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Patrimonial Truth: **Analyzing the Legitimacy Deficit of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions (Sierra Leone in Focus)**

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Truth and reconciliation commissions (TRC) have been heralded as a central pillar of post-civil war peacebuilding. Not only are TRCs expected to create an accurate account of the war, but also empower wartime victims and facilitate reconciliation. However, experiences have shown that TRCs often leave its participants – both wartime victims and perpetrators of violence – disillusioned and frustrated, generating a local legitimacy deficit. Based on experiences from Sierra Leone, Anders Themnér will argue in his presentation that this legitimacy deficit is often caused by international peacebuilders' tendency to employ patrimonial networks and modes of mobilization to implement the work of TRCs.

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