

# SO292 SEXUAL VIOLENCE, GENDER AND WAR

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## Course Description

What is the role of sexual violence and specifically gender-based violence in contexts of armed conflict? What kinds of discourses circulate in regard to this phenomenon, and what repercussions do these have for understandings of war, for subsequent criminal proceedings, and for efforts at peacebuilding? Why is an analysis of such discourses essential for developing effective safeguards against conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV)? How do feminists intervene in the fields of international law, international relations and security studies? What is the range of feminist views on these areas of expertise?

Throughout the course, we will examine such questions using both theoretical texts and case studies, particularly from the former Yugoslav states. The lectures will cover the historical and political contexts that led to the recognition and condemnation of CRSV on a global scale, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the topic. Additionally, we will critically evaluate the practices of domestic and international courts in CRSV cases by comparing those from post-Yugoslav states with the cases heard by international courts.

Upon completion of the course, students will have a thorough understanding of CRSV and the instruments available for combatting such crimes. Moreover, they will comprehend the impact of gender on the commission, prosecution and punishment of CRSV.

## Requirements

### Academic Integrity

Bard College Berlin maintains the highest standards of academic integrity and expects students to adhere to these standards at all times. Instances in which students fail to meet the expected standards of academic integrity will be dealt with under the Code of Student Conduct, Section 14.3 (Academic Misconduct) in the Student Handbook.

### Attendance

Attendance at all classes is a crucial part of the education offered by Bard College Berlin. To account for minor circumstances, two absences from twice-per-week courses or the equivalent (e.g. one absence from a once-per-week course) should not affect the participation grade or require documentation.

Bard College Berlin may not offer credit for any course in which a student has missed more than 30% of classes, regardless of the reasons for the absences. The full Bard College Berlin attendance policy can be found in the Student Handbook, Section 2.8.

## Assessment

### Assignments

The assignments for this course consist of thoughtful and constructive discussions in class, a written mid-semester exam, a paper and a presentation.

- (1) Students are expected to do their readings and come to class prepared, actively participate in class discussions and present their ideas and opinions. The classroom is a safe environment, and students are encouraged to express their opinions and comments freely. If students ever feel differently, they should not hesitate to bring it to the attention of the seminar leader.
- (2) A mid-semester exam (4 March 2024) evaluates the understanding of fundamental concepts, principles and discussions related to CRSV, as covered up to the current point in the course.
- (3) The topics for the papers are determined at the beginning of the semester, and students work on their assigned papers throughout the semester. This assignment aims to motivate students to explore diverse materials related to sexual violence, gender and war, encompassing original case studies. The papers should center on a thorough analysis of the sources and their relevance to the class discussions. The goal is to enhance students' ability to critically analyze these sources and to facilitate connecting the course content to real-world contexts. The papers should not exceed a total word count of 5000. Submissions, due by 10 May 2024, should incorporate insights arising from the feedback provided during the paper presentations.
- (4) Paper presentations take place before paper submissions; at specified times communicated to students at the beginning of the semester. The purpose of these presentations is for students to share their draft papers with the class for discussion. Presentations are expected to be informative and engaging, focusing on the research question, main line of argumentation and potential conclusions. Students have the freedom to choose their preferred format, whether it involves showing a clip, using or not using a PowerPoint presentation, etc. The duration of each presentation should fall within the range of 20 to 30 minutes, followed by a discussion. Active student participation in all discussions is expected.

### Policy on Late Submission of Papers

Papers that are up to 24 hours late can be downgraded up to one full grade (from B+ to C+, for example). Instructors are not obliged to accept papers that are more than 24 hours late. Where a professor agrees to accept a late assignment, it should be submitted by the new deadline agreed upon by both parties. Thereafter, the student will receive a failing grade for the assignment. Grades and comments will be returned to students in a timely fashion. Students are also entitled to make an appointment to discuss paper and presentation assignments and feedback during instructors' office hours.

Students receive mid- and end-of-semester grades for their seminar work. Students are entitled to make an appointment with an instructor to discuss seminar participation, or may be asked to meet with the instructor at any stage in the semester regarding class progress.

## **Grade Breakdown**

Class participation and attendance 20%  
Mid-semester exam 20%  
Oral presentation 30%  
Paper 30%

## **Schedule**

Recommended books:

- Ayşe Gül Altınay and Andrea Pető (Eds.). *Gendered Wars, Gendered Memories: Feminist Conversations on War, Genocide and Political Violence* (1st ed.). Routledge, 2016, <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315584225>.
- Indira Rosenthal, Valerie Oosterveld and Susana SáCouto (Eds.). *Gender and International Criminal Law*. Oxford University Press, 2022.
- Karen Engle. *The Grip of Sexual Violence in Conflict: Feminist Interventions in International Law*. Stanford University Press, 2020.
- Sara E. Davies and Jacqui True (Eds.). *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security*. Oxford Handbooks (2019; online edn, Oxford Academic, 11 Dec. 2018), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190638276