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Title

Post-Conflict Justice and the Rule of Law

Description of the workshop contents

In this seminar, we will briefly study two areas of post-conflict reconstruction: efforts to redress criminal acts occurring during violent conflict and strategies to restore and strengthen justice systems that have become weakened as a result of conflict. Topics will include the work of tribunals and truth commissions, post-conflict constitutional development, judicial reform and independence, transparency and corruption, policing and security, and problems involving internally displaced people. We will examine specific cases of nation-building efforts undertaken by the United Nations and the international community.

Objectives

To broadly examine issues that arise during post-conflict reconstruction activities and efforts to deliver justice to victims of violent conflict.

Programme (5 headlines)

1. Tribunals and truth commissions
2. Post-conflict constitution-building
3. Judicial reform and independence
4. Security and policing issues following conflict
5. The problem of internally displaced people during conflict

Requested reading (5 references maximum)

Jane Stromseth, David Wippman & Rosa Brooks: "Can Might Make Rights? Building the Rule of Law after Military Interventions" (available online at amazon.com)

Additional reading materials will be provided in class.

