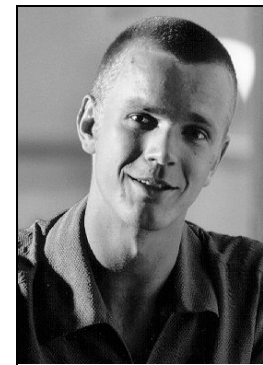


Prosecuting Commercial Plunder of the Democratic Republic of Congo

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Since August 1998, over three million people have died as a result of a conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) that was fuelled by the illegal exploitation of natural resources. In this presentation, James Stewart will address the liability of business entities and their representatives for the plunder of natural resources during the conflict. The presentation re-casts the conclusions of a Security Council appointed Panel of Experts on Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources in the DRC as evidence of corporate liability for the war crime of plunder, arguing that international humanitarian law provides a legal framework through which the Panel's allegations must be investigated, and where appropriate, prosecuted.

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