Taking Action Together

THE MISSING PEACE
GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM
ON
CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE

November 1-3, 2023
United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.
9:00am - 10:45am | Making Policy Count to End Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Progress and Barriers

Conflict-related sexual violence is increasingly recognized as not only a calculated strategy of warfare used by armed actors, but a threat to international peace and security. Scholars, practitioners and survivors are collaborating to challenge worn-out policy frameworks and dispel misconceptions that sexual violence in conflict is an inevitable consequence of war. It is not.

During the opening plenary, keynote remarks will highlight U.S. and international commitments to address the atrocity of wartime sexual violence. Panelists will discuss the opportunities and obstacles to advancing policies that make a difference to global security and to those most impacted.

Welcome & Keynote Remarks

- **Lise Grande**, welcoming remarks
  President, U.S. Institute of Peace

- **The Honorable Pramila Patten**, keynote remarks
  U.N. Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict

- **Ambassador Geeta Rao Gupta**, keynote remarks
  Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State

Panel Discussion

- **Ambassador Beth Van Schaack**, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of Justice

- **Tonderai Chikuhwa**, Senior Policy Advisor, U.N. Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict

- **Kolbassia Haoussou**, Director of Survivor Empowerment, Freedom from Torture and Survivor Champion, U.K. Prevention of Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative

- **Margot Wallström**, Former U.N. Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict and former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

- **Kim Thuy Seelinger**, co-moderator
  Special Advisor on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, International Criminal Court and Research Associate Professor, Washington University in St. Louis

- **Kathleen Kuehnast**, co-moderator
  Director, Women, Peace and Security, U.S. Institute of Peace
1:20pm - 2:30pm | Creating Bridges Between Research, Policy and Practice to Address Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

What kind of policy problem is conflict-related sexual violence? How we answer this question has implications for the solutions proposed. Panelists will share their perspectives on what different research disciplines can contribute, what policymakers and practitioners need from researchers, and how research, policy and programming can be bridged to better address conflict-related sexual violence.

- **Claudia García-Moreno**, Founding member, Sexual Violence Research Initiative and retired Unit Head, Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization
- **Philipp Schulz**, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Institute for Intercultural and International Studies, University of Bremen
- **Elisabeth Jean Wood**, Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University
- **Dara Kay Cohen**, moderator
  Professor, John F. Kennedy School of Public Policy, Harvard University

4:20pm - 5:30pm | Lessons on Wartime Sexual Violence from Different Conflicts

The incidence of conflict-related sexual violence varies between conflicts and even within conflicts, and so do responses to this violence. What can be learned from different conflicts around the world and what are the implications for policy, research and practice?

- **Filsan Abdi**, Founder Director, Horn Peace Institute and former Ethiopia Minister of Women, Children and Youth
- **Ali Bitenga Alexandre**, Researcher, Panzi Foundation, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Sofia Kornieva**, Human Rights Lawyer, Ukraine Law Advocacy Group
- **Wai Wai Nu**, Founder, Myanmar Women’s Peace Network and Justice for Women
- **Rosa Emilia Salamanca**, Executive Director, Corporación de Investigación y Acción Social y Económica, Colombia
- **Chantal de Jonge Oudraat**, moderator
  Global Fellow, Wilson Center and former President & CEO, Women In International Security
9:00am – 10:15am | Survivor-Centered Approaches to Address Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

Conflict-related sexual violence aims to dehumanize survivors through calculated acts of cruelty to render survivors and their communities powerless. Survivor-centered approaches to policy, programming and research are expanding, yet there is a need for a clearer understanding of what a survivor-centered approach to addressing conflict-related sexual violence means and how to implement it.

Video Remarks

- Duchess of Edinburgh Sophie Helen Rhys-Jones, Champion of Women, Peace and Security Agenda

Panel Discussion

- Artemis Akbary, Founder and Executive Director, Afghanistan LGBTIQ+ Organization
- Lejla Damon, Member, Forgotten Children of War Association, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Jayne Flemming, Director, International Refugee Program, Reed Smith LLP
- Nadine Tunasi, Coordinator, Survivor Speak Out, Freedom from Torture and Survivor Champion, U.K. Prevention of Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative
- Kolbassia Haoussou, Director, Survivor Empowerment, Freedom from Torture and Survivor Champion, U.K. Prevention of Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative
- Kim Thuy Seelinger, moderator
  Special Advisor on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, International Criminal Court and Research Associate Professor, Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration, Washington University in St. Louis
1:00pm – 2:20pm | Integrating Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Across Policy Agendas

Conflict-related sexual violence displaces people, destroys communities, silences victims and warns of wider atrocities. It undermines reconciliation efforts and the transition to more secure and peaceful societies. Yet, opportunities to integrate prevention and mitigation efforts and jointly leverage resources continue to be missed. How can we effectively move beyond policy siloes that continue to limit action against conflict-related sexual violence?

**Keynote Remarks**

- **Assistant Secretary Anne Witkowsky**, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, U.S. Department of State

**Panel Discussion**

- **Andrea Freeman**, Deputy Director, Office of Sudan and South Sudan Programs, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development
- **Ambassador Makila James**, Senior Advisor, U.S. Institute of Peace
- **Emily Kenney**, Policy Specialist, Rule of Law and Transitional Justice, U.N. Women
- **Siobhán Mullally**, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children
- **Robinah Rubimbwa**, Founder and Executive Director, Coalition for Action on Resolution 1325, Uganda
- **Ambassador Melanne Verveer**, moderator
  
  Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security
4:15pm – 5:25pm | Key Takeaways for Research, Policy and Practice to End Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

Panelists reflect on the past decade of global efforts to address conflict-related sexual violence and the key messages from two days of discussion among global experts at this symposium.

A Retrospective
- **Margot Wallström**, Former U.N. Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict and former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

Panel Discussion
- **Mayesha Alam**, Vice President of Research, Foreign Policy Analytics
- **Natalie Smith**, Head, Prevention of Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative Team, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
- **Nadine Tunasi**, Coordinator, Survivor Speak Out, Freedom from Torture and Survivor Champion, U.K. Prevention of Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative
- **Ambassador Melanne Verveer**, Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security
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10:00am – 11:30am | Taking Action Through the Arts to End Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

From film to poetry, dance to music, the arts offer important approaches to addressing conflict-related sexual violence that policy briefs and academic papers cannot.

Recitation

- Pádraig Ó Tuama, Poet in Residence, Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Columbia University

Panel Discussion

- Ryan D’Souza, Curator, Nobody’s Listening Exhibition
- Neloufer de Mel, Chair Professor, Department of English, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Pádraig Ó Tuama, Poet in Residence, Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Columbia University
- Nayanika Mookherjee, Professor, Department of Anthropology and Co-Director of Institute of Advanced Study, Durham University, United Kingdom
- Leslie Thomas, Producer, MIRA Studio and Artworks Project
- Megan Beyer, moderator
  Director, Office of Art in Embassies, U.S. Department of State