

Nation-building in Timor-Leste: the unfinished contribution of Timor- Leste's truth commission



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The presentation will address the origins and work of Timor-Leste's (East Timor's) Commission on Truth, Reconciliation and Reception (CAVR), the first commission of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region, and the challenges that continue to frustrate its contribution to the healing of victims and the rule of law in Timor-Leste and globally.

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