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**The politics of death: bodies, rights and memory in post-conflict Peru**

The aftermath of internal armed conflict in Peru saw the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the trial and conviction of former president Fujimori and some of his accomplices for crimes against humanity and corruption; in addition, reparation policies were put in place as well as concrete actions to search for missing persons. Thirty-seven years after the first forced disappearance, some 15,000 persons still remain disappeared and unaccounted for. This lecture will discuss the perceptions shaping the politics behind the search for the victims, located at the crossroads of science and the law, whereby a different type of violence from that suffered during the conflict is now inflicted on grieving families. It will be argued that underlying the understanding of the current discoveries there is the issue of the enduring rights, and lack of rights, of victims of forced disappearance.