



CENTRE FOR
WOMEN, PEACE
+ SECURITY

2016 REPORT

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By founding this Centre LSE is setting an impressive example to other universities in the UK and around the world. I'm delighted that as we take forward the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative we'll be able to work with the UK's first academic centre on Women, Peace and Security at the LSE, providing the ideas and rigorous academic understanding needed to expand equal rights, equal freedom and equal opportunity for women everywhere.

William Hague, Visiting Professor in Practice,
speaking at the launch of the Centre for
Women, Peace and Security in 2015

INTRODUCTION

Writing this just into the beginning of the second full year of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security I find it hard to believe that we have been operational for only this short time. We have engaged on so many issues and with so many people who are committed to the four pillars of Women, Peace and Security and, more generally, to the advancement of women's human rights, that the time has passed very quickly. This report provides a snapshot of a highly productive first full year in action.

At the outset we decided to take a broad approach to Women, Peace and Security, consistent with our belief that women's experiences in conflict cannot be understood or responded to separately from the denial of women's rights and gender equality in everyday life, nor indeed do those experiences, including gender-based and sexual violence, conclude with a ceasefire or post-conflict agreement. But it is always important to remember that women are not simply passive victims but throughout conflict and non-conflict are also active agents for their own and others' advancement. The Centre is a celebration of women as well as a forum for seeking ways to eliminate discrimination, enhance women's access to justice and combat all forms of violence against women. We also embrace the importance of inclusivity, notably the experience and role of men and boys as allies, survivors and advocates. Our work can only be strengthened by recognising the importance of constructions of both masculinities and femininities, and of working together to achieve the Centre's objectives.

These beliefs have underpinned our multi-sectoral events, educational activities, and the development of our research programme. Some of the highlights are to be found in the following pages. My own include: the work on violence against women - working sessions with the special rapporteur on violence against women, exchanges with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and creation of the dedicated website; learning from women from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan, Iran, Sudan and elsewhere as they have recounted the ways in which they have stood up for women's rights; and the range of events where activists, government representatives and practitioners have come together with academics to find practical ways forward to put to policy-makers.





None of this would have been possible without the team at the Centre, which remains small but has been steadily growing through the addition of Visiting Professors in Practice, research staff and visiting fellows. I look forward to the arrival of our activists in residence who are coming from the Philippines, Pakistan, Indonesia, Uganda, Yemen and Colombia and whose lived experiences will further inform and enrich our work. Above all I must thank the Centre Manager, Zoe Gillard, and Deputy Director, Marsha Henry, for their inspiration, hard work and support throughout the year.

The PSVI and UK Government's leadership on Women, Peace and Security in the UN Security Council have been important components in enhancing recognition of the obstacles women face in exercising choice and enjoying their human rights and seeking solutions. But I am only too aware of the challenges ahead with the changed political environment. In the UK it is essential that the legal protections for women that have emanated from the EU are not lost with Brexit and that the human rights guarantees of the European Convention on Human Rights are maintained. These would be enhanced by the Government's ratification of the Istanbul Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, which has been excessively delayed. Further afield, it is important that the Security Council, and the United Kingdom as a permanent member, remain committed to the Women, Peace and Security agenda, against growing challenges to its core values. Nor must it be submerged or co-opted into other agendas, for instance those for countering violent extremism and terrorism. These last are of course important, but the central tenets of Women, Peace and Security are vital in their own right, not as instruments for addressing other ills.

I look forward to our forthcoming programme of activities and, especially, the arrival of the first students undertaking the MSc in Women, Peace and Security. Our ongoing commitment to influencing the Women, Peace and Security agenda and global policy-making to enhance women's security and economic, social and political participation will continue to be our lodestar.

Christine Chinkin

Professor Christine Chinkin FBA
Founding Director, Centre for Women, Peace and Security

2016 IN NUMBERS


PRESENTED **12**
PUBLIC EVENTS


6 AUDIO
PODCASTS


3 EVENT
VIDEOS

20

PROFESSIONAL
PARTICIPANTS ON
THE WOMEN, PEACE
AND SECURITY
INTENSIVE COURSE

ANNOUNCED


5 full
scholarships

FOR THE MSC IN
WOMEN, PEACE
AND SECURITY

4 FULL-TIME
MEMBERS
OF STAFF

Established **4** 

CORE OBJECTIVES RELATING TO RESEARCH,
EDUCATION, ENGAGEMENT AND INFLUENCE –
TO IMPROVE WOMEN'S ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND
POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND SECURITY

TAUGHT 
60 POSTGRADUATE
STUDENTS...

...FROM **12**
MSC PROGRAMMES

...IN **7** ACADEMIC
DEPARTMENTS

...ON THE FLAGSHIP
"WOMEN, PEACE AND
SECURITY" COURSE

considered **742**

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACTIVIST
IN RESIDENCE PROGRAMME

8 PART-TIME
RESEARCHERS

11

VISITING
FELLOWS
AND PROFESSORS
IN PRACTICE 


3,130
EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS

created 
6
PRIVATE ROUNDTABLE
OR EXPERT GROUP
MEETINGS

4 CROSS-SECTOR
POLICY AND
PRACTICE-ORIENTED
conferences
/ workshops

ABOUT

The LSE Centre for Women, Peace and Security is a leading academic space for scholars, practitioners, activists, policy-makers and students to develop strategies to promote justice, human rights and participation of women in conflict-affected situations around the world.

