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Getting at the Root: Perspectives on Global Justice, Truth Telling and Accountability

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Chat transcript is as follows:

Melissa D'Anello | Ash Center | she/her: <https://ash.harvard.edu/land-acknowledgement>

Melissa D'Anello | Ash Center | she/her: Welcome everyone, thanks for joining us today. As mentioned, today's talk is being recorded. You will receive a link to that recording in an email after the discussion concludes.

Jeanne DeFazio: great to be here

Nicole Quaste: Great to be here. Looking forward to it.

jack Smith: Many thanks for this rich discussion

Michel-Adam Platt: If I submit a question, it will be in the Q&A. It is good to be here, especially as a former student of Dr Ayee. And to everyone, greetings from South Africa.

Ratna Gill: And please follow along with the conversation on Twitter at @IARA_HKS, @HarvardAsh, and @CarrCenter!

Dra. Ethel Mediza Madera: Thank you so much for inviting me ,Health for everyone



Sushma Raman: I will also be tweeting from @sushmaraman

Linda Dakin-Grimm: Great to have seen you, Sushma! You were not introduced!!!

Miriam Aschkenasy: Sushma will be doing closing remarks, - thank you for joining us today

Rajesh Ingle: Thanks for this, Rajesh Ingle -(Quit Caste Hierarchy Campaign)

Tanya B.: will video be available later?

Melissa D'Anello | Ash Center | she/her: Hi Tanya, yes it will. You will receive a link to the recording.

Tanya B.: Thank you

Melissa D'Anello | Ash Center | she/her: And in case you miss the email, you can find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftHdK56WMel>

Anil Hurkadli: Can you please share the names of the authors of the book? Or a link to it? Thanks!

Lisa Laplante: Skaar, Wiebelhaus-Brahm, Garcia Godos are the authors

Miriam Aschkenasy: <https://www.octaviabooks.com/book/9781839701788>

Miriam Aschkenasy: Exploring Truth Commission Recommendations in a Comparative Perspective: Beyond Words Vol. I: Beyond Words Vol. I (Series on Transitional Justice #27) (Hardcover) <https://www.octaviabooks.com/book/9781839701788>

Leonardo Ortegá: Great event!
Greetings from Universidade de Brasília, Race, Violence and Youth Researches and Studies Group (RAJ/UnB)

Rajesh Ingle: Totally agreed with Kelebogile ! Implementation of recommendation is crucial .and not some park or symbolic event !

Miriam Aschkenasy: <https://www.russellsage.org/publications/overcoming-apartheid>

Rajesh Ingle: Rajesh Ingle - (Quit Caste Hierarchy Campaign)- email: quitcastehierarchy@gmail.com

Rajesh Ingle: Truth Commissions can be like Tiger without Nails !

Foluso Aruleba: Good Afternoon Everyone on this platform.

Ratna Gill: Follow along with the conversation online at twitter.com/IARA_HKS — use #GettingAtTheRoot and #TruthAndTransformation with your tweets for a chance to be retweeted by IARA!

Lisa Laplante: For more conversations related to TJ in the USA please see upcoming panel on Feb. 28 and previous recordings of panels: Transitional Justice in the USA Speakers Series - NEL (nesl.edu)

laura jackson: can you provide us access to this chart?

Lisa Laplante: <https://www.nesl.edu/practical-experiences/centers/center-for-international-law-and-policy/news-events/transitional-justice-in-the-usa-speaker-series>

Ratna Gill: Laura, please see the second image on this page:
<https://www.instituteforhealingandjustice.org/section-1-racism-not-race-causes-health-disparities>

Lisa Laplante: ERica do you want me to share our mapping project as well?

Erica Licht: That would be great - I will go to you Lisa next, and then back to Gloria if that's ok Gloria?

Rajesh Ingle: In India we have Dalit and Tribal issues, they have Retired Judge Enquiry Commission and recommendaitons

Rajesh Ingle: retired judge commissions reports not implemented

Rajesh Ingle: In Mumbai riots 1992-1993

Rajesh Ingle: also many dalit killings reports

Virginie Ladisch: This is a very rich discussion, thank you all. Thank you Kelebogile for that shout out. As you mentioned ICTJ is committed to supporting these processes in the US. I can be reached at vladisch@ictj.org with any questions.

Tanya B.: Yes, please share chat with attendees.. Thank you so much. As an Armenian from Turkey, I am also personally familiar with intergenerational trauma and the importance of truthful discussions.

Lisa Laplante: <https://bridgingdivides.princeton.edu/news/2022/new-interactive-map-supporting-us-truth-racial-healing-and-transformation-movement>

Ratna Gill: Thanks so much to those who have followed @IARA_HKS! Click here to join the lively conversation on Twitter: https://twitter.com/IARA_HKS

Ratna Gill: All resources referenced will be shared there as well.

Joyce Burrell: Thank youz

Joyce Burrell: No one watches the US. I am so glad the conversation has started with IARA.

Maria Arvelo: Hi, please, will you make this conversation's recording available for us? This is so interesting.

