

Title: Including LGBT groups in the process of transitional justice in Colombia: on the scopes of influence of national LGBT specialized human rights NGOs

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Abstract

This paper analyses a decade (2006-2016) of main scopes of influence of national LGBT specialized human rights NGOs (actors which are partners and part of the transnational advocacy network for the advancement of LGBT human rights worldwide), in order to include LGBT populations in the process of transitional justice in Colombia. Primary sources for this research include semi structured interviews with diverse groups of actors in Bogotá, Cali and Barranquilla conducted in 2016, as well as formal and informal documents. The data was processed through content, document and network analysis. I find that, like the transnational advocacy network, the Colombian LGBT specialized human rights NGOs helped position LGBT populations in the human rights agenda. Besides, they contributed to rethink discourses on vulnerability and victimhood, assisted in affecting institutional procedures to include LGBT people in all victims' roundtables, and advised LGBT related policy in the Sub commission on gender during the Habana negotiations. Further, they sought to influence voters' behaviour by campaigning for validating the peace agreement between FARC-EP and the Colombian government.

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