



PARTICIPATION OF VICTIMS OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMED CONFLICT IN THE PROCESS OF CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND PEACEBUILDING
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On November of 2016, was signed the firm of the Integral, final and definitive agreement for peace between the insurgent and the Colombian government. This peace negotiation in terms of inclusion allowed the victims to be active participants of the transitional justice decision-making processes. Taking into consideration the previous aspects, the introduction of victims as representatives of civil society and the allocation of a role in the peace talks made this a unique case in Latin America. Nonetheless, during the current implementation phase, victims seem to have little space for participation and there is an evident increase of systematic violence against civic leaders. The fieldwork done from January until April of 2017 in the Caribbean coast and Santa Fé de Bogotá (Colombia), tries to contribute to a deeper understanding of the role of victims of the Colombian conflict in the implementation of transformative justice and conflict resolution. This research is based on the experiences of several members of the victims' delegation, members from FARC delegation, local leaders and politicians.



“Without our land, we is nothing”: the Rama people, indigenous citizenship, and territorial rights claims in the context of settler invasions and the Nicaragua Canal
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This research aims to understand how the Rama, the smallest indigenous group of Nicaragua's South Caribbean Autonomous Region, experience the 'defense of territory' in the context of strong outside pressures to acquire communally titled Rama land. Illegal settlers, numbering many times the Rama, are pushing "the agricultural frontier" into Rama territory. Meanwhile, government plans to build an Inter-oceanic Canal would divide the territory in two and displace the last community where the ancestral language is still spoken. This ethnographic research project, grounded in collaboration with local actors, analyzes how through these pressures and through practices of cooperation and resistance differentiated indigenous citizenship rights are both claimed and discarded by the different parties. The Rama population itself stands divided: some Rama leaders have chosen to cooperate with the Nicaraguan Government and its plans to build an Inter-oceanic Canal, believing the project will take out the illegal settlers; whilst others have allied themselves with the settlers in their joint effort to prevent the Canal from being built. In the current turmoil and division, the future of the Rama people hangs in the balance.