

Transitional Justice in the USA Speakers Series

Part III, Panel II

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How can the U.S. build a transitional justice process that reckons with corporate complicity in and perpetuation of racial injustice and violence?

Thursday, April 6

12:00-1:30pm EST Online.

Register:

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As is true in other nations, efforts in the United States to push for racial reckoning rarely focus on the role of the private sector despite the role of companies in historical episodes of racial exploitation and atrocity, which left a legacy that continues to benefit corporations today. This panel explores this theme by discussing how private industry in the U.S. was built on the labor of enslaved Black, Brown, and Indigenous people, which today continues through mass incarceration and prison labor which often amounts to forced labor. The speakers will examine how this contemporary problem arises out of a failure to recognize and interrogate the role played by the private sector to perpetuate racial exploitation and atrocity dating back to the founding of the nation and its economic model. Speakers will offer comparative and recent international efforts to implement robust transitional justice mechanisms to include economic actors complicit in human rights violations to explore the role businesses must play in the U.S. process, including strategies to hold corporations accountable.

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