Melissa D'Anello | Ash Center | she/her: For those asking, today's talk is indeed being recorded. You will receive a follow-up email later today with that recording, or you can find it on the Ash Center's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftHdK56WMeI>

Dana Watters: The P5 can indefinitely block cases from going before the ICC, though, can they not?

Yolanda Chase: It is weary work with very slow returns.

Melissa D'Anello | Ash Center | she/her: Today's discussion will close at 1:15 pm, so if you have time to stay with us today please do so. And if you have a few minutes we'd appreciate hearing your thoughts in this survey: https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_emTLHQkNqvvS8LA

Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmon's, Ph.D.: Is your center aware of the Greensboro, North Carolina, "Truth & Reconciliation Commissions" and their work?

Ariadne Valsamis: This brings to mind a quote from Desmond Tutu where he described the role of the Commissioners as being "a dishwasher not a vacuum cleaner"

Jennifer Marshall: Seconding the request for chat comments to be preserved, if possible ... many good links and I was not able to join first half. Sincere thanks for this panel.

Melissa D'Anello | Ash Center | she/her: We will include an unedited transcript of the chat in a follow-up email later today.

Muhammad aiman Abdullah: 🙏

Jasteena Dhillon: Wanted to congratulate the panelists.. on great work. I am one of the "oldies" from the work. Started working on this in 1990s in south Africa, went on to Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan... and in those times, transitional justice ideas were evolving.. from the ground up... We tried many things... we were written about.... and now you are using our experience to inform approaches.... Thank you.... it makes me feel like our years out in the field talking to people about their lived experiences and trying to raise the alarm was worth it... I now teach this to my students..... and it is so worth it. Jasteena Dhillon, former Carr Centre Fellow

Sushma Raman: The Carr Center organized a webinar on the Tulsa Race Massacre last year where we discussed the legacy of racial violence and the topic of reparations. You can find it on our Youtube page.

laura jackson: what is the name of the book?

Miriam Aschkenasy: <https://carrcenter.hks.harvard.edu/event/1921-tulsa-race-massacre-looking-back-looking-ahead>

Lisa Laplante: Larry Ward - America's Racial Karma

Foluso Aruleba: Thank you all. The panelist/everyone on this platform.

Miriam Aschkenasy: <https://www.parallax.org/product/americas-racial-karma/>

Jennifer Marshall: Thank you so much for the response, Melissa D'Anello. I have more than academic interest in this topic and appreciate the wisdom and support from the panel today.

Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmon's, Ph.D.: The book you posted is very expensive, putting it out of the reach of many people, especially grass-roots folks who are working on this issue.

Jacqui Lindsay: I love thi conversation — and the work you're sharing — that is providing a framework for all of us about how to move beyond the truth telling to using the run to change people's lives as well as the systems that caused harm in the first place. I'm not sure I want us to slow down the process. I want instead to see us accelerate the learning and fully develop our understanding about what follow up is needed to produce the real system change and repair the community wants. So big thanks for this conversation. I see it as an important beginning to a conversation we all need to continue to be a part of and to share with others. I'm totally inspired by what I'm learning from you. Yes, truth telling, learning, accountability, and reconciliation — that center the voices, knowledge, and priorities of victims. so that ALL of us and our institutions can change to honor the humanity of us all.

Miriam Aschkenasy: Hi Gwendolyn, someone asked for the name of the book. We are not promoting it just responding to the request in the chat.

Lisa Laplante: A focus on "reparative process" is key to a "victim" focused process and in my opinion one of the most important keys to making a real change. I can share resources if helpful: llaplante@nesl.edu

Khalil Gibran Muhammad: Thank you everyone, and most especially our panelists for this very rich and nuanced conversation. This is just the beginning of bringing this knowledge about truth commissions, transitional justice, accountability and reparations to more people and a wider community of stakeholders.

Sue Klaseus: Thank you to all panelists and those who organized this important conversation.

Ymasumac Maranon Davis: I absolutely love the diversity of this panel and looking forward to more voices being heard on panels like this from multiple cultures of learning (not just Western).

Rohit Tripathi: Incredibly important work. This is an unavoidable step to even attempt a sustainable peace. Thank you so much for your scholarship, activism and commitment. I hope we all become advocates for transitional justice. Peace.

Virginie Ladisch: Thank you for this important conversation. For those interested in more information on this topic ICTJ will be offering a course on TJ and Prevention in March, we are currently accepting applications. More info available here: <https://www.ictj.org/event/online-course-prevention-and-guarantees-non-recurrence-role-transitional-justice> We will also be offering a course on TJ in the US specifically, details coming soon at www.ictj.org or email me at vladisch@ictj.org if interested. Thanks, Virginie

laura jackson: That was a fabulous response and summary

Khalil Gibran Muhammad: Thank you Sushma, excellent closing remarks.

Devondar Goods: <3 Speakers and Sushma's closing remarks.

Lisa Laplante: Thanks you IARA for the invitation, it has been a privilege! I hope to continue the conversation!

Abhik Chaudhuri: Thanks.

Ratna Gill: Remember to follow us at @IARA_HKS!

Ariadne Valsamis: Thank you so much. This was wonderful!