



## **Pathways and Processes: Multi-level Peace Processes**

In this theme we examine how political/military elites and other social forces press claims of inclusion during peace processes. How is inclusion ‘navigated’ in the changing landscape of a peace process? In particular, how is the process of achieving a ‘deal’ between conflict parties, connected to the re-creation of a social contract?

Our research is conducted through our case studies and practice labs, and through quantitative and qualitative work drawing on a large-scale global database of peace agreements – The Peace Agreement Access Tool: PA-X. We consider in particular:

- How peace processes are structured and sequenced and the consequences of sequences for inclusion, focusing on key moments;
- How horizontal inclusion of the political and military actors at the heart of the conflict is provided for, through power-sharing and forms of territorial devolution of power;
- How vertical inclusion is provided for, addressing women, non-aligned minorities, and other social constituencies; and
- The trade-offs between vertical and horizontal inclusion and strategies for navigating them.

### ***Research Questions:***

- What new forms of inclusion and exclusion do peace processes establish?
- What are the trade-offs regarding inclusion of people and agendas for change, that occur in peace process? In particular, what trade-offs do these agreements include, with reference to the relationship between stability and inclusion?
- How do these trade-offs change through stages of negotiating, drafting and implementing peace agreements?
- In what ways are international actors involved in the negotiation processes; how and when do their agendas get incorporated into agreements?
- What are the post agreement entry points for strategies of change by marginalised groups in the space of formalized political unsettlement?

### ***Projects:***

- [Constitution-making](#)
- [Northern Ireland](#)
- [Nepal](#)
- [Gender Studies](#)
- [Amnesty Database](#)

- [Colombia](#)
- [Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\)](#)
- [Practice Labs](#)
- [Peace Agreement Database \(PA-X\)](#)

***Suggested Key Publications:***

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