

## Critiquing Liberal Peacebuilding in Libya

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Since the 2011 overthrow of the Qaddafi regime, Libya has suffered from recurring cycles of political, social, security and economic crises that generate frustration and threaten the recovery altogether. In the absence of a functioning state, in particular, the broader Sahel and Maghreb regions have become increasingly vulnerable and the southern part of Libya has been threatened to become a safe haven for al Qaeda or other jihadist groups within striking distance of Europe. In this context, the paper tries to critique the main reasons why the West has strived to promote the project of liberal peacebuilding in the aftermath of the downfall of Qaddafi regime in Libya. Given that the ideas and values of liberal peace which the West attempted to introduce in Libya triggered the country descended into protracted civil war among different factions, therefore, the paper argues that liberal peacebuilding driven by the western interventions should be reconsidered and an emphasis needs to be given to indigenous peacebuilding approaches.