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### ABSTRACT

Last May, George Floyd, a black man, was killed in Minneapolis by a white police officer during an arrest. His death generated a series of demonstrations and protests in the US and throughout the world, which sometimes turned violent. Seeing this as a murder and as a series of crimes against property is to look merely at the tip of the iceberg. A restorative response would seek to address the roots of the conflict. However, in cases of structural violence such as this a narrow view of restorative justice will not suffice. Only a wide-range

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restorative strategy will be capable of addressing the deeper causes of institutional violence. In this video, we will explore the possibility of borrowing some insights from transitional justice, which is associated with periods of political change and deals with gross violations of human rights, to seek a broader restorative response to the case.

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