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How to prevent civil war recurrence: learning from failure

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This roundtable will discuss the main findings of a new book published by OUP on the successful management of protracted peace processes. Based on a multi-year, USIP-funded collaborative research project by scholars at the universities of Birmingham, Duesseldorf, and Hamburg, the key insight is that on average the incorporation of measures to include women in post-conflict society in a peace agreement reduces the probability of conflict recurrence by 11%. Even more significantly, if this process occurs alongside UN leadership, the probability of conflict recurrence is reduced by 37%. These results were obtained through the application of a novel multi-method, multi-stage framework combining machine learning, statistical analysis, and in-depth case studies.

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