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“Justice and Truth in Colombia: A Critical Analysis of the Interlocking between the Special Jurisdiction for Peace and the Truth Commission”

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In two 2015 agreements, the negotiators of the Colombian Government and the Guerrilla Group Farc-EP designed the two key transitional justice mechanisms for the Colombian peace process: the Special Jurisdiction for Peace and Truth Commission. Such agreements, however, did not spell out how both institutions should engage with each other for achieving, at the same time, truth and justice. From a holistic interpretation of the transitional justice system, this presentation undertakes a critical analysis of the ways in which both institutions can possibly interlock.



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