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Challenges of Constructing Legitimacy in Peacebuilding: Current Research on South Sudan, East Timor, and Syria

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How can a state's legitimacy be furthered through the process of peacebuilding? Drawing on extensive fieldwork, Professor Daisaku Higashi argues that one determining factor is the inclusivity of peacebuilders as it generates a domestic behaviour more receptive to peaceful and democratic reforms.



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