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***Research Seminar: Sexual Violence and War  
PLSC 720/406 and AFST 806***

In this seminar we will analyze patterns of sexual violence in war. While sexual violence occurs to at least some degree in most wars, it occurs to sharply varying extent and in radically different patterns. We will study a number of cases, including Bosnia-Herzegovina where sexual violence accompanied ethnic cleansing, Darfur (Sudan) where it comprises a form of political terror, Sierra Leone where it included sexual slavery, Vietnam where it reflected declining morale and discipline among US troops and became a form of punishment, and Colombia and Sri Lanka where it is relatively limited. We will also examine a well-documented case of sexual violence in inter-state war, that carried out by the Soviet Army at the end of World War II. We will analyze how well the relevant literatures in sociology, political science, criminology, psychology, biology, and gender studies account for these patterns.

Class Meeting: Tuesday 7:00 - 8:50, 8 Prospect Place, Room 121.

Office Hours: Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30 (sign up on office door), 8 Prospect Place, room 108.

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Course website: [classesv2.yale.edu](http://classesv2.yale.edu)

***Course Pre-requisites:***

Undergraduate pre-requisites: senior year; political science or sociology major; Introduction to comparative politics (PLSC 116b) or more advanced course in comparative politics; and permission of instructor. Graduate students: social science PhD candidates and permission of instructor.

***Course Requirements:***

There will be two written assignments, a case-study (20% of the grade) and a final paper (60%). Each participant will also submit six one-page reviews (10%) of the weekly reading assignments. Participation in class discussion will also count toward the final grade (10%).

***Course Materials:***

Book available for purchase at Labyrinth Books:

Joshua Goldstein. 2003. *War and Gender*. Cambridge University Press

Most assigned readings are on the course website; additional ones will be in a course reader.

### *Course reading*

September 12. Introduction

September 19. Sexual violence in peace and war

World Health Organization. 2002. Sexual Violence. Chapter 6 of *World Report on Violence and Health*. Geneva: WHO. 148-81

Lilly, J. Robert and Pam Marshall. 2000. Rape – Wartime. In Clifton D. Bryant, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior*. Brunner-Routledge. 318-22.

Susan Brownmiller. 1975. War. Chapter 3 of *Against Our Will. Men, Women and Rape*. Fawcett Books.

Enloe, Cynthia. 2000. When Soldiers Rape. Chapter 4 of *Maneuvers. The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives*, 108-52. California.

McDougall, Gay J., 2000. Paragraphs 1-6 and 20-74 (Introduction, Section II Definitions of Crimes, and Section III The Legal Framework) of *Contemporary forms of slavery: systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflict*. UN Economic and Social Council Committee on Human Rights (UNESCO); Subcommittee on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

Wood, Elisabeth Jean. 2006. Variation in Sexual Violence During War. *Politics and Society* 34, No. 3 (September)

Suggested:

Tobach, Ethel and Rachel Reed. 2003. Understanding rape. In *Evolution Gender and Rape*, ed. by Cheryl Brown Travis, 105-38. MIT. [discussion of different legal definitions of rape]

September 26. Opportunistic sexual violence and sexual slavery

Human Rights Watch. 2003. "We'll Kill You if You Cry" *Sexual Violence in the Sierra Leone Conflict*. HRW. Available at <http://hrw.org/reports/2003/sierraleone/sierleon0103.pdf>

Amowitz, Lynn L. et al. 2002. Prevalence of War-related Sexual Violence and Other Human Rights Abuses Among Internally Displaced Persons in Sierra Leone. *Journal of the American Medical Association* 287(4): 513-21.

Turshen, Meredith. 2001. The political economy of rape. An analysis of systematic rape and sexual abuse of women during armed conflict in Africa. In Moser, Caroline O.N. and Fiona C. Clark, eds. *Victims, Perpetrators or Actors? Gender, Armed Conflict, and Political Violence*. London and New York: Zed Books. 55-68

Suggested:

Hagan, John, Heather Schoenfeld, and Alberto Palloni. 2006. The Science of Human Rights, War Crimes, and Humanitarian Emergencies. *Annual Review of Sociology* 32: 329-49

Physicians for Human Rights with the support of UNAMSIL. 2002. War-related sexual violence in Sierra Leone: a population based assessment. Boston: PHR.

October 3. Sexual violence as ethnic cleansing and political terror

Barkan, Joanne. 2002. As Old as War Itself: Rape in Foca. *Dissent* Winter:60-66.

United Nations Security Council. 1994. Rape and Sexual Assault. Annex IX of the *Final Report of the United Nations Commission of Experts Established Pursuant to Security Council Resolution 780 (1992)*. S/1994/674

Report of the International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur to the United Nations Secretary-General. Geneva, 25 January 2005.  
[www.un.org/news/dh/sudan/com\\_inq\\_darfur.pdf](http://www.un.org/news/dh/sudan/com_inq_darfur.pdf)

de Waal, Alex. 2005. Who are the Darfurians? Arab and African Identities, Violence and External Engagement. *African Affairs* 104[415]: 181-205.

Amnesty International. 2004. Sudan, Darfur. Rape as a Weapon of War: Sexual Violence and its Consequences. AI: London

Médecins Sans Frontières, Amsterdam. 2005. The Crushing Burden of Rape: Sexual Violence in Darfur. MSF, Amsterdam.

