



Colombia

What?

The case study on Colombia involved a body of work on the Colombian peace processes, in particular the currently ongoing process with the FARC. This peace process is, in its dimensions of complexity and public participation, highly important. Innovative modalities of inclusion and framing the agenda hold lessons for many other cases globally. Our work engaged with the current negotiation and implementation processes, comparatively analyzed previous peace accords and their trajectories, and looked at the processes of public participation and inclusion in the reconfiguration of the Colombian political settlement, as well as in different localities.

How?

Our approach rested on a quantitative and qualitative assessment of Colombian peace agreements on the one hand, and a practice lab-based approach of action research on the other hand.

Why?

Colombia provides an important comparative case, as it has a highly active civil society with a long history of peace agreements. The current peace accord between the Colombian government and the FARC is the most extensive peace agreement in history, and touches upon all main issues of peace processes in considerable detail.

Who?

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