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*Resisting Transitional Justice: Connecting Historical Struggle with Contemporary Calls for Justice*

Scholars have observed the increasing convergence of international peacebuilding, development and transitional justice mechanisms, connected through international efforts to pacify volatile areas in the ‘developing world’. This can be seen in current debates within transitional justice which focus on the relevance of development ‘issues’ and socio-economic inequalities, as well as the ways in which transitional justice discourse and practice seek to order and legitimise societies reckoning with massive human rights violations. This paper brings resistance into the discussions, a concept which has received relatively little attention in transitional justice literature to date. Reflecting on the findings of a three year project focused on Côte d’Ivoire, Burundi and Cambodia the paper analyses the relevance of a subjective approach to resistance – which asks what counts as resistance to transitional justice? – for working towards connecting historical struggle with contemporary calls for justice. In doing so it is possible to connect development and transitional justice in ways which open and historically contextualise the meaning of justice and which can go beyond a concern with pacification and order.