Through innovative research, teaching, and multi-sectoral engagement, the Centre for Women, Peace and Security aims to promote gender equality and enhance women's economic, social and political participation and security.

In its first year in operation the Centre for Women, Peace and Security has established contacts and reputation with key stakeholders, initiated new projects, and created an infrastructure to support and develop its programmes of activity.

OBJECTIVES



To be a global leader in research relating to women, peace and security, women's human rights, and sexual violence in conflict-affected settings



To provide a world-leading programme of education in the field of women, peace and security



To be a hub of cross-sectoral partnerships and engagement



To influence the women, peace and security agenda and global policy-making to improve women's economic, social and political participation and security



ORIGINS

The Centre for Women, Peace and Security is grounded in two initiatives:

- + The United Nations women and peace and security agenda, which began in 2000 with the adoption of Security Council Resolution 1325. UNSCR 1325 recognised the gendered impact of conflict and post-conflict situations on women and girls, and acknowledged the importance of the participation and representation of women and the inclusion of a gender perspective in preventing, managing, and resolving conflicts and maintaining international peace and security.
- + The Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, which was launched by William Hague, then UK Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Angelina Jolie, UNHCR Special Envoy. PSVI focusses on ending sexual violence in conflict and post conflict situations, achieving accountability, and ending impunity for harms committed.

FUNDING

The Centre for Women, Peace and Security is an independent academic unit dedicated to the promotion of justice, human rights and participation of women in conflict-affected situations around the world. We welcome the support and engagement of partners, allies and funders who share our commitment to promoting gender equality and enhancing women's security and economic, social and political participation.

The Centre for Women, Peace and Security was launched with the support of the UK Government via the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative.

2016 Funders:

The UK Department for International Development
The Wellcome Trust
LSE Annual Fund
LSE IGA / Rockefeller Resilience Fund
LSE Knowledge Exchange Fund

POLICY AND PRACTICE

The Centre for Women, Peace and Security has a mission to work across sectors, including governments, militaries, NGOs, academia, and UN agencies, to generate knowledge and facilitate the exchange of ideas, productive debate and discussion.

In 2016, LSE WPS convened a number of knowledge exchange events including workshops, roundtables and expert meetings. These events brought together practitioners, activists, academics and policy-makers from around the world to work with members of the Centre.



The International Protocol on the Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence

13 January 2016

Roundtable meeting with key actors involved in the drafting and operation of the Protocol to discuss current challenges in its use and to explore new ways of using it to increase the likelihood of successful prosecutions.

Tackling Violence Against Women: International and regional approaches

4 February 2016

Workshop with women's rights experts from NGOs, UN bodies, academia, policy-making and practice both to facilitate knowledge exchange and also to inform the work of the UN CEDAW Committee Working Group on GR 19.

Expert Group Meeting: UN CEDAW Working Group on violence against women

5 February 2016

Meeting of a working group of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women with advisors, including five members of LSE WPS, to discuss the update of CEDAW General Recommendation 19 on violence against women.

Women, Peace and Security Post-2015: Concepts, criticisms and challenges

9-10 March 2016

Workshop with researchers, practitioners, policy-makers, activists and advocates working in women, peace and security, featuring panel discussions, presentations of new research and keynote addresses from leading figures in the field.

Expert Group Meeting: UN SR-VAW on Femicide

1 June 2016

Meeting with the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its causes and consequences, bringing together experts from academia, practice and law, and from across geographical regions, to develop recommendations to improve states' accountability to monitor, prevent, investigate and prosecute femicide.

Prosecuting Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: What have we learnt?

16 June 2016

Conference bringing together prosecutors from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, leading advocates and practitioners, to discuss the lessons learned from international and regional tribunals, and to highlight experience from local jurisdictions.



The cooperation with the Centre has been instrumental in complementing the support we provide to human rights mechanisms in the development of their guidance. It has allowed us to rely on leading expertise to unpack complex human rights issues and ensure the experts receive top quality advice on the latest normative developments and related research.

Veronica Birga, Chief, Women's Human Rights and Gender Section
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Countering Violent Extremism and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda

27 June 2016

Roundtable meeting with representatives from key civil society organisations to discuss the implications of the incorporation of the women, peace and security agenda into the imperative to counter violent extremism.

The UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women: Mapping a Mandate

26 September 2016

Roundtable meeting of experts to support the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its causes and consequences, in assessing the priorities for carrying out her mandate.

The Women, Peace and Security Agenda in the British Armed Forces

27 September 2016

Roundtable meeting of academic colleagues, UK Ministry of Defence and leading civil society actors to discuss the development of MOD – WPS Knowledge Exchange Network.

Sexual Violence in Conflict and the UK's Women, Peace and Security Agenda

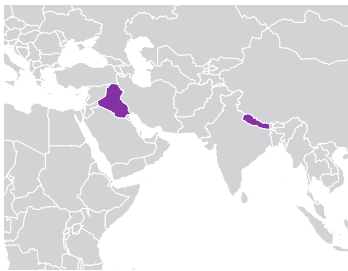
31 October 2016

Series of workshops with practitioners and policy-makers to enhance and share knowledge in order to develop recommendations for the fourth UK National Action Plan on women, peace and security. In partnership with UK Gender Action for Peace and Security Network (GAPS) and Women for Women International UK.



RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

In 2016 the Centre for Women, Peace and Security recruited research staff, all of whom are actively engaged in independent or collaborative projects.



DISASTER AND DISPLACEMENT:

The resilience of women in Iraq and Nepal

Dr Zeynep Kaya and Dr Punam Yadav successfully applied for a seed grant from the LSE IGA / Rockefeller Resilience Fund to support scoping research into the resilience of women who are displaced in post-conflict contexts. In December, Dr Yadav undertook fieldwork in Nepal, interviewing women, local leaders, civil society organisations and policy-makers. The Kurdistan-Iraq fieldwork, and report on findings, will be undertaken in 2017.



GENDER STRUCTURES AND SOCIAL WELLBEING:

A socio-legal exploration of conflict-related gender-based violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Liberia

Dr Marsha Henry is leading a project on the influence of gender norms and structural forms of inequality and violence on women's engagement with civil society organisations and institutions which offer psycho-social and legal support. Three members of the LSE WPS team undertook fieldwork in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Liberia in November and December. The research, which is funded by the Wellcome Trust, continues into 2017.



A SLOW MOTION CAR CRASH:

Systemic failure and the invisibility of gender in UN sexual abuse and exploitation scandals

There have been more than 100 cases of sexual exploitation and abuse or sex or gender – based violence involving peacekeeping forces in the Central African Republic.

In October, Dr Henri Myrntinen of the LSE WPS Advisory Board undertook a series of interviews in Bangui and Nairobi with local, regional and civil society organisations and UN representatives on responses to the abuse cases, and reactions and impact of the implementation of stricter regulations on peacekeeping forces.

Activist in Residence Programme

The Centre for Women, Peace and Security Activist in Residence programme provides three-month funded placements at LSE for activists, local leaders and practitioners working on the front line of women's empowerment and human rights.

Through a tailored plan of engagement, the programme aims to enhance the capacity of individuals, groups and organisations to protect and promote women's rights, and be catalysts for change.

The programme was launched in March, inviting applications from women and men working in conflict-affected areas around the world. From more than 750 applications, six women were selected as the first Activists in Residence. They are working on areas such as addressing sexual and gender-based violence in conflict, peacebuilding, peacekeeping, local efforts to enhance women's security or ensure women's active and effective participation in processes for conflict prevention, management and resolution. The six selected activists come from Indonesia, the Philippines, Pakistan, Yemen, Uganda and Colombia. They are leaders in their fields - grassroots human rights defenders, development practitioners, feminist activists and peace negotiators.

Each activist will spend three months at the Centre for Women, Peace and Security during 2017. They will undertake their own work, and have the opportunity to connect with scholars and policy-makers both to learn and also to share their knowledge and experience to inform public debate and policy around women, peace and security.

Activists in Residence will be supported in progressing and promoting their work by specific outreach activities including public events and policy development and knowledge exchange workshops. Activists will have the time to pursue their own interests, to engage with LSE life and to benefit from a period of reflection and respite.

Beyond the period of the residency, the Centre for Women, Peace and Security intends to maintain relationships with individual activists and their home organisations, both evaluating the impact of the programme and identifying opportunities for ongoing partnerships. With close evaluation and additional funding we hope to develop a community of Activists in Residence, and build a network of connected organisations to achieve positive change for women in conflict-affected situations.

The Activist in Residence programme is supported by the *Fondation Internationale pour les Défenseurs des Droits de L'Homme*.

TACKLING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



In 2016, the Centre for Women, Peace and Security undertook a complementary programme of engagement with those working at all levels to end violence against women.

LSE WPS took a central role facilitating and offering advice to two independent UN bodies in relation to their work on violence against women, created a new accessible online resource and supported the campaign for UK ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention).

Work with the CEDAW Committee, the UN Special Rapporteur and the creation of the resource site were supported by LSE Knowledge Exchange



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Christine Chinkin



The UN CEDAW Committee – updating General Recommendation 19

Recognition that gender-based violence against women is a form of discrimination which states have an obligation to prevent, prosecute and punish came with the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, General Recommendation 19 (GR 19) in 1992. GR 19 brought violence against women into the domain of international human rights law and, for the first time, required states to report on their measures to combat it.

Nearly 25 years later, and in response to the calls from academics, practitioners and NGOs, the CEDAW Committee appointed a Working Group to update GR 19. By invitation, the Centre for Women, Peace and Security supported this Working Group by convening a knowledge exchange workshop, facilitating and participating in Expert Group Meetings, and by individual members providing impartial expert advice.

Over two days in February, the Centre hosted five members of the CEDAW Committee, the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, senior staff from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and a group of practitioners and academics, for discussion and debate to inform the update of GR 19.

On the first day, the workshop *Tackling Violence Against Women: International and regional approaches* included the CEDAW Committee members but also legal practitioners, scholars, campaigners and policy-makers. The workshop both facilitated the sharing of knowledge between participants, and offered insights from their particular sector and experience to the members of the CEDAW Committee Working Group.

