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Remedies for Victims of International Crimes

Experience in Lebanon

- Background
 - War and violence
 - Impunity
 - Legislation
 - Culture and society
 - The "bad neighbours"



• Of course they tortured me. How else could they get the information? – a victim



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Experience in Lebanon -2

- Working in a rehabilitation centre for the victims of torture
 - Admission protocol
 - Caseload
 - Legal work





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The components of the debate

- Retributive justice: the experience for the victim
 - End violence and impunity
 - Deterrence
 - Victim status
 - Stress, re-trauma
 - National vs international norms and justice?

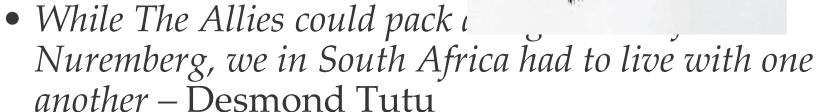




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The components of the debate -2

- What else is needed for closure?
 - Recognition by other actors
 - Address root causes
 - A common future?
 - Reconciliation
 - Institutions-building
 - Peace vs justice





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Concluding remarks

- A country-specific answer?
- An elitist justice?
- Clash among civilisations?

Any Questions?

