Victims Once Again? Civil Party Participation before the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

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The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia's (ECCC) scheme for survivor participation has been hailed as groundbreaking and unprecedented, due in large part to the recognition of certain survivors as ?civil parties? who were to be treated as full parties to the proceedings. Unlike the International Criminal Court (ICC) or various ad hoc international war crimes tribunals such as the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR), which purposefully circumscribe the role of survivors in their proceedings, the ECCC was ?designed to allow victims a more robust, substantive role in the tribunal than any predecessor institution in modern international criminal law.?

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