

# Review of: "Evolution and Challenges of DDR: A Policy Review Through the Prism of Colombia's Three-Generational Experience"

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Glad to have the pleasure of reading this well-thought-out piece on DDR and its manifestation in Colombia. As much as expected, the process in Colombia did not bear much difference from what had transpired in other parts of the world. I supervised a PhD thesis on the same subject some years back; the thesis is now published as a book titled: *Rehabilitation, Deradicalization, and Reintegration of Militants: A Case Study from Swat Valley*, Springer, Nature Singapore, 2024, by Ilam Khan. It is a good read to polish the write-up. Like many cases of DDR, what is lacking in the Colombia case and argument is the non-cognisance of law, e.g., implementation of IHL and full recognition of ex-combatants as (stakeholder) actors. If the latter is expected to play by the books in all three levels of DDR, then they must be recognised and their voices heard. DDR will remain a failed project without transitional justice.