

International Conference in The Hague on Transitional Justice in Colombia

The two-day conference brings together renowned researchers, practitioners, and representatives of the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) and the International Criminal Court (ICC), with a specific focus on the Colombian experience as a pathway of innovation.

Bogotá, November 16, 2023 - The German Colombian Peace Institute (Instituto CAPAZ), the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) and the International Institute for Social Studies (ISS), part of the Erasmus University Rotterdam organize the International Conference entitled 'The JEP as a new model of Transitional Justice: Lessons learned for the future of Transitional Justice', which will take place from 23 to 24 November 2023 at the ISS (Kortenaerkade 12, The Hague, Netherlands, 2518 AX).

JEP President Judge **Roberto Carlos Vidal** will open the conference, encouraging lively discussions on key elements of Transitional Justice from the Colombian perspective. "Colombia is currently writing history in Transitional Justice. The work of the JEP is very important far beyond the Colombian context. We will discuss the current challenges and the innovation in Transitional Justice, thereby contributing to a fruitful discussion on the possibilities of coming to terms with a violent past through Transitional Justice", says **Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters**, Director of CAPAZ, and Chair for Peace Studies at Justus Liebig University Giessen.

CAPAZ Research Associate **Juliette Vargas** emphasizes that "The JEP is shaping a very interesting unique model at the intersection between Transitional and Restorative Justice that promotes coming to terms with a violent past, but also the reconstruction of the social fabric. In that sense, the discussions proposed in this conference about the lessons learned from the Colombian experience make a valuable contribution to other transitional contexts".

The conference underlines the international dialogue from a multidisciplinary approach. "The International Institute of Social Studies is dedicated to the study of development, social justice and change in the world. We are therefore delighted to work alongside our Colombian counterparts to study innovations in Transitional Justice. ISS aims to learn critical insights from concrete contexts like Colombia and bring those into a global conversation", notes **Prof. Dr. Ruard Ganzevoort**, Rector of ISS.

This conference is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. Admission is free until full capacity is reached. It will be held in English and Spanish with simultaneous translation.

Conference programme (preliminary), registration form and further information:

<https://www.instituto-capaz.org/international-conference-on-transitional-justice/>
<https://www.iss.nl/en/registration-colombian-special-jurisdiction-peace-seminar>

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