From Peacemaking to Peacebuilding: The Multiple Endings of England’s Long Civil Wars

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At Edgehill on October 23, 1642, armed forces loyal to King Charles for the
first time fought an army raised by Parliament\textsuperscript{1} Six years later, the king was condemned to death by a special High Court of Justice for levying “war against the present Parliament, and the people therein represented.”\textsuperscript{2} But neither the execution of Charles Stuart in January 1649 nor the restoration of the Stuart monarchy in May 1660 formed the basis of lasting peace. England’s civil wars finally ended after and as a result of the revolution of 1688–1689.

Scholars who study how armed conflicts end have observed that peace is about more than the suspension of systematic killing.\textsuperscript{3} For example, a peace that is marked by the absence of organized deadly violence and yet beset by cultural justifications for its continued use is...

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