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1. Ainley, Kirsten, Rebekka Friedman and Chris Mahony, eds.

This innovative book is the first major study to evaluate the transitional justice programme in Sierra Leone holistically. Rather than focusing on a single mechanism, the authors examine how the Special Court, Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), local justice initiatives and reparations programme interacted. Contributors to the book include the Prosecutor of the Special Court and one of the commissioners from the TRC, alongside a range of experts on transitional justice, international law and Sierra Leone.

2. Arthur, Paige

This volume brings together a rich group of international researchers and practitioners, who, for the first time, examine transitional justice through “identity” lens. They tackle ways that transitional justice can act as a means of political learning across communities, foster citizenship, trust, and recognition; and break down harmful myths and stereotypes, as steps toward meeting the difficult challenges for transitional justice in divided societies.

3. Barria, Lilian A. and Steven D.Roper, eds.

This volume is a wonderful contribution to the transitional justice literature. One of the most daunting tasks facing social scientists is developing mechanisms by which the cause of transitional justice can be advanced in post-conflict societies. This complex in part because it involves promoting peace, justice, and truth and reconciliation simultaneously.

4. Buchanan, Ruth and Peer Zumbansen
The volume brings together seminal essays on the intersection between law and development, human rights and rights critique, and transitional justice.

5. Duthie, Roger

Transitional justice is often pursued in contexts where people have been forced from their homes by human rights violations and have suffered additional abuses while displaced. Little attention has been paid, however, to how transitional justice measures can respond to the injustices of displacement. This book is the result of a collaborative research project of the International Center for Transitional Justice and the Brookings-LSE Project on Internal Displacement.

6. Fineman, Martha Albertson and Estelle Zinstag

This book offers some insights into women’s perspectives and feminist views on the topic of transitional justice of ‘justice in transition.’ Bringing feminism into the conversation allows to expand the possibilities for a transformative justice approach after a period of conflict or insecurity, not by replacing it with feminist theory, but by broadening the scope and vision of the potential responses.

7. Hayner, Priscilla B. Hayner

In a sweeping review of forty truth commissions, Priscilla Hayner delivers a definitive exploration of the global experience in official truth seeking after widespread atrocities. When Unspeakable Truths was first published in 2001, it quickly became a classic, helping to define the field of truth commissions and the broader arena of transitional justice.

8. Hazan, Pierre

Judging War, Judging History takes a hard look at the growing use and influence of truth and reconciliation commissions and the increasing importance of transitional justice in contemporary conflict resolution. From the Nuremberg Trials to current-day conflicts in South Africa, Morocco, and Uganda, Pierre Hazan reveals the extent to which the approaches intended to commemorate events and mend societies after acts of war and violence ultimately intensify the huge task of dealing with victims’ claims for recognition.

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE: HOW EMERGING DEMOCRACIES RECKON WITH FORMER REGIMES.  

Includes over 100 laws, regulations and decrees, constitutional provisions, judicial decisions, reports of official commissions of inquiry, and treaty excerpts from 28 countries and from international organizations.

11. O’Rourke, Catherine  

The book draws on original comparative research on women’s movements in Chile, Northern Ireland and Columbia, and on local analysis of transitional justice processes in these case studies, to confront these issues. Catherine O’Rourke argues that human rights outcomes for women of transitional justice processes are negotiated and determined in the space between international law and local gender politics.

12. Rae, James DeShaw  

Drawing on extensive field work, James DeShaw Rae offers a grassroots perspective on the relationship between peace building and transitional justice. Rae traces the effects of the political violence perpetrated in East Timor during the Indonesian occupation as well as the UN-authorized intervention and the ultimate formulation of the rebuilding effort.

13. Reatgul, Felix, ed.  

This volume contributes to this effort through a selection of articles by outstanding scholars in the field of justice in transition. It also explains the grounds and basic principles of the measures for truth seeking justice, reparations, and guarantees of non-repetition, which have been internationally recognized as victims’ rights.

14. Roht-Arriaza, Naomi and Javier Mariezcurrena  

Dealing with the aftermath of civil conflict or the fall of a repressive government continues to trouble countries throughout the world. Whereas much of the 1990s was occupied with debates concerning the relative merits of criminal prosecutions and truth commissions, by the end of the decade a consensus emerged that this either/or approach was inappropriate and unnecessary. A second generation of transitional justice experiences have stressed both truth and justice and recognized that a single method may inadequately serve societies rebuilding after conflict or dictatorship. Based on studies in ten countries, this book analyzes how some combine multiple institutions, others experiment with community-level initiatives that draw on
traditional law and culture, whilst other combine internal actions with transitional or international ones.

15. Shaw, Rosalind and Lars Waldorf, eds.  

This volume traces how ordinary people respond to—and sometimes transform—transitional justice mechanisms, laying a foundation for more locally responsive approaches to social reconstruction after mass violence and egregious human rights violations. Recasting understandings of culture and locality prevalent in international justice, this vital book explores the complex, unpredictable, and unequal encounter among international legal norms, transitional justice mechanisms, national agenda, and local priorities and practices.


In the past few decades Latin America has notably advanced in the search for justice in cases of serious and massive abuses of human rights committed by dictatorships or during armed conflicts. This effort has been undertaken by the victims, by human rights defenders, by the intellectual community, and by an array of civil society actors. The struggle which has often been misunderstood, demands courage and perseverance as well as knowledge about the different mechanisms available to obtain justice. *Transitional Justice: A Handbook for Latin America* contributes to this effort through a selection of articles by outstanding scholars in the field of justice in transition.

17. Teitel, Ruti G.  

The publication of Ruti Teitel's *Transitional Justice* in 2000 was a landmark event for the study of legal and political challenges of transition from oppressive to democratic rule, coming on heels of the end of Apartheid and the fall of Berlin wall. In this volume a collection of essays that spans the last decade. Teitel provides observations and insights on how the practice and discourse of transitional justice has been evolving especially in relation to the rise of international criminal law and the increasing centrality of international human rights. Transitional justice is considered not only light of political events and legal developments, but also in the broader global social and cultural context.

18. Teitel, Ruti G.  

Many countries in transition have relied on forms of justice as a bridge from authoritarian to democratic forms of government. This study explores these forms of justice in a new and broad historical and comparative context. It is an essential guide for those interested in this important phenomenon of the second half of the 20th century.

19. Van Der Merwe, Hugo, Victoria Baxter and Audrey R. Chapman, eds.
ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE: CHALLENGES FOR EMPIRICAL RESEARCH.

In this volume fourteen leading researchers study seventy countries that have suffered from autocratic rule, genocide, and protracted internal conflict, and gauge the effectiveness of various transitional justice and mechanisms in wide ranging sociocultural contexts. They use empirical research to make statistical comparisons among the bewildering array of factors that can affect the success or failure of transitional justice.

20. Williams, Melissa S. Rosemary Nagy, and John Elster, eds.

In this volume a group of leading scholars in philosophy, law, and political science settle some of the key theoretical debates over the meaning of transitional justice while opening up new ones. By engaging both theorists and empirical social scientists in the analysis of the defining issues of transitional justice, *Transitional Justice* also illuminates the challenges of making strong empirical claims about the impact of transitional institutions.