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1. What's on

Peace process update.

- [WOLA](#) has shared with us the "Recommendations to the United States to Support the Consolidation of Peace in Colombia":
<http://colombiapace.org/2015/12/02/wola-lawgef-recommendations-to-the-united-states-to-support-the-consolidation-of-peace-in-Colombia/>
- **The Guardian** has published this short video, where they join one of the Farc's remaining rebel cells in the Colombian jungle:
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2015/nov/27/farc-guerrillas-last-days-of-blood-in-colombia-video>
- Interviews (in Spanish) published by the [Office of the High Commissioner for Peace](#), about the demining process taking place in El Orejon, Antioquia:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH4crGy0DYA>
- In Bojayá, Chocó FARC leader "Pastor Alape" acknowledged institutional responsibility of the guerrilla and asked the victims for forgiveness: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jQF7mz3Lul>

Publications.

- "Are International Human Rights Organisations an Impediment to Peace?" **Dr Phil Clark** has published this blog piece on the role of international human rights groups in the Havana peace process (and peace negotiations more generally)<http://www.justiceinfo.net/en/component/k2/3165-impediment.html>
- [Kristian Herbolzheimer](#) has shared with us the paper: "The peace process in Mindanao, the Philippines: evolution and lessons learned":
<http://peacebuilding.no/Regions/Asia/Publications/The-peace-process-in-Mindanao-the-Philippines-evolution-and-lessons-learned>
- [Dr John Sudarsky](#) has shared with us the following paper about social capital and institutional trust in Colombia: <http://controlsocialcolombia.co/social-capital-institutional-trust-and-political-accountability-the-case-for-a-mixed-electoral-system-in-Colombia/>

- **Dr Oliver Kaplan** has shared with us the following paper about the social reintegration of ex combatants: <http://cmp.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/11/20/0738894215614506>
- **Nadya Hernandez**, has shared with us this paper (in Spanish) about the relationship between communication and peace-building: <http://revistas.udistrital.edu.co/ojs/index.php/cpaz/article/view/8552/1059>

Events.

- Event: "Justice and Peace in Colombia: developments and challenges".
Date: **Wednesday 9 December 2015**. Time: **6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**.
Venue: Seminar room 105 UCL, Institute of the Americas - University College London, 51 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PN Speakers: Gustavo Gallón from the Colombian Commission of Jurists.

Job adverts.

- Purpose is looking for a campaign strategist, to assist in the strategic design, implementation and evaluation of a project to support participatory initiatives in the Colombian peacebuilding process. If you would like more information, please follow this link: <https://boards.greenhouse.io/purposecolombia/jobs/120524#.VldPBloqIAK>
- Purpose is looking for a full-time or part-time independent consultant, expert in communications and with experience working in Colombian rural areas. If you would like more information, please follow this **link:** <https://boards.greenhouse.io/purposecolombia/jobs/122492#.VldPoVoqIAI>
Call for papers.
- **Oxford Transitional Justice Research (OTJR)** is looking for short academic contributions for the innovative online media platform JusticeInfo.net. JusticeInfo.net is an electronic platform offering real time

journalistic coverage and academic analysis of Transitional Justice (TJ) processes all over the world. The platform was officially launched in June 2015 and is a collaborative project between Fondation Hironnelle, OTJR and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. OTJR's role in the project is to produce concise, high-quality academic contributions that will complement the journalistic coverage provided by Hironnelle's media network of over 220 journalists reporting from post-conflict and transitional countries worldwide. You can find our contributions here <http://www.justiceinfo.net/en/research.html>

General call: We are looking for analytical pieces addressing a particular question of TJ or examining a significant 'event', 'process' or 'case' and then reflecting on how such an analysis can shed light on broader dynamics, challenges and dilemmas in TJ. The contributions will be between 1500 and 2000 words in length and can be drafted as academic op-eds. The pieces shall be based on arguments and evidence, address potential counter-arguments, and be explicit about the assumptions they make.

Special call: While OTJR remains open to submissions on all topics relevant to the challenges of TJ, at this stage we particularly encourage contributions on justice processes in the Middle East, Asia (especially Myanmar), and Latin America.

Submission process: The pieces will be selected on the basis of an abstract of no more than 300 words illustrating the topic proposed and the way in which the issue will be tackled. Please submit your abstracts to OTJR's Chief Editor Daniel Franchini at daniel.franchini@law.ox.ac.uk before **Sunday 20 December 2015**. The contributions selected for publication will be paid.

2. Who we are / What we do / What we want to achieve

Who we are

The [International Network for Conflict and Peace Research on Colombia](#) (CPRC) brings together scholars, analysts and academic institutions engaged with research initiatives in the fields of conflict resolution, security, development, rule of law, peace-building and peace-making that can inform and contribute to the understanding of conflict and peace in Colombia.

What we do

CPRC builds upon the expertise of existing research centres and researchers and creates an environment for peer collaboration, academic engagement and exchange of ideas between Colombian academics and international researchers. We provide a co-ordinating network that enables those interested in these research topics to connect, collaborate, share, debate and contribute to these fields of study. By doing so we strive to bring together the knowledge and experience of a large number of academics, centres and experts to better inform policy in Colombia. The network is independent, interdisciplinary, non-profit, non-partisan and non-political and welcomes scholars, centres and analyst from a variety of backgrounds.

What we want to achieve

Short-term goals:

- Develop, nourish and maintain an interdisciplinary academic network of scholars, experts and institutions working on issues related to the topics of conflict resolution, security, development, rule of law, peace-building and peace-making in Colombia.
- Engage and connect with researchers, analysts and academic institutions working on the topics of conflict resolution, security, development, rule of law, peace-building and peace-making in Colombia.
- Encourage dialogue, debate, diffusion and academic research on issues related to the transition from war to peace in Colombia; especially on the practical means to understand, prevent, predict, transform and resolve violent conflict.
- Engage with the relevant actors in Colombia at the national, regional and local level.

b. Long-term goals:

- Inform the policy process in Colombia through sharing academic studies, empirical data, impact studies, in-depth thematic reports, policy briefings, discussion papers and similar research outputs produced outside Colombia.
 - Facilitate exchange between academics and civil society groups involved in peace-building initiatives.
 - Build relationships with different sectors and actors, especially with practitioners and policy makers working in the field, through knowledge exchange and sharing research findings.
 - Become a key actor in the academic debate about war and peace in Colombia at the national, regional and local level in Colombia
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3. Next steps

- Please send us the contact details of academics, analysts and research centres that you think might be interested in joining our network.
 - Please let us know about events, funding opportunities, research proposals, research trips to Colombia, job offers, publications fellowship/scholarship opportunities, information about relevant academic programs, training opportunities, news about new publications (policy and/or academic), questions about new or ongoing research projects, videos and photos and everything else you want to share with the CPRC Network by writing to us at cprcnet@gmail.com.
 - Please send us your profile and picture/logo (instructions will follow shortly).
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