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Mapping Land Rights in Post-War Recovery and Reconstruction



ANU Public Lecture and Launch of Architectures for Peace Lab

The devastation in Gaza and Ukraine is a stark reminder of the extensive reconstruction efforts needed after armed conflict.

These crises underscore the urgent demand for resources to rebuild infrastructure and restore essential services. But reconstruction goes beyond the physical – it requires a nuanced, inclusive approach that addresses the needs of all affected populations, especially marginalised and vulnerable groups.

This lecture will explore one of the most complex aspects of reconstruction: land rights. It will show how conflict disrupts land tenure systems, often worsening inequalities and creating new barriers to lasting peace.

Land is more than territory – it carries political, economic, and cultural weight, often fuelling conflict. With competing land claims risking renewed tensions, understanding and securing equitable land rights is vital to social recovery and long-term resilience.

Details

Monday 28 April 2025, 6-7:30pm AEST
Online and Hedley Bull Lecture Theatre 1
130 Garran Road, Acton ACT

Speaker

Associate Professor Nelson Camilo Sánchez
Director, International Human Rights Law Clinic
at the University of Virginia

Chair

Professor Kirsten Ainley
Lab Director, Architectures for Peace Lab at the
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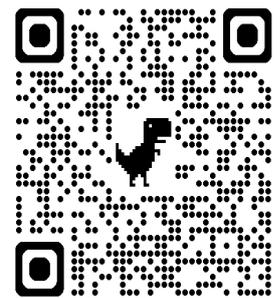
Opening Remarks

Professor Nicolas Lemay-Hébert
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The Architectures for Peace Lab, established February 2025, is home to a community of scholars, students and policymakers seeking to deepen and expand understandings of the relationship between material infrastructure and peace. The Lab allies political geography, architecture and International Relations to bring innovative ideas to methodological and programmatic policy challenges.