



Challenges of Constructing Legitimacy in Peacebuilding:

Afghanistan, Iraq, Sierra Leone, and East Timor

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Presenting his book *Challenges of Constructing Legitimacy in Peacebuilding: Afghanistan, Iraq, Sierra Leone, and East Timor,* Dr. Higashi discusses the formidable challenges of establishing legitimate governments in post-conflict areas and examines the context for building such a government in Afghanistan. He focuses on the role of disarmament programs and reconciliation efforts with the insurgency – especially the Taliban. Examples are offered from Iraq, Sierra Leone, and East Timor.

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