

“Negotiating Justice: human rights and peace agreements”

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Abstract

What kind of dilemmas and trade-offs do negotiators and peace mediators face when they try to negotiate justice against a background of violence and disorder? Is respect for human rights a help or a hindrance in securing a lasting political solution to a country's problems? The report of the International Council and Human Rights Policy launched at this lunchtime seminar addresses these issues. It argues that human rights can make a practical and positive contribution to many areas of conflict resolution, during both the negotiation and the implementation of peace agreements. Discussion at the seminar will cover the tricky problem of the rights of forcibly displaced persons, and will also address both the challenge of ending impunity and the particular difficulties of implementing human rights measures.

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