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‘Making and Implementing Peace Agreements and Post-Conflict Constitutions’

A JOB TALK BY

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Abstract: Who should sit at the negotiation table when peace agreements and post-conflict constitutions are negotiated? How can the implementation of peace agreements and post-conflict constitutions be effectively monitored and guaranteed? Which actors are the most suitable for these tasks? What are the legal dimensions and challenges that come with the internationalisation of the negotiation and implementation of peace agreements and post-conflict constitutions? How does the involvement of external actors, such as the United Nations, affect different legal outcomes? Looking at these documents from a comparative perspective, do we observe patterns of form and substance? – These are some exemplary questions that a course on “Making and Implementing Peace Agreements and Post-Conflict Constitutions” should address. The upcoming lecture will offer an introduction to such a course, and a mapping of the field. General challenges and problems of negotiating and implementing peace agreements, post-conflict constitutions as well as other formal and informal political settlements will be in the focus. Contemporary peace agreements and post-conflict constitutions will be considered as laboratories of the interaction of multiple state and non-state actors as well as of international and domestic legal and political mechanisms. Together, these recent developments of internationalised peace agreements and post-conflict constitutions demand new comparative approaches. In sum, the core-objective of the session is to give a first introduction to the conceptual and practical challenges of negotiating and implementing complex peace agreements and post-conflict constitutions. This introduction shall raise awareness of the politico-legal dilemmas and blockades that are typical in these processes, creating the foundation for in-depth analysis. Various examples will provide opportunities for discussions, for instance on how to approach international organisations’ and other actors’ roles in governing contemporary peace and post-conflict law-making processes.

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