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Peacebuilding and Rule of Law in Africa: Just Peace?

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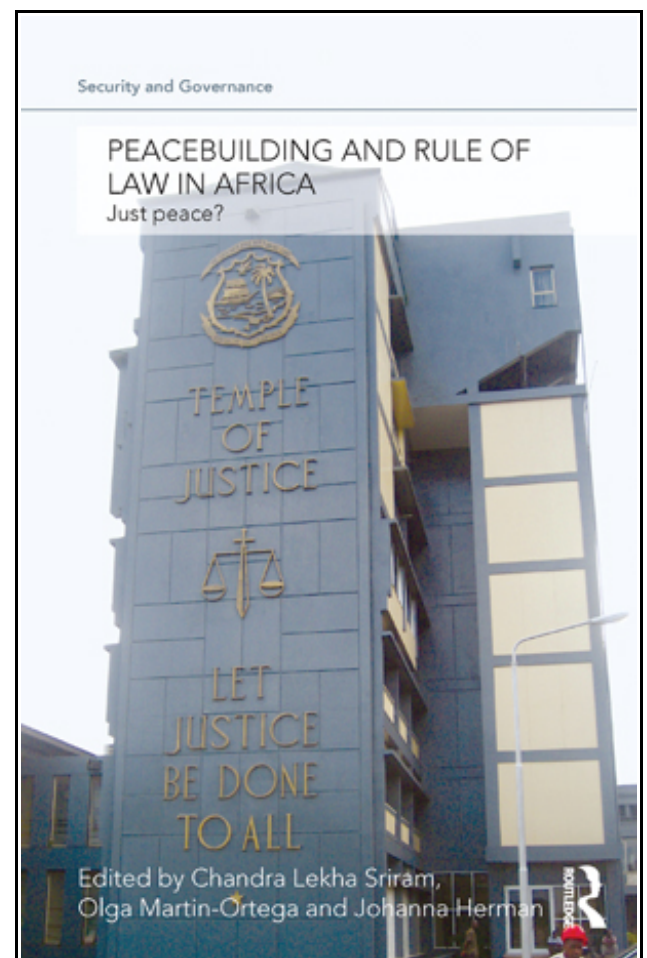
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In *Peacebuilding and Rule of Law in Africa: Just Peace?*, terms such as **peacebuilding** and **rule of law**, which initially seem broad and sometimes ambiguous, are broken down by a variety of scholars from different fields to cite specific examples of trial and error in both processes within the African context. Using case studies from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and the Darfur region of Sudan, the series of essays converge to create a valuable reference for students, scholars, international-policy experts and nongovernmental organization leaders engaged in peacebuilding, peacekeeping and the rule of law. Students of anthropology, law, culture, international policy, conflict and African studies may also benefit from this interdisciplinary publication. This edited volume provides unprecedented research from some of the most knowledgeable experts in the field of conflict studies and is an effective compass for the establishment of the rule of law in post-conflict areas.

In their concise introduction, Chandra Lekha Sriram, Olga Martin-Ortega and Johanna Herman of the Centre on Human Rights in Conflict at the University of East London School of Law provide readers with a history of peacebuilding, including strategies that have worked and those that have failed in different regions. The book begins with background information for readers on peacebuilding and peacekeeping regarding the rule of law (the concept that no person is above the law and all are governed by it), with particular focus on U.N. operations in Africa. A more in-depth approach is employed in the latter part of the book by the use of country-specific case studies. The authors delve into implementing the rule of law and advocate for a version more tailored to the African condition that could be implemented more aggressively and effectively in post-conflict countries in Africa. This is one reason that the book is a priceless contribution to the post-conflict field of study and serves as a blueprint for



peacebuilding program implementation in Africa. ↕

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