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As recent contestations over enslavement and reparations at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting has shown, the legacies of Western European imperialism continue to permeate international relations, shaping contemporary power structures, diplomatic relations, and global inequities. This panel explores the transformative potential of reparations, truth-telling and reconciliation as mechanisms to address these legacies and foster a more equitable global order. While reparations and truth commissions are well established and theorised mechanisms in the field of transitional justice and post-conflict transformation, we aim to shed light on concepts and sites that address Western European colonial and imperial histories, their legacies and consequences.

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