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The Special Tribunal for Lebanon: Emergency Law, Trauma and Justice

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Abstract

The Special Tribunal for Lebanon established under the UN Security Council resolution 1757 in 2007 represents the expansion of international criminal law into international relations. The paper analyses the Tribunal as an expression of 'emergency law', a product of legal globalization on the one hand and the 'right to intervene' on the other. While international criminal law field has generated experts in war atrocities, case law, procedures and institutional forms its recognition as having the force of law by victims and states remains highly politically contingent. Anchored in Lebanese domestic jurisdiction and with a narrow mandate to investigate the Hariri assassination the Tribunal has been attacked by its opponents seeking to reinstate the Lebanese 'one time only solution' to political crisis – elite deals, amnesty and amnesia – and marginalize the Tribunal. The paper uses the lens of the Special Tribunal to understand the contemporary character of fragmented sovereignty in the postcolonial Lebanese state and the uses of international criminal law in transnational governmentality.

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