

Dept of Social Science – Job Talk

Criminology & International Development Studies

Dr. Izabela Steflja

Date:
Tuesday,
March 12

Times:
Research
10:00 am
– 11:30 am

Teaching
2:00 pm
– 3:30 pm

Location:
701 Ross
South

All sessions will be
open to faculty &
students.

Light refreshments
will be provided.

Why do domestic populations reject international criminal tribunals? Rwanda and former Yugoslavia



Dr. Steflja's presentation examines domestic perceptions of post-conflict development and transitional justice processes in the aftermath of mass violence and human rights violations. Dr. Steflja uncovers domestic narratives on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and explains the surprisingly negative responses these institutions produced. She argues that tribunals interact with domestic populations and domestic politics in ways that produce multiple and unexpected outcomes and narratives that are often harmful to the legitimacy and the impact of the tribunals. The presentation is a preview of Dr. Steflja's book manuscript, which is at the intersection of critical development studies and global criminology and is based on extensive fieldwork in Rwanda and Serbia.

Dr. Izabela Steflja holds a PhD (2015, University of Toronto) in Political Science with a concentration in Comparative Politics of Development. Dr. Steflja's areas of expertise are in the area of post-conflict development and transitional justice, particularly international criminal trials addressing war crimes, and genocide. She has held two postdoctoral research fellowships, one on Dialogue on International Law and Human Security at the Interdisciplinary School for International Studies at Simon Fraser University, and the other in the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr. Steflja is at present a Professor of Practice at Tulane University.