

"Documenting Mass Violence: History, Truth and Accountability"

In his presentation, Brad Simpson will discuss the promise and limits of historical documentation as a means of placing mass violence in an international context. He will describe the Indonesia and East Timor Documentation Project at the National Security Archive, which he directs, and his cooperation with East Timor's CAVR, Indonesian human rights organizations, and other interested parties, and place these efforts in a transnational context, comparing Indonesia and East Timor with other countries that have pursued historical documentation as a means of truth and justice seeking.