

Socioeconomic Justice

Does socioeconomic justice belong within transitional justice? Daniela Lai provides the first systematic analysis of experiences of socioeconomic violence during war and how they give rise to strong, but unheeded justice claims in the aftermath. She redefines socioeconomic justice as the redress of violence rooted in the political economy of conflict, and transitional justice as a social practice that belongs among grassroots activists as much as it does in courtrooms and truth commissions. Furthermore, she examines the role of international actors that rely on narrow, legalistic approaches to transitional justice, while also promoting economic reforms that hinder the emergence and pursuit of socioeconomic justice claims by conflict-affected communities. Drawing on a unique set of in-depth interviews with Bosnian communities, international officials and grassroots activists, this book provides new theoretical and empirical insights on the link between justice and political economy, on international interventions, and on Bosnia's post-war and post-socialist transformation.

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We fight exclusively for an order based on social justice (Declaration of the Sarajevo Citizens' Plenum, 9 February 2014)





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Abbreviations

BASOC Banjalučki Socijalni Centar

BiH Bosna i Hercegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
CBBH Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina

CEN Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina
CEN Central Record on Missing Persons

CPRC Commission for Real Property Claims of

Displaced Persons and Refugees

DPA Dayton Peace Agreement

EBRD European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

ECHR European Convention on Human Rights

ECtHR European Court of Human Rights

EU European Union

FBiH Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

FDI Foreign Direct Investments
GDP Gross Domestic Product

HVO Hrvatsko Vijeće Obrane (Croatian Defense Council)

ICC International Criminal Court ICJ International Court of Justice

ICMP International Commission for Missing Persons
ICTJ International Center for Transitional Justice
ICTR International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY International Criminal Tribunal for the former

Yugoslavia

IFIs International Financial Institutions
IHL International Humanitarian law
IMF International Monetary Fund

JMBG Jedinstveni Matični Broj Građana (unique

citizen ID number)

KM Konvertibilna Marka (Convertible Mark)

NGO Non-Governmental Organisation OHR Office of the High Representative

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List of Abbreviations

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OSCE Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe

PIC Peace Implementation Council PIFs Privatisation Investment Funds

PM Prime Minister

PREDA Prijedor Development Agency

RMK Rudarski-Metalurški Kombinat Zenica

Zenica (Metallurgic complex Zenica)

RS Republika Srpska

RŽR Rudnik i Željezne Rude Ljubija (Mining and

Ljubija iron ore Ljubija)

SME Small and Medium Enterprises

UN United Nations

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNGA United Nations General Assembly UNSC United Nations Security Council

USAID United States Agency for International Development VRS Vojska Republike Srpske (Republika Srpska Army)

WB World Bank

ZEDA Zenica Development Agency