The following day, LSE WPS hosted an Expert Group Meeting, at which external experts, including members of the Centre, made recommendations and suggestions to the CEDAW Committee Working Group in support of their work updating GR 19.

This work continued into 2017, with a second Expert Group Meeting and further independent advisory briefings. With more funding, it is anticipated that the success of this work on GR 19 will constitute a model for future engagement with the CEDAW Committee, providing the opportunity to actively inform and support its work to advance women's human rights and gender equality.



The meetings added value to our work by providing the external expertise of academicians and practitioners (who) challenged our assumptions and provided us with a unique opportunity to think outside the box and push the boundaries a bit further.

Nahla El Addal Haidar, Member, UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women



It was a great privilege for the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women to participate in the Expert Group Meeting at LSE to work on the update of draft general recommendation No.19. We benefited from discussions of the Director and fellows of the Centre, who were all prominent experts on the issue of gender based violence. The work of the CEDAW Committee has been enriched by the expertise and knowledge that was transferred from the experts at the EGM.

Yoko Hayashi , Former Chairperson, UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women

UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women its causes and consequences

In 2016, the Centre for Women, Peace and Security launched a two-year partnership with the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its causes and consequences, and appointed the mandate-holder, Dr Dubravka Šimonović, as a Visiting Professor in Practice.

Under the partnership, the Centre is supporting Dr Šimonović with preliminary thematic research, offering external advice and briefings, convening Expert Group Meetings and assisting with public engagement and outreach.

The first Expert Group Meeting hosted by LSE WPS in support of the SR VAW took place in June, on the subject of Femicide. The meeting brought together experts from academia, practice and law,

and from across geographical regions. Preliminary research to inform the scope of the meeting was provided by Centre staff, and recommendations to improve states' accountability to prevent, investigate, and prosecute arose from the interactions and engagement.

In September LSE WPS hosted a meeting to assist the SR VAW in assessing her priorities for her three-year mandate, and planned the second EGM on Shelters and Protection Orders to take place in January 2017.

Working with the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women provides a valuable opportunity to engage, support, and maximise awareness and impact of her mandate.



blogs.lse.ac.uk/vaw

Progressing Human Rights – Transforming Equality – Accessing Justice

‘Tackling Violence against Women’ is an online resource aimed at explaining the global and regional human rights frameworks that exist to end gender-based discrimination and tackle violence against women and girls.

The site is primarily intended for those already engaged in advocacy, litigation and civil society action, but will be of use to anyone with an interest in understanding the current human rights mechanisms and processes, and their capacity to progress transformative equality for women.

The site is rooted in the understanding that violence against women is a form of gender-based discrimination and a violation of women’s human rights.

It sets out the existing international human rights instruments and institutions that tackle violence against women, as well as those which have the potential to be used in this way. This includes explaining the treaties

and evolving jurisprudence, and highlighting where campaigning and advocacy organisations can engage with human rights bodies in order to better protect and promote women’s human rights.

Summaries of landmark legal cases take real life stories and explain how courts and other bodies refer to and learn from each other in reaching their opinions, and the wider ambit of each ruling in tackling the structural bases of gender-based violence.

Links to full texts of treaties, legal judgments and expert opinions are provided throughout the site. Articles, books and films are recommended in the timeline of key developments, and by the feminists profiled in the interview series *In Visibility*.



POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

There are very few courses, let alone full postgraduate degree programmes, that provide students with the opportunity to undertake a gendered analysis of peace and security in conflict and post-conflict settings. War and peace studies rarely mention gender, and gender and women's studies rarely consider security, or the differential impact of conflict on people of different genders. The Centre for Women, Peace and Security has developed a multi-disciplinary education programme to fill this gap.

FLAGSHIP WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY COURSE

From January to March, 60 students from seven academic departments across LSE took the new 'Women, Peace and Security' option as part of their Master's degree. The course was co-taught by Professor Christine Chinkin and Dr Marsha Henry, with seminars led by Dr Punam Yadav.

For the first time, LSE postgraduate students from MSc programmes including Conflict Studies, Human Rights, Gender and Development, and International Relations, were able to undertake a critical examination of women's human rights, gender, peace and security.



We need the next generation of educated youth with inquisitive minds and fresh energy, who are willing not only to sit in the classroom but also go out into the field and the courtrooms and to make a decisive difference.

Angelina Jolie, Visiting Professor in Practice, speaking at the launch of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security in 2015





MSC IN WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

The new MSc in Women, Peace and Security is a full time, one year, multi-disciplinary programme dedicated to the ways in which women and gender are understood in relation to, and are affected by, regional, national and global peace and security processes in conflict and post-conflict settings.

This innovative programme, to run from the LSE Gender Institute, opened to applications in October, and will start in September 2017.

Students are expected to come from around the world, with different experiences and a shared commitment to developing understanding and practice on issues relating to women, peace and security and sexual and gender-based violence.

In the first year of the programme there will be five full scholarships for students who would otherwise be unable to take the course. The scholarship committee particularly welcomes students who come directly from conflict-affected areas, or who have been displaced due to conflict.



