

PhD project:

Identity construction of organizations of victims of political violence in Peru

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Because of the violent civil war that was raging in Peru in the 1980s and 1990s and the reconciliation process that started at the beginning of this decade, different associations of victims of violence arose. The main topic of this research is about how the identity of victims of violence is constructed and used by both members of the associations themselves and by non-governmental and governmental organisations. How do members of these organisations respond to and give meaning to their experiences by participating in an organization? How, on the other hand, do non- and governmental organisations facilitate or control the conditions under which the identity construction processes take place? Additionally, the strategic “uses” of the identifications by both the NGOs and the victims will be addressed.