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Brown Bag Lecture and discussion \ *Everyday justice for internally displaced persons: Not just a humanitarian problem*

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The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is home to about 1.9 million IDPs. Only one out of four of these IDPs live in camps or camp-like settings. Three out of four live among host communities where they have to organize their own modes of living, find shelter and seek means for daily survival.

In her presentation, Carolien Jacobs will zoom in on this group of displaced persons that tends to be largely overlooked by humanitarian agents, by policymakers and by the state. Based on empirical data from a two-year socio-legal research project, this presentation will show some of the major challenges in terms of rights and justice, ways in which IDPs try to overcome these, and some of the ways forward to ensure better protection for IDPs. Although findings are country-specific, they certainly apply in wider settings as well.

Carolien Jacobs is Assistant Professor at the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance & Society at Leiden University, the Netherlands. She has a background in international development and legal anthropology with field experience in Angola, Mozambique, Liberia and the DRC. Over the last two years, she has been involved in a research project on access to justice for internally displaced in the DRC. This presentation is based on findings from this research.

The talk on 14 March 2017 is organized in BICC's Brown Bag Lecture Series "Displacement and Development" which aims to interlink conflict and displacement studies on the one hand and development respectively humanitarian aid-oriented analyses on the other.

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