For the last 16 years the UK has been at the forefront of international efforts to implement the Women, Peace and Security agenda. It is only fitting that the UK is now home to such a leading academic institution on this issue. In its first year, the LSE Centre's research programmes have already made an invaluable contribution to the development of government policy on SCR1325. Their educational activities will ensure the next generation of policy makers understand the importance – and relevance – of this agenda to a wide variety of disciplines. I look forward to seeing the Centre develop even further over the next few years.

Rt Hon Baroness Anelay of St Johns DBE,
Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the
UN at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office
and Prime Minister's Special Representative on
Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY INTENSIVE

In September, the Centre for Women, Peace and Security launched its educational programme for professionals. The concentrated two-day course was designed for participants from around the world – NGO workers, lawyers, military personnel, civil servants, diplomats – whose work would benefit from a deeper understanding of the law and practice of women, peace and security.

The class size was limited to 20, to maximise participation and interaction. Subsidised places were awarded to participants, primarily from non-profit organisations engaged in service delivery or advocacy, who would otherwise have been unable to attend.

The first cohort of highly engaged participants came from government departments, diplomatic service, international organisations and institutions, militaries, legal practice and civil society organisations. The different professional contexts and experience of participants was invaluable in stimulating productive group discussion.

Through lectures, case studies and discussion, participants explored the international legal and policy framework aimed at promoting justice, human rights and participation for women in conflict-affected situations. They examined women's lived experiences and learnt from academic experts, leading activists and advocates, and each other.

The course was co-directed and most sessions were taught by Professor Christine Chinkin and Dr Marsha Henry. Case studies and discussion sessions were led by other members of the Centre and external experts.

Key Questions

What is different about what happens to women and girls in conflict? What do we understand by gender-based violence? Who commits the violence and against whom? What is being done about men and boys, as survivors, perpetrators and agents of change? Are women more peaceful than men? What can women bring to peace processes? Who is responsible for protection? What is the role and impact of civil society in implementing global and national initiatives? Why does sexual violence occur in conflict?



What the participants said



Absolutely exceptional – the most interesting course with robust content that was so rich and informative.



All the ‘in practice’ sessions were very useful to better understand the theory and the concepts.



The course provided a great deal of knowledge and space for discussion in only two days. I have been able to bring what I have learned into multilateral negotiations on matters related to international peace and security.

Mary Pierre-Wade, Second Secretary,
Joint Delegation of Canada to NATO



Excellent course! What a comprehensive overview of the framework, different perspectives, case studies, etc. The calibre of speakers is outstanding.



Brilliant academic sessions giving a lot of food for thought.



The course exceeded my expectations, opened a window of engagement and collaboration and plugged me into a ready-made network of experts and practitioners.

Annie McGee, Protection and Participation Team Leader,
Conflict Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office



Great content, great structure. The course flowed really well.



EXPERT ADVICE AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

The Centre for Women, Peace and Security provides advisory briefings to governments, UN agencies and other decision- and policy-makers. In 2016, LSE WPS provided advice and briefings to bodies including the UK FCO, the World Bank, UN Women, the UN CEDAW Committee and the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women.



HOUSE OF LORDS SELECT COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT

In 2016 Professor Christine Chinkin served as specialist advisor to the House of Lords Select Committee on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

The House of Lords Committee was appointed in June 2015 to consider the UK's policy and practice of preventing sexual violence in conflict. It considered oral evidence from 41 witnesses during 21 sessions, and received 66 pieces of written evidence. The Committee also met in private sessions to consider the evidence and formulate its recommendations. In her role as specialist advisor, Professor Chinkin attended all meetings and provided expert advice and written briefings to the Committee.

The resulting report 'Sexual Violence in Conflict: A war crime' was published in April 2016, and called on the Government to set out ambitious policy goals for reducing conflict-related sexual violence.



Following the conclusion of the Committee's work, an All Party Parliamentary Group on Sexual Violence in Conflict was established. LSE WPS is building on the Director's work with the Select Committee and will continue to engage with and inform this vital work in the UK Parliament, and with the complementary All Party Parliamentary Group on Women, Peace and Security.

Hosting working events for external partners

As part of the commitment to convening and promoting cross-sector engagement, LSE WPS hosted working events for external partners, including:

Radicalisation, Rehabilitation & Resilience: Women preventing extremism by promoting rights, peace and pluralism

20 May 2016

Seminar hosted for the International Civil Society Action Network. Panellists from Pakistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Syria and Libya presented the work of local women to prevent violent extremism and discussed policy implications with policy-makers, practitioners, activists and advocates.

Keeping Children Safe: Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation by UN Peacekeeping Personnel

7 July 2016

Seminar hosted for Safeguarding Children.

The Ethics of Documenting Testimonies of Sexual Violence

13 October 2016

Workshop hosted for Dr Nayanika Mookherjee involving researchers, survivors, and policy advisers, to inform ongoing work on the International Protocol on the Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence in Conflict.

Indian Women Leaders' Delegation on Violence Against Women

17-19 October 2016

Series of meetings hosted for Sisters for Change.

PUBLIC EVENTS

In 2016 the Centre for Women, Peace and Security ran an active public engagement programme of free and open events. Wherever possible, events are recorded and then posted online for the benefit of those unable to attend in person.

