



Transitional Justice Mechanisms and Peacebuilding in Sierra Leone: A Theoretical Framework

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Abstract

Transitional justice mechanisms (TJM) have been employed in Sierra Leone following a decade of civil war to address past atrocities and promote peacebuilding. This study employs a critical discourse analysis of official documents and secondary literature to synthesize existing knowledge on TJM and peacebuilding in the region. This theoretical framework highlights the challenges and opportunities for integrating TJM into broader peacebuilding strategies in Sierra Leone. Future research should focus on evaluating specific TJM interventions more rigorously and exploring their impact on long-term societal integration.

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