

**THE PLURALITY OF TRUTH IN POST-CONFLICT SOCIETIES
AND THE 'RIGHT TO TRUTH' IN INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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ABSTRACT

This paper argues that the current international law framework can further deconstruct the notion of 'truth' in a manner which gives adequate attention to the complex nature of the right to truth and its operation in post-conflict societies. Accordingly, the paper strives to analyze the manner in which society interfaces with the notion of 'truth', and the impact that this has to achieving transitional justice. It argues that a post-conflict society is especially prone to multiple truth regimes. The paper traces how the right has developed in conflict related contexts through International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law and deduces that the multifarious nature of 'truth' is such that the right to truth in international law can be interpreted to achieve different facets of truth as is demanded by a certain post-war context.

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