

Federalism to the rescue in ethnically divided Asian societies

Colonialism has often left diverse and mutually hostile ethnic groups trapped inside a common national border. In Asia, countries like Myanmar and Sri Lanka have played out their unresolved ethnic divisions in prolonged civil unrest and bloodshed. How can ethnically splintered nations find a way forward? Can federalism be utilised to ease conflict and promote stability? Asia governance experts Prof Baogang He and Dr Michael Breen dive into the details with presenter Ali Moore.

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