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## Business Peacebuilding Potential Responsible Supply Chain Management of Conflict Minerals from the Democratic Republic of Congo

Minerals originating from the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have been blamed for sustaining violent conflict as conflict minerals over the past decades. Conflict minerals have been a key issue within the field of business and human rights, especially responsible supply chain management. The conflict minerals issue has created a significant shift in responsible supply chain management: extending producer responsibility to respect human rights in the total supply chain through establishing traceability and transparency as well as developing legally binding supply chain responsibility. This lecture discusses some efforts to source conflict-free minerals through human rights due diligence and explores whether and how business can contribute to conflict transformation and peacebuilding in the DRC.

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Dr Miho Taka is a senior lecturer at Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University. She received her PhD in international relations and sociology from Coventry University. Miho has various living and working experiences from Japan, England, Sweden, and Rwanda. After working as the Country Director of an NGO in Rwanda for four years, she has become interested in the relationship between natural resources and violent conflict in sub-Saharan Africa. She is interested in how socio-economic and environmental issues around natural resources interact and impact in unforeseen ways, including violent conflict. She also examines current policies and practices to manage natural resources ethically and responsibly, especially in conflict-affected regions, and hopes to identify how the private sector can and should contribute effectively through multi-stakeholder processes.



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