Hayden, Robert M., 2000. Rape and rape avoidance in ethno-national conflicts: sexual violence in liminalized states. *American Anthropologist*, 2000 102(1):27-41.

Suggested:

Physicians for Human Rights. 2006. Darfur. Assault on Survival. A Call for Security, Justice, and Restitution. Cambridge, MA: PHR

Gingerich, Tara and Jennifer Leaning. 2004. The Use of Rape as a Weapon of War in the Conflict in Darfur, Sudan. Prepared for US Agency for International development/OTI. Program on Humanitarian crises and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health.

October 10. Sexual violence as torture and punishment

Naimark, Norman M. 1995. Chapter 2 of *The Russians in Germany: A History of Occupation, 1945-1949*, 69-140. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Bilton, Michael and Kevin Sim. 1992. Selected chapters. *Four Hours in My Lai*. Penguin.

Olson, James and Randy Roberts. 1998. Summary of Rapes, 1970. Document 36 from *My Lai. A Brief History with Documents*. Bedford Books.

Bunster-Burotto, Ximena. 1986. Surviving beyond fear: women and torture in Latin America. In June Nash and Helen Safa, eds., *Women and Change in Latin America*, 297-326. South Hadley, MA: Bergin and Garvey.

October 17. The absence of sexual violence: organizations that do not engage in rape

Catherine C. Legrand. 2003. The Colombian Crisis in Comparative Perspective. *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 28 (55 and 56): 165-210.

Ana María Bejarano. 2003. Protracted Conflict, Multiple Protagonists, and Staggered Negotiations: Colombia, 1982-2002. *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 28 (55 and 56): 223-48.

Gutiérrez Sanín, Francisco. 2006. Telling the difference. Guerrillas and paramilitaries in the Colombian war. Unpublished article.

Mia Bloom. 2003. Ethnic Conflict, State Terror and Suicide Bombing in Sri Lanka. *Civil Wars*. 6(1): 54-84.

Hopgood, Stephen. 2005. Tamil Tigers, 1987-2002. In Diego Gambetta, ed., *Making Sense of Suicide Missions*, 43-76. Oxford University Press.

Miranda Alison. 2003. Cogs in the Wheel? Women in the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. *Civil Wars* 6(4): 37-54.

Due Monday October 23 by 1:00 pm (post on course website): case-study memo.

October 24. Explaining sexual violence: perspectives from biology and cross-cultural anthropology

Goldstein, Joshua A. 2001. Chapters 1-4 [skim 1-3] of *War and Gender. How Gender Shapes the War System and Vice Versa*, 1-251. Cambridge

Coyne, Jerry A. 2003. Of Vice and Men: A Case study in evolutionary psychology. In *Evolution Gender and Rape*, ed. by Cheryl Brown Travis, 171-89. MIT.

Rozée, Patricia. 1993. Forbidden or forgiven: rape in cross cultural perspective. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*. 17: 499-514.

October 31. Explaining sexual violence: perspectives from psychology and sociology of organizations

Holmes, Richard. 1985. Chapter 2 of *Acts of War: The Behavior of Men in Battle*. Free Press.

Kelman, Herbert C. and V. Lee Hamilton. 1989. Chapters 1, 3, 4, and 5 of *Crimes of Obedience: Toward a Social Psychology of Authority and Responsibility*. Yale.

Watson, Bruce. 1997. Chapters 1, 2, 8 and 9 of *When Soldiers Quit: Studies in Military Disintegration*. Praeger.

Suggested:

Huggins, Martha K., Mika Haritos-Fatouros, and Philip G. Zimbardo. 2002. *Violence Workers: Police Tortures and Murderers Reconstruct Brazilian Atrocities*. California.

Due Monday November 6, 1:00 pm (post on course website): proposal for research paper including initial abstract and bibliography.

November 7. Explaining sexual violence: perspectives from gender studies

Goldstein, Joshua A. 2001. Chapters 5-7 of *War and Gender*. Cambridge

Morris, Madeline. 2000. In War and Peace. Rape, war, and military culture. In Anne Llewellyn Barstow, ed., *War's Dirty Secret. Rape, prostitution, and other crimes against women*. 157- 203 Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press. [excerpted from Madeline Morris. 1996. By force of arms: rape, war, and military culture. *Duke Law Journal*. 45(4): 652-782.]

Price, Lisa S. 2001. Finding the Man in the Soldier-Rapist: Some Reflections on Comprehension and Accountability. *Women's Studies International Forum*. 24(2): 211-227

Suggested

Skjelsbaek, Inger, 2001. Sexual violence and war: mapping out a complex relationship. *European Journal of International Relations*. 7(2): 211-238.

For those presenting November 14: due on Monday November 13 by 1:00 pm (post on course website) first draft.

November 14. Student presentations of research paper drafts

Reading: first drafts

For those presenting on November 28: due by Monday November 27, 1:00 pm (post on course website): first draft

November 28. Student presentations of research paper drafts

Reading: first drafts

For those presenting on December 5: due by Monday December 4, 1:00 pm (post on course website): first draft

December 5. Student presentations (continued) and course conclusion

Reading: first drafts

Final paper deadline. Thursday December 14 by noon.