

**SILENCED VOICES, UNVEILED TRUTHS:
ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES IN LEBANON
QUEST FOR JUSTICE; DIGNITY AND RECONCILIATION**

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This thesis explores the widespread consequences of enforced disappearances in Lebanon, deepening the pain suffered by affected communities, and at the same time pressing for transformational justice and reconciliation. An analysis of the International Convention for the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance and Lebanon's Law 105 of 2018 identifies pathways to justice. Research into the experiences of the family of the disappeared demonstrates continued suffering and the need for closure. This thesis concentrates on transformative justice frameworks, resilience, and the impacts of trauma across generations. It underlines the value of admission of past wrongs and facilitating social reckoning. With the pending adoption of Law 105, this thesis gives hopes of responsibility and reparation, hence further contributing to larger debates on transitional justice and reconciliation in Lebanon as it charts pathways toward a more just future.

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