



Gendered Perspectives on Peace and Security

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Religion, Gender, and Violence: The Problem for Human Security

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When it comes to questions of gender and human security, religion frequently holds a particularly difficult position. Religion is one of the crucial sources of insecurity for many of the world's women, used by those who advocate war and other forms of military action in the name of promoting security. How can feminists enter this dialogue without playing into a discourse that uses religiously-motivated violence against women to promote more violence.

Mainstreaming Gender in UN Security Policy: A Path to Political Transformation?

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In October of 2000 the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. SCR 1325 is often hailed as a “landmark” or “groundbreaking” resolution because its language puts women and gender equality squarely at the center of international efforts to achieve sustainable peace. How did such a remarkable document come out of the Security Council, a body that had previously largely ignored women, and been untouched by the UN’s “gender mainstreaming” policy? What impact has SCR 1325 had in the seven years since its passage? And, most critically, can SCR 1325’s radically transformative potential ever be realized?



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