

# 'Rupture' and Transitional Justice

Con-textualising the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó's Demands for Alternative Justice, Collective Reparation and Reconciliation

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Transitional justice is an important concept debated in the current climate of peace negotiations between the Colombian government and the FARC guerrilla.

The Peace Community of San José de Apartadó, Colombia, has been in 'Rupture' with the State since 2005, due to a massacre by State forces and paramilitaries. This 'Rupture' with the state is frequently seen as 'radical'. However, this is due to a lack of con-textualisation within their model of society, a holistic proposal with economic, social and political strategies.

Gwen Burnyeat, who works with the The Peace Community of San José de Apartadó argues, that if communities or groups with an existing degree of self-determination and organisational process make a first proposal to the state as to what for them would comprise an acceptable form of reparation, then the state should take that proposal as a first draft to work with, analysing what is realistic within its own parameters. This empowers the collective, builds civic trust, is economically feasible, and symbolic. The conditions in their proposal have been underlined by both Colombian and international courts.