Violence Against Women and Islam: Dispelling stereotypes and telling truths – a view from Indonesia

4 February 2016

Speaker: Commissioner Khariroh Ali

Exploring Hierarchies of Wartime Sexual Violence

10 May 2016

Speaker: Dr Olivera Simić

Rape as a Practice of War: Towards a typology of political violence

19 May 2016

Speaker: Professor Elisabeth Jean Wood

Women's Participation and Decision Making in the Democratic Republic of Congo: the Rien Sans Les Femmes Movement

9 September 2016

Speaker: Solange Lwashiga Furaha

Myths and Realities in Women, Peace and Security

22 September 2016

Speaker: Madeleine Rees OBE

The Spectral Wound: Sexual Violence, Public Memories and the Bangladesh War of 1971

13 October 2016

Speakers: Dr Denisa Kostovicova, Erica Hall, Kolbassia Haoussou, Professor Naila Kabeer, Dr Nayanika Mookherjee

Tackling Sexual Violence in Conflict: An integrated approach

31 October 2016

Speakers: Baroness Anelay of St Johns, Brita Fernandes Schmidt, Antoinette Uwimana

Women and the Reform of the Security Sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo

1 November 2016

Speakers: Marie-Claire Faray, Furaha Mussanzi, Kongosi Onia Mussanzi, Sophia Pickles

Social Transformation in Post Conflict Nepal: A gender perspective

8 November 2016

Speakers: Dr David N. Gellner, Dr Marsha Henry, Dr Punam Yadav

Women's Human Rights and Access to Justice for Gender-Based Violence: A view from legal practice in the UK

10 November 2016

Speakers: Karon Monaghan QC, Pragna Patel, Harriet Wistrich

Working on Gender Equality in Fragile Contexts

6 December 2016

Speakers: Hannah Bond, Bele Grau, Diana Koester, Corrie Sissons, Rainatou Sow, Caroline Sweetman



The LSE WPS Centre is already providing an eminent academic focus on the women, peace and security agenda. It convenes important dialogue between government, academia, NGOs and those working at grassroots in conflict countries. I have seen first-hand the valuable role that the Centre is playing and think that it has the potential to become even more influential on this important agenda.

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger, CBE, Chair of the Advisory Board of Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS) and Co-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Women, Peace and Security



Exhibitions with the LSE Library

Women, Peace and Equality – exhibition of LSE archival material relating to women’s human rights and the role of women in relation to peace and conflict.

9 January to 9 April 2016

#16Days of activism against gender-based violence: from LSE Archives to the Istanbul Convention – 1-day exhibition and event.

7 December 2016

Speaker: **Professor Christine Chinkin**

Co-hosted events

In 2016, the Centre for Women, Peace and Security co-hosted public events with the following groups and organisations:

- + Conflict Research Group, LSE
- + Gender Institute, LSE
- + Conflict, Security and Development Research Group, King’s College London
- + GAPS, the UK Gender Action for Peace and Security Network
- + Gender and Development Journal
- + International Alert
- + LSE Library
- + Oxfam
- + OECD-DAC
- + Sisters for Change
- + Voices of African Women Campaign, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
- + Women for Women International UK

PUBLICATIONS

WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY WORKING PAPER SERIES

The Women, Peace and Security Working Paper Series is an outlet for academic arguments, position papers and policy briefs. It showcases work in progress by researchers and practitioners from any discipline and sector in the field of women, peace and security.

From preliminary fieldwork findings to legal analysis to policy recommendations, the Working Paper Series aims to represent a wide range of methodological and disciplinary approaches to women, peace and security.

The series launched in December with two papers:

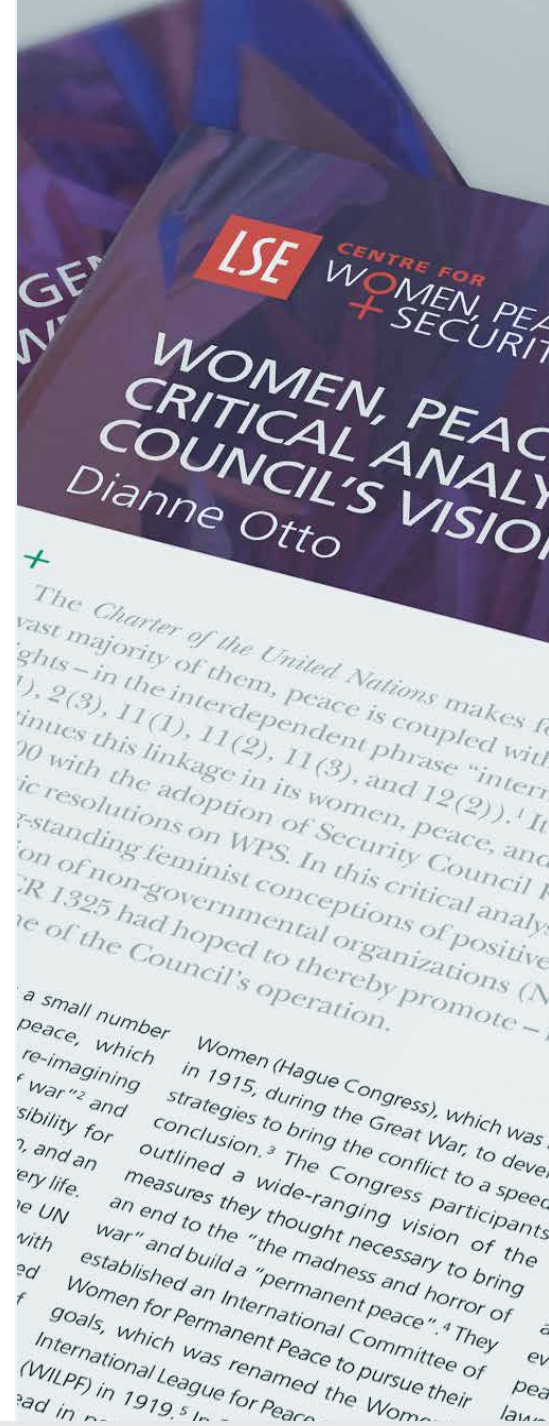
Women, Peace and Security: A Critical Analysis of the Security Council's Vision

