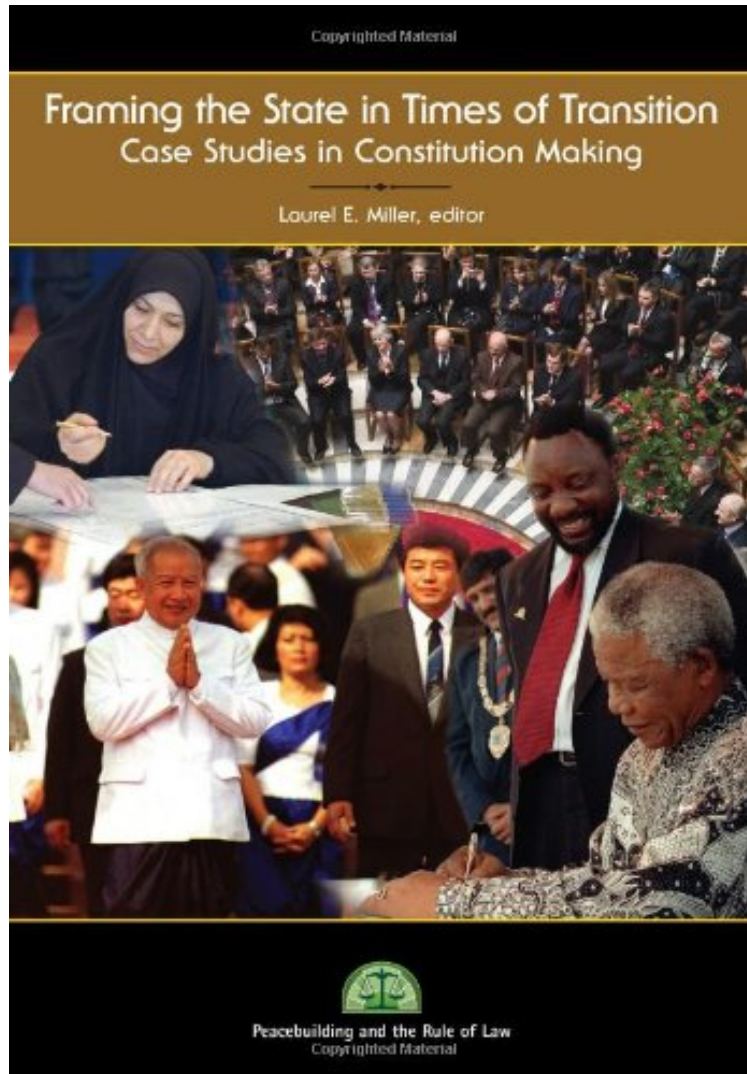


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Laurel Miller and her colleagues at USIP have produced what will undoubtedly long remain the definitive study on constitution making in states emerging from conflict. This volume will be an invaluable source to all those interested in how any one of 19 such constitutions were constructed. It will be of even greater help to those faced with a similar task in the future, providing wise advice as to what approaches to constitution writing have worked in the past, and offering advice to both the international community and local actors in societies emerging from civil strife and governmental collapse on how to approach this task. (James Dobbins, Director of the International Security and Defense Policy Center at the RAND Corporation, and lead author of *The Beginners Guide to Nation Building*) "The enlightening case studies and overview essays in this impressive collection show how modern constitution-drafters face common problems and arrive at quite diverse solutions, some successful and others less so, all set in the precise political context the drafters face. The book is sure to be an essential resource for all those interested in constitutional development and regime transitions." (Mark Tushnet, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law, Harvard Law School) "Constitution-making in a post-conflict country is fraught with many risks and traps: how can we avoid or find creative solutions to them? In this useful book, scholars and practitioners reflect on the experience of two decades. Most importantly, *Framing the State in Times of Transition: Case Studies in Constitution Making* demonstrates the critical importance of the process itself in producing a constitution that provides a solid foundation for peace--a lesson anyone interested in technical assistance and peacekeeping should remember." (Jean-Marie Guhenno, U.N. undersecretary-general for peacekeeping operations) About the Author Laurel E. Miller recently joined the RAND Corporation as a senior policy analyst. She has been an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University and a senior rule of law adviser at the United States Institute of Peace. She previously served in several positions at the U.S. Department of State and the National Security Council. Louis Aucoin is an associate research professor at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a former senior rule of law adviser at the United States Institute of Peace. He has served as an adviser in constitution-making processes in Rwanda, East Timor, and Cambodia.