How do people keep their humanity during war? Indeed, what does the very term humanity signify during political upheavals in which simply surviving becomes an act of faith, courage and desperation? Scholars (Lawrence Langer) have suggested it is meaningless to speak in terms of morality and ethics when dealing with events such as the Holocaust. Is this true? In the face of the brutality of war must we abrogate our morality? How can we best gain insight into these questions and what role does narrative play in the process? The series of panels on this topic will discuss how people keep their humanity during war and, in particular, how the stories people tell about their lives during war both help us understand how people think about such topics and how the construction of particular narratives shapes and leads us to different moral outcomes.

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9:00 – 9:30  Continental Breakfast


10:00 – 11:00  Martin Heisler, Contextualizing the Ethics and Morality of Actions in Traumatic Times: A Political Sociology Perspective. U of Maryland

11:00-12  Peter Suedfeld.

12:00 – 1:00  LUNCH - Courtyard

1:00 – 2:00  Lawrence Sporty and Aaron Kheriaty, UCI

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3:30 – 4:30  The Contemporary Syrian Refugee Crisis. Angeliki Kanavou, Tobis Fellow, UCI

4:30-5:30  Digital Representation of War. Cecile Whiting and Carol Burke

5:30  Wrap up session

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