Dianne Otto (1/2016)

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as Part of the WPS Project

Jamie J. Hagen (2/2016)

Professor Dianne Otto provides a close reading of the Security Council Resolutions to argue that the feminist notion of positive peace that in part animated the agenda has been sidelined by traditional security politics. Jamie J. Hagen offers resources for, and a reminder to, practitioners and policy-makers regarding the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer (LGBTQ) persons in WPS frameworks and programmes.



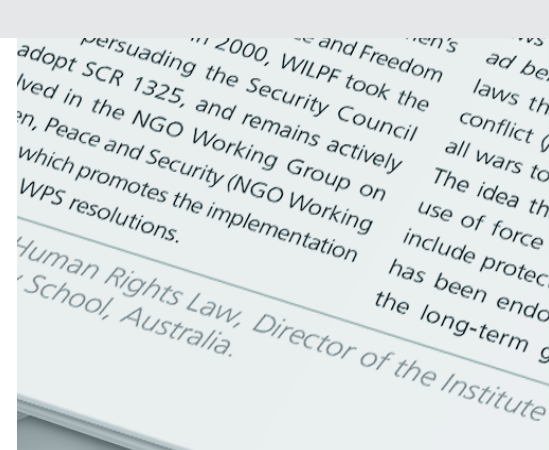
Both papers exemplify what the next generation of WPS research can offer ... it is our hope that the series will continue to provide critical reflections on women, peace and security in diverse contexts, and with potentially transformative effects.

Dr Paul Kirby and Associate Professor Laura Shepherd, in their blog post introducing the series

Women, Peace and Security Working Papers are freely available online in downloadable PDF and on-screen versions, and are intended to bring new analysis and policy-relevant academic work to a wider audience.

The editorial team is led by Dr Paul Kirby and Associate Professor Laura Shepherd.

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WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY BLOG

The Women, Peace and Security blog aims to make a gender analysis of peace and security available in an accessible way for a wide readership. The blog draws primarily on the expertise of members of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security, with occasional posts by guest contributors.

The blog was launched in October, and published twelve posts by staff, Visiting Fellows and Visiting Professors in Practice by the end of 2016.

www.blogs.lse.ac.uk/wps

Highlights:

- 3 November: William Hague and Angelina Jolie call for concerted global action to end conflict-related sexual violence and tackle societal attitudes that stigmatise survivors and normalise violence towards women.
- 8 November: Laura J. Shepherd reflects on the United Nations Security Council open debate on Women and Peace and Security, exploring the role such events play in global politics.
- 11 November: Lisa Gormley calls on governments to act on the recommendations in the Inter-Parliamentary Union's report on 'Sexism, harassment and violence against women parliamentarians' to address the abuse experienced by women in public life.
- 9 December: Christine Chinkin makes the case for the experience of the 'Comfort Women' of World War II to be included in the UNESCO Memory of the World, to both preserve the women's testimony and acknowledge the crimes committed.

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Women, Peace and Security blog

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Recent Posts

- 1000+ days of #BringBackOurGirls - reflections on the possibilities of social media and girls'**
February 8th, 2017
- Outperforming Baghdad? Explaining women's rights in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq**
February 8th, 2017
- Did sexual orientation and gender identity play a role in the rejection of the Colombian peace deal?**

Tweets from @LSE_WPS

- LSE WPS: If @JanieHagen at #ISA2017 runs out of print copies of her #LGBTQ & #WPS Working Paper, get it online: blogs.lse.ac.uk/wps/2017/01/10/... #LSEWPS
- LSE: Sexual Orientation... in 2000, the Unit... blogs.lse.ac.uk
- LSE WPS: Excited to see the hard copies of my working paper during the WPS workshop! Want one? I have some to share! #ISA2017 @LSE_WPS #LGBTQ #SOGI

BEYOND LSE

LSE WPS members are often invited to deliver lectures, participate in expert panels, and contribute in range of policy development fora. Selected highlights from 2016:



+ **Women, Peace and Security: What Does It Mean in the Contemporary World?**, keynote address at the launch of the PRIO Centre on Gender, Peace and Security, Norway – Christine Chinkin



