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Consequences of the prosecution of perpetrators and
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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*



Experience in Lebanon -2

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





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 ?





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
- *While The Allies could pack a suitcase and leave after Nuremberg, we in South Africa had to live with one another – Desmond Tutu*



Concluding remarks

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

