



Case Studies: Strategies for Inclusion

This theme focuses on how marginalized groups access the potential entry points of the post-agreement context. Centrally we ask: what types of strategies in peace processes have proved effective in opening up the political settlement to a range of actors, and have these efforts stabilised or de-stabilised the peace settlement?

The case studies include examples from fragile and non-fragile contexts and from peace processes which are largely externally driven to ones that are very local. They include examples from Afghanistan, Columbia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia-Ogaden, Nepal, and Northern Ireland to explore a range of issues pertinent to understanding political settlements.

Research Questions:

- How do commitments to group inclusion open up opportunities for broader equality claims to ‘piggy back’ on these commitments, and successfully press for broader forms of political equality?
- How do moments of sudden political change enable issues of marginalisation to be addressed which have not been adequately taken up during the formal negotiation process?
- In what ways do international norms have a heightened importance post-agreement, and how do local actors use them to leverage inclusion agendas?
- When and how were groups empowered to ‘take back control’ of the state, destroying the shared arrangements of peace agreements, what role did moments of crisis play?

Projects:

- [Borderlands](#)
- [Northern Ireland](#)
- [Ethiopia-Ogaden](#)
- [Afghanistan](#)
- [Colombia](#)
- [Nepal](#)
- [Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\)](#)

Suggested Key Publications:

Yousuf, Z. (2018). *Navigating Inclusion in Peace Transitions: Beyond Elite Bargains* (PSRP Report). London: Conciliation Resources.

Larson, A., & Ramsbotham, A. (2018). *Incremental peace in Afghanistan* (Accord Report). London: Conciliation Resources.

Thapa, D., & Ramsbotham, A. (2017). *Two steps forward, one step back The Nepal peace process* (PSRP Report). London: Conciliation Resources.

Close, S. (2018). *Gendered Political Settlements: Examining Peace Transitions in Bougainville, Nepal and Colombia* (PSRP Report). London: Conciliation Resources.

Salamanca, R. E., Ramirez, L., Cárdenas, M., Yousuf, Z., & Close, S. (2017). *Indigenous women and Colombia's peace process* (PSRP Report). London: Conciliation Resources.

Brown, K. (2017). *Political Commemoration: The inclusion dynamics of 'partisan commemoration'* (PSRP Research Briefing). Edinburgh: Global Justice Academy, University of Edinburgh.