Violent Pasts and the Politics of Victimhood in Contemporary Societies

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Light lunch provided & everyone welcome

Seminar Room, European Studies Centre. 70 Woodstock Road, Oxford
Programme

9.45-10.00 Welcome and introduction: Othon Anastasakis (Director of the European Studies Centre) and Vincent Druliolle (Santander Visiting Fellow, European Studies Centre)

10.00.-11.30 Session 1

Roddy Brett (University of St Andrews & Latin American Centre, University of Oxford): “To Desist is not an Option”: The Role of Victims’ Delegations in the Santos-FARC Peace Talks

Leigh A. Payne (Professor of Sociology and Director of the Latin American Centre, University of Oxford): Loaded Terms: The Social Construction of Victimhood in Post-conflict Peru

11.30-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45-12.45 Session 2

Marie Breen-Smyth (Professor of International Politics, University of Surrey): The Uses of Suffering: Victims as Moral Beacons or Icons of Grievance

12.45-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15 Session 3

Jessie Hronešová (Department of Politics and International Relations & St Antony’s, University of Oxford): Might Makes Right: Transitional Justice and Reparations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Johanna Herman (Centre on Human Rights in Conflict, University of East London): Civil Parties as “Official” Victims? Victimhood at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

15.15-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-17.00 Session 4

Vincent Druliolle (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid & European Studies Centre, University of Oxford): The Struggle for Recognition of Spain’s Stolen Children and the Politics of Victimhood

Chiara Tedaldi (School of Languages and Literature, University College Dublin): Victim Proliferation and Competition in the Age of Multidirectional Memory

17.00 Concluding remarks