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**About**

Diana Florez is a Colombian lawyer and human rights practitioner with particular interests in transitional justice and peacebuilding engaging with victim-centered and bottom up approaches. Her work is driven by a desire to put the needs and demands of victims of conflict at the center of public policy and academic discussions. Most of her work experience has been developed in Colombia with the United Nations Development Program as a Legal Officer, working with communities of victims of war. Likewise, she supported the implementation of mechanisms for victims' participation in the framework of the Peace Agreement between the FARC guerrillas and the Colombian Government. She also worked in the National Planning Department of the Colombian Government, supporting the construction of public policies for displaced families in the process of return or resettlement. Previously, she worked as Research Assistant for the "Amnesty in the Age of Responsibility" project with the University of Oxford, and as a legal fellow in Amnesty International in the International Law and Policy Program. She holds a master's degree in NGO and Development from the London School of Economics.

**Thesis Title:**

*Transitional justice: a priority for whom? A comparative study of the demands of the victims in the Colombian context*

**Thesis Summary:**

Diana's research focuses on the last two transitional justice processes that have been designed in Colombia in the midst of negotiations with the paramilitaries and the FARC-EP guerrilla group. These processes, in particular the ongoing peace process between the Colombian Government and the FARC, have claimed to include a victim center approach and reflect the needs of victims, gaining wide legitimacy and acceptance, particularly by the international community. Despite this rhetoric, it is not clear to what extent national transitional justice agendas truly reflect the needs of those most affected by the conflict. The present study is driven by the objective of allowing the voices of the victims to contribute to the debate about dealing with the past. Without preconceptions of justice, truth and reparation, it seeks to listen to the victims of two regions, very affected by the effects of the armed conflict, to express their priorities to redress, as far as possible, the past violations of human rights.

**Supervisors:**

Roddy Brett (first) and Tim Wilson (second)

**Research Interests:**

Transitional justice and peacebuilding (from a local understanding)

**Publications**

As a researcher, I have contributed to the following publications,

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| * *Amnesty in the Age of Human Rights Accountability* Edited by Francesca Lessa and Leigh A Payne 2012 Cambridge University
* *Universal jurisdiction: a preliminary survey of legislation around the world*, Amnesty International, index IOR 53/004/2011, 5 of October 2011
* *This is what we demand: justice Impunity for sexual violence against women in Colombia's armed conflict*, index number AMR 23/018/2011, 21 of September 2011

As a co-author  * Peacebuilding in South America, Roddy Brett and Diana Florez *The Palgrave Handbook of Disciplinary and Regional Approaches to Peace* Editors: Richmond, Oliver, Pogodda, Sandra, Ramovic, Jasmin (Eds.) 2016
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