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## **Global Justice: Rectification before Reconciliation**

Present international relations were built up in the colonial period and colonialism still stamp the global order. The history of colonialism can be related to the ongoing discussion on global justice. So far – and not least in the aftermath of Rawls's theory of justice - the ethical discussion on global justice has focused on global *distributive* justice. I will raise the question whether it is also meaningful to discuss global justice in terms of global *rectificatory* justice. This would imply that former colonies could demand rectification for past wrongs caused by former colonial powers. How then is rectificatory justice related to forgiveness and reconciliation? Does it emphasize wrongs done in the past in a way that will distance victims from perpetrators? Should we not rather strive for reconciliation than for rectification for past wrongs?