

GENDER, PEACE AND NATURE

Workshop, 17 June 2019: Call for Papers

Deadline for abstracts: 10am GMT Monday, 11 February 2019

Peace, development, environmental protection are interdependent and indivisible (Rio Principle 25). Environmental degradation and natural disasters can be a cause and a consequence of conflict. Natural resources can fuel and fund conflicts or may in fact be a reason for conflict where resources are scarce or abundant (the so called “resource curse”). Global demand for oil, diamonds, gold and other metals and commodities can start and prolong conflicts. During conflict, the environment and nature is destroyed, including catastrophic destruction by nuclear weapons as recently recognised by the Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons. Post-conflict it is recognised that agreements and peace negotiations must have regard to the environment and natural resources.

Since the adoption of Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, women’s essential role in peace negotiations and building sustainable peace has also been recognised by the UN. There is increasing recognition at the institutional level that women are disproportionately and differently impacted by climate change, extraction and environmental degradation and destruction. The CEDAW Committee’s General Recommendation No. 35 specifically links violence against women to extractive economies and destruction. The CEDAW Committee’s most recent General Recommendation 37 addresses the gender-related risks related to climate change and disasters.

The purpose of this workshop is to draw together the links between the nature, the Earth, our home, and gender discrimination and structural inequality in the context of international legal conceptions of peace and security. This workshop aims to explore gender, peace and the environment through a number of different feminist lenses. The topics might include nature, climate change, environmental peacebuilding, destruction, extraction/extractive economies, water, land rights, mining, mines, indigenous rights, natural disasters and sustainable development. The workshop welcomes work which explores these issues from a range of disciplines from a feminist approach/perspective under the broad umbrella of peace and security. Relevant disciplines and perspective might include international law, international relations, geography, economics, ecology, gender, war studies, environmental humanism. Research which uses feminist methodologies is particularly encouraged.

Key questions for exploration include:

- What is the relationship between gender, nature and peace?
- What place does nature/the environment have in the Women, Peace and Security agenda?
- What is the relationship between climate security and gender equality?
- What is a gendered nature of peace?
- How do material feminist, environmental humanism and territorial feminisms assist understandings of peace?
- What is the relationship between WPS and extractive economies?
- How does a feminist vision relate to sustainable peace?
- What might a gendered re-imagining of the nature of peace look like?

Papers are encouraged to consider one or more of these key questions. Both theoretical and empirical papers are welcome.

Deadline: Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be sent by 10am GMT 11 February 2019 to Dr Keina Yoshida at k.yoshida@lse.ac.uk with the email subject heading 'Gender, Peace and Nature'. Please also send a biography of no more than 1 page.

Workshop: The workshop will be held on 17 June 2019* at the Centre for Women, Peace and Security at the London School of Economics and Political Science. It will be held in partnership with the University of Rosario, Colombia.

Funding: Limited standard class travel and accommodation may be available for those who are invited to present, and would otherwise be unable to participate. This is only available to those in conflict-affected areas or ODA-recipient countries.

Output: All presenters will be invited to write a post for a dedicated series on the [LSE WPS blog](#). Selected presenters may be invited to submit to the [LSE WPS Working Paper Series](#). A summary report from the workshop will be provided to participants and the funders.

This workshop forms part of the project for a Feminist International Law of Peace and Security, which is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

*Note: this an update - in an earlier call for papers a different date was listed.