closing plenary: Were do we go from here?

6:00 Dinner at Il Pomodoro, Usaquén