+ Panellist in **Bridging Theory and Practice: Women and Peace Support Operations** workshop, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, Washington DC, USA – Marsha Henry



+ Panellist in **Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Setting the Stage for a Gender-Sensitive Foundation for Peace**, at *Inclusive Peace: Women, Peace and Security post 2015*, UNU-GEST, Iceland – Marsha Henry

+ **Human Rights, Gender and the Security Council**



lecture at *The United Nations Security Council: Contemporary Threats to its Legitimacy and Performance*, University of St Gallen, Switzerland – Christine Chinkin

+ Organised a workshop in Kurdistan-Iraq on **'Internal displacement in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: Impact, challenges and solutions'** with Chatham House MENA Programme and American University in Iraq – Zeynep Kaya



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

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APRIL

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The Futures of Women, Peace and Security

International Affairs March 2016 (vol. 93, Issue 2)

This special issue of Europe's leading journal of international relations explored the potential and limits of the global women, peace and security agenda. It was co-edited by Paul Kirby and Laura Shepherd.



+ **How Should Women Lead in Peacekeeping and Post-Conflict Operations?**, presentation at the *Protracted Conflict Conference*, The Royal United Services Institute, UK – Punam Yadav



+ **Social Transformation in Post-Conflict Nepal: A Gender Perspective**, book published by Routledge – Punam Yadav

Punam Yadav explores the unintended positive impacts of conflict on the position of women in Nepal, drawing on comprehensive interviews with 57 women. The book is the first study to provide empirical evidence on the relationship between armed conflict and social transformation from a gender perspective.



+ **Chair of Re-Introducing Women, Peace and Security**, launching the co-edited special issue of *International Affairs*, at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), UK – Paul Kirby



+ **Five days teaching** on the MA in Gender, Peace and Security at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Ghana – Marsha Henry



+ **Participant and rapporteur in FCO consultation on peacekeeping**, in preparation for the UK Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial – Marsha Henry



+ **Lecture in Women, Peace and Security** delivered as part of the International Security Studies phase of the Advanced Command and Staff Course at the Joint Services Command and Staff College (Defence Academy of the UK) – Christine Chinkin



+ **Legal Approaches to Rape**, keynote address at the International Conference on the Survivors of Rape, Stockholm, Sweden – Lisa Gormley



+ **Panellist in Understanding the Impact of Stigma and What Works**, at *Shaping An Action Plan to Tackle Stigma*, FCO, Wilton Park – Christine Chinkin



+ **Participant in UN-ESCWA Expert Group Meeting on Women, Peace and Security: The role of institutions at times of peace and war in the Arab Region**, Beirut, Lebanon – Zeynep Kaya



+ **International Women's Rights Movements and the Comfort Women**, keynote address at *Voices of the 'Comfort Women': Their Resonance and Amplification*, Seoul, South Korea – Christine Chinkin

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

+ **Women, Peace and Security in Iraq**, policy report published by LSE Middle East Centre – Zeynep Kaya



This policy report by Zeynep Kaya provides an assessment of the Iraqi National Action Plan for the implementation of UN Security Resolution 1325. The report aims to contribute to debates on how to refine and implement an appropriate policy response in Iraq to manage the effect of conflict and insecurity on women; and how to increase Iraqi women's participation in conflict resolution, peace negotiations and reconciliation.



+ 'International Law and Women, Peace and Security' delivery of the **Sir Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lectures**, University of Cambridge – Christine Chinkin



+ **Exposing the gender myth of post conflict transition: the transformative power of economic and social rights** NYU Journal of International Law and Politics, October 2016

Christine Chinkin and Madeleine Rees show how human rights and in particular economic, social and cultural rights, which are vital to the sustainability of transitional justice but increasingly ignored in practice, can be used to support a theory of change.



+ **Reimagining Peacekeeping: Gender, 'Race' and Militarisation in the Global Order**, presentation at *Peacekeeping in Africa*, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark – Marsha Henry



+ **Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict: The Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative and its Critics**, presentation at *Promoting Women's Human Rights and Participation in Conflict-Affected Settings*, Korean Women's Development Institute, Seoul, South Korea – Paul Kirby

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FUNDS PLEDGED OR RECEIVED IN 2016

UK Government	£1,000,000
<i>conditional on matching funding from non-HMG sources</i>	
UK Charitable Foundations	£41,918
UK Research Councils	£142,984
European Union	£47,812
LSE Funding	£561,708
Donations and Gifts	£54,599
Other (incl. professional course fees)	£17,600

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2016

Income from

UK Government – DFID	£262,963
Wellcome Trust	£41,918
LSE Annual Fund	£200,000
LSE Rockefeller Fund	£300,000
LSE IGA / Rockefeller Resilience Fund	£6,000
LSE Knowledge Exchange and Impact	£55,708
Donations	£9,599
Other (incl. professional course fees)	£17,600

Total income **£893,788**

Expenditure

Staff costs	£383,317
Non-staff costs	£130,822

Total direct costs **£514,139**

Overheads	£47,810
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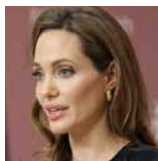
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Dr Dubravka Šimonović, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its Causes and Consequences.



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