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IAFF 6118.11: Gender, War and Peace Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

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*The syllabus and readings are subject to revision at any point at the discretion of the Professor.

1. Course Description

This course offers a theoretical, as well as a practical and thematic examination of the relevance of the concepts of gender and gender equality to understanding peace, armed conflict, international security and peace-building. Feminist theory is the critical frame for the class, with substantive coverage of masculinities theory and approaches. The seminar thematically covers issues such as: gendered conceptions of nationhood; militarization, combatancy and demobilization of armed actors; wartime violence and harm; peace processes; post-war reconstruction and transitional justice. Classes will also cover the emergence of legal and normative frameworks adopted by the UN system to address these issues. A number of case study contexts globally will feature in thematic classes. Classes are run on an active discussion-basis and full participation of students is expected.

2. Goals of the Course

This course aims to

- equip students with an understanding of the conceptual lens of gender and gender equality and their relevance to war, peace and approaches to international security;
- introduce students to feminist and masculinities theory, and broadly examine their relevance to international relations, politics, war-making and peace-making;
- examine key thematic issues related to war and peace from a gender theoretical and practical perspective.

3. Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, participants will

- be able to critically examine issues related to war and peacemaking from a gender perspective;
- garner skills in how to ask feminist questions of international relations writ-large;
- apply critical thinking to up-to-date research analyzing and understanding armed conflict from a multi-disciplinary feminist perspective;
- be familiar with key international instruments and policy documents that address the intersection of gender and international peace and security concerns.

4. Readings

A set of readings is provided for each week which include and cover:

- i. Up-to-date multidisciplinary critical scholarly research
- ii. Major developments at global policy levels
- iii. Grey literature on policy and programming in practice where possible, a country-focus is provided to examine thematic issues in context.

The following core readings will be used:

- Carol Cohn (ed.) Women and Wars: Contested Histories, Uncertain Futures.
 Cambridge, UK and Malden USA: Polity Press. 2012. This book is available electronically through the library website here: http://gwu.eblib.com/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=1166791
- (Anonymous) A Woman in Berlin. Picador. 2006. Reading of this entire book is structured to accompany the scholarship framing the course. There is one copy in Gelman OR please purchase a copy (cheaply available second-hand on Amazon).

For some weeks, additional "Optional Resources" are provided. These are not required reading but provide guidance for those who wish to read a little deeper.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS

PART I: FOUNDATIONS: THEORY AND CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL FRAMES

Week 1, January 12th: Introduction



• Cynthia Enloe. Chapter one: Gender Makes the World Go Around: Where are the women? Bananas, Beaches and Bases, California University Press, 2013

Week 2, January 19th: Why Gender, War, Peace? How and why do these issues intersect?



- Carol Cohn. **Ch. 1: Women and Wars: Towards a Conceptual Framework** in *Women and Wars*
- Angela Raven-Roberts. **Ch. 2: Women and the Political Economy of War** in *Women and Wars*

 Laura J. Shepherd, Laura Sjoberg. trans- bodies in/of war(s): cisprivilege and contemporary security strategy. Feminist Review, Vol. 5, No. 23, 2012

Week 3, January 26th: Gendered Nationhood – where are the women and where are the men?



- Nira Yuval-Davis. Gender and Nation. Ethnic and Racial Studies, Vol. 16, No. 4, 1993
- Terrell Carver. Men and Masculinities in International Relations Research. Brown Journal of World Affairs, Vol. xxi, No.1, 2014
- R.W.Connell. Understanding Men: Gender Sociology And The New International Research On Masculinities. Clark Lecture, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas, 19 September 2000

Accompanying Text:

Foreword, Introduction and Pgs. 1-30 of A Woman in Berlin

Optional Resources

- Henri Myrttinen. Disarming Masculinities. Disarmament Forum: Women, Men, Peace and Security, No. 4, 2003
- Carol Cohn. Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals, Signs, 1987, 12(4), 687-718.
- Small Arms Survey (2014) *Small Arms Survey: Women and Guns,* Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.

Week 4, February 2nd: International Political Frames – Waging War or Waging Peace Through Gendered Responses?



- Dianne Otto. The Security Council's Alliance of Gender Legitimacy: The Symbolic Capital of Resolution 1325 in Hilary Charlesworth and Jean-Marc Colcaud (ed.) Fault lines of International Legitimacy. Cambridge University Press and United Nations University Press. 2012.
- Natalie Florea Hudson. Securitizing Women's Rights and Gender Equality. Journal of Human Rights, 8:1
- UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) (Here: http://www.peacewomen.org/security_council_monitor/):

Relevant Policy Documents - Skim through and become familiar with the general content and structure of the following Security Council Women, Peace and Security Resolutions (available here: http://www.peacewomen.org/security_council_monitor/):

- UN Security Council Resolution 1889 (2009)
- UN Security Council Resolution 2122 (2013)
- UN Security Council Resolution 2242 (2015)
- Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). General Recommendation No. 30 on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations (2013)
- Strategic Objective E, Women and Armed Conflict in *The Beijing Platform for Action*, The United Nations World Conference on Women, Beijing, China, September 1995 h(ttp://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/)

Accompanying Text:

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PART II: THEMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

Week 5, February 9th: Navigating Conflict – Strategy, Vulnerability and Resilience



- Wenona Giles. Ch. 4: Women Forced to Flee in Women and Wars
- Country Focus Iraq: Ch. 2: Nimo: Wartime Politics in a Beauty Parlor in Cynthia Enloe, Nimo's War, Emma's War: Making Feminist Sense of the Iraq War, Berkeley, Los Angeles, London. University of California Press. 2010
- Country Focus Liberia: Mats Utas. Victimcy, Girlfriending, Soldiering: Tactic Agency in a Young Woman's Social Navigation of the Liberian War Zone. Anthropological Quarterly, Volume 78, Number 2, Spring 2005, pp. 403-430

Accompanying Text:

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Week 6, February 16th: Terrorism and Violent Extremism



- Laura Sjoberg, Grace D. Cooke, and Stacy Reiter Neal. Introduction: Women, Gender and Terrorism in Laura Sjoberg, Caron E. Gentry (eds.) Women, Gender and Terrorism, Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2011. [Read to section end on pg. 15]
- Katherine Browne. Gender and Counter Radicalization: Women and Emerging Counter-Terror Measures in Margaret L. Satterthwaite and Jayne Huckerby (eds.) Gender, National Security and Counter-Terrorism: A Human Rights Perspective. Routledge. 2012

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Optional Resources

- Country focus Pakistan: Amina Jamal. When are women's rights, human rights in Pakistan? in Margaret L. Satterthwaite and Jayne Huckerby (eds.) Gender, National Security and Counter-Terrorism: A Human Rights Perspective. Routledge. 2012
- Laura Sjoberg, Caron E. Gentry. (2008) Reduced to Bad Sex: Narratives of Violent Women from the Bible to the War on Terror, International Relations 22: 5
- Catherine MacKinnon. Women's September 11th: Rethinking the International Law of Conflict, Harvard International Law Journal, Volume 47, Number 1, 2006

Week 7, February 23rd: Combatancy: Femininities, Masculinities and Military Forces



- Jennifer G. Mathers. **Ch. 6: Women and State Military Forces** in *Women and Wars*
- Dyan Mazurana. Ch. 7: Women, Girls and Non-State Armed Opposition Groups in Women and Wars

Relevant Policy Documents - Skim through and become familiar with the general content and structure of the following: Irish Defence Forces Gender Action Plan 2013

Accompanying Text:

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Optional Resources

 Nira Yuval-Davis. Gender, the Nationalist Imagination, War and Peace in Jennifer Hyndman, Wenona Mary Giles, (eds.) Sites of Violence: Gender and Conflict Zones.
 Berkeley: University of California Press. 2004.

Week 8, March 1st: Conflict-Related Harm



- Fionnuala Ní Aoláin. Exploring a Feminist Theory of Harm in the Context of Conflicted and Post-Conflict Societies. Queen's Law Journal, 35 2009
- Margaret Urban-Walker. Gender and Violence in Focus: A Background for Gender Justice in Reparation in Ruth Rubio-Marín (ed.) The Gender of Reparations: Unsettling Sexual Hierarchies While Redressing Human Rights Violations, Cambridge University Press, 2009

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Week 9, March 8th: Sexualized Violence in War – Weapon, Tactic and/or Sexualized Assault?



- Jonathan Gotschall. Explaining Wartime Rape. The Journal of Sex Research, 41, 2, 2004
- Swaine, Aisling. Beyond Strategic Rape and Between the Public and Private: Violence Against Women in Armed Conflict. Human Rights Quarterly, 37, 2015
- Sandesh Sivakumaran. **Sexual Violence Against Men in Armed Conflict.** The European Journal of International Law Vol. 18 no. 2, 2007

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Relevant Policy Documents - Skim through and become familiar with the general content and structure of the following Security Council Resolutions on women, peace and security specifically related to sexual violence (available here: http://www.peacewomen.org/security council monitor/):

- UN Security Council Resolution 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013)
- UN Action Stop Rape Now Campaign. Analytical & Conceptual Framing Of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, United Nations, 2011

Optional Resources

- Elizabeth D. Heinman "Introduction: The History of Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones" in Elizabeth D. Heinman (ed.) *Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones: From the Ancient World to the Era of Human Rights*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. 2011.
- Country focus Former Yugoslavia: Rhonda Copelon "Surfacing Gender: Reconceptualizing Crimes Against Women in Time of War," in (ed.) Alexandra Stiglmayer, Mass Rape: The War Against Women in Bosnia-Herzegovina, London: 1994

Week 10, March 22nd: The Gendered Exclusions of Mediating and Making Peace



- Malathi de Alwis, Julie Mertus and Tazreena Sajjad. Ch. 8: Women and Peace Processes in Women and Wars
- Hilary Charlesworth. Are Women Peaceful? Reflections on the Role of Women in Peace-Building. Feminist Legal Studies, Vol. 16, No. 3, 2008
- Country focus Syria: Jana Krausea & Cynthia Enloe. A Wealth of Expertise and Lived
 Experience. International Feminist Journal of Politics, Vol. 17, No. 2, 2015

Accompanying Text:

• Pgs. 168-182 of A Woman in Berlin

Optional Resources

- Judy El-Bushra (2007) Feminism, Gender, and Women's Peace Activism, Development and Change 38(1), pp. 131–147
- Christine Chinkin, Peace Agreements as a Means for Promoting Gender Equality and Ensuring Participation of Women, EGM/PEACE/2003/BP .1, UN Division for the Advancement of Women, 31 October 2003

Week 11, March 29th: Post-Conflict Reconstruction



- Ruth Jacobson. Ch. 10: Women 'After' Wars in Women and Wars
- Dyan Mazuranza and Linda Eckerbom Cole. Ch. 9: Women, Girls and Disarmament,
 Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) in Women and Wars
- Country focus Timor-Leste: Lia Kent & Naomi Kinsella. A Luta Kontinua (The Struggle Continues). International Feminist Journal of Politics, Vol. 16, 2014

Accompanying Text:

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Optional Resources

- Saferworld. Masculinities, Conflict and Peacebuilding: Perspectives on men through a gender lens. 2014
- Country Focus Columbia: Kimberly Theidon (2009) *Reconstructing Masculinities: The Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration of Former Combatants in Colombia,* Human Rights Quarterly, Volume 31, Number 1, February, pp. 1-34

Week 12, April 5th: Dealing with the Past: Justice and Accountability Post-Conflict



- UN. What is Transitional Justice, A Backgrounder. 2008
- Niamh Reilly. Seeking gender justice in post-conflict transitions: towards a transformative women's human rights approach. International Journal of Law in Context. Vol. 3, 2007
- UN Women. A Window of Opportunity: Making Transitional Justice Work for Women.
 UN Women, 2013

Accompanying Text:

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Optional Resources

- International Centre for Transitional Justice. *Truth Commissions and Gender: Principles, Policies, Procedures.* ICTJ, 2006
- Country focus Timor-Leste: Ben Larke, And the Truth Shall Set You Free: Confessional Trade-Offs and Community Reconciliation in East Timor, Asian Journal of Social Science 37 (2009) 646–676

Week 13, April 12th: Dealing with the Past: Topical Focus on Redress, Repair and Reparation



- Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, Catherine O'Rourke, Aisling Swaine. Transforming Reparations for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Principles and Practice. Harvard Human Rights Journal, Vol. 28
- Country focus Democratic Republic of Congo: Report of the Panel on Remedies and Reparations for Victims of Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo to the High Commissioner for Human Rights. UN Office of the High Commission for Human Rights. March 2011

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Relevant Policy Documents – please skim through:

- The Nairobi Declaration On Women's And Girls' Right To A Remedy And Reparation, Nairobi, 2007
- United Nations, Guidance Note of the Secretary-General: Reparation for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, June 2014
- Website of Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court provision of reparation to victims. Annual reports and 'projects' section provides overview of reparations delivery to date: http://www.trustfundforvictims.org/homepage

Week 14, April 19th: Concluding Discussion - The Complexity of War and its Aftermath



- Margaret Ward. Excluded and Silenced: Women in Northern Ireland after the peace process.
 December 2013. https://www.opendemocracy.net/5050/margaretward/excluded-and-silenced-women-in-northern-ireland-after-peace-process
- Ken Harland. Violent Youth Culture in Northern Ireland: Young Men, Violence, and the Challenges of Peacebuilding. Youth Society, Vol. 43, no. 2, 2011

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