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Challenges of Constructing Legitimacy in Peacebuilding

Afghanistan, Iraq, Sierra Leone, and East Timor



Peacebuilding is a critical issue in world politics. However, there is a lack of research on concrete policies and implementation strategies that new leadership needs to adopt in order to mobilize legitimacy in "host states". The objective of this book is to develop an understanding of the mechanisms at play in the construction—or erosion—of the legitimacy of newly created governments in post-conflict environments. The author argues that constructing legitimacy in peacebuilding depends not only on the levels of force and resource distribution aimed at people who are governed, but also on governments reconciling with old enemies, and the presence of international organizations as credible third parties helping to establish

fairness and impartiality within the political process. He analyses the challenges involved in creating a legitimate government in Afghanistan and three other cases.

Speaker:

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18:00–19:30

VENUE:

1F hall, United Nations University
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REGISTRATION:

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LANGUAGE:

Please note that this event will be held in English only.