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# Transitional Justice and Development

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# Truth and Justice

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Experiences of past decades suggest that...

- **truth-seeking mechanisms** and public recognition of responsibility, and
- the (re-) establishment of **justice** through various means,

...are important elements of a peace building process

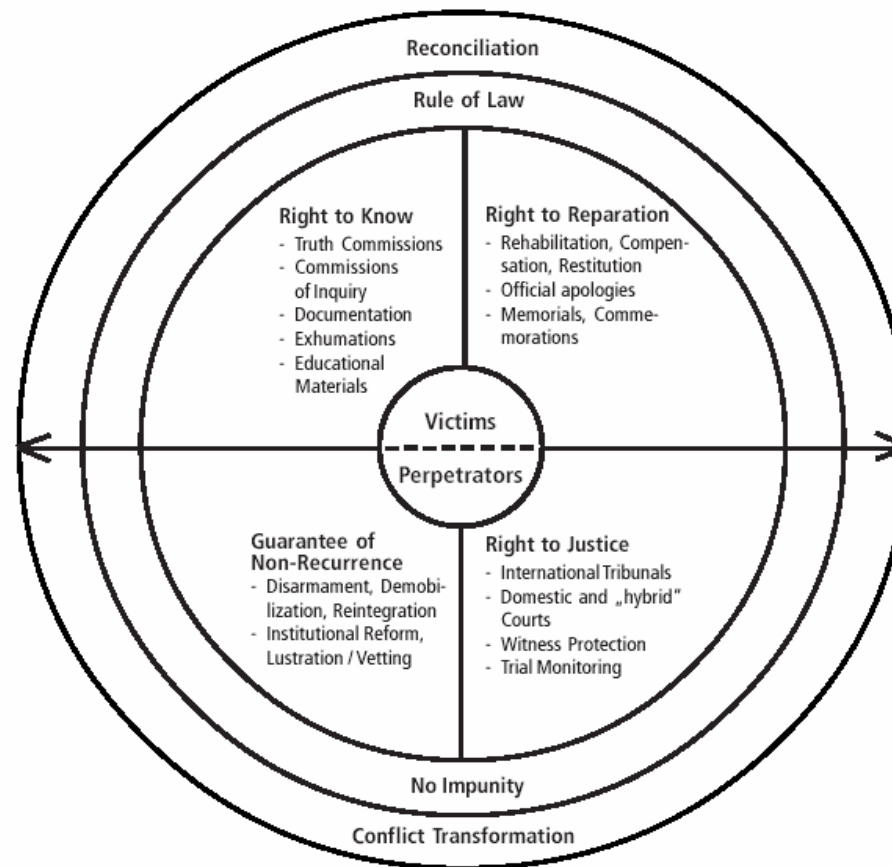
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## Different Transitional Justice Mechanisms:

- Courts
- Reparation
- Lustration and reform of state institutions
- Truth Commission
- Memorialisation
- Traditional approaches to healing and reconciliation

# Transitional Justice: Concept



# Today's Practice

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There are many challenges...

- **Different meaning** of justice and truth
- Lack of **political will**
- **Credibility:** Mechanisms often negotiated between national and international actors
- Focus on **isolated mechanism**; few **follow-up processes**
- Context: Mass violence, poor countries, weak state capacities
- Focus on **political** rather than **socio-economic rights**



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# Ways Forward

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- **Sustain** dealing with the past processes
- **Link** informal initiatives with political level and reform
- **Timing** is key
- **Who** is involved?

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**Thank you very much!**

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