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Obstacles to Peacebuilding:
The Historical Record Revisited

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Alvaro de Soto, a Senior Fellow at the Ralph Bunche Institute and a member of the Global Leadership Foundation, leads an MA seminar on conflict resolution at Sciences Po. He was a senior UN official for 25 years including 13 years in the Office of the UN Secretary-General’s. He mediated the negotiations that ended the war in El Salvador and was the chief UN envoy for Myanmar, Cyprus, Western Sahara, and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Graciana del Castillo, a Senior Fellow at the Ralph Bunche Institute, was a senior research scholar, adjunct professor of economics and associate director of the Center of Capitalism and Society at Columbia University. She first worked with war-torn countries as the senior economist in the Office of the UN-Secretary-General in the early 1990s and later at the International Monetary Fund. She is the author of Rebuilding War-Torn Countries (Oxford University Press, 2008).

M. Ishaq Nadiri is the Jay Gould Professor of Economics at NYU. He was a participant in the 2001 Bonn talks which created the Interim Government in Afghanistan, as well as in the Tokyo talks set up to attract international funding for Afghanistan's major reconstruction efforts. Nadiri served as Senior Economic Advisor to President Karzai. For his services, President Karzai awarded him with the Ghazi Amanullah Khan, the highest civilian award of Afghanistan.

Susan L. Woodward is professor of political science at the Graduate Center, CUNY. A specialist on the Balkans and peacebuilding, she has served as a member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (2010-2014); creator and head of the Analysis and Assessment Unit for UNPROFOR (1994); and special advisor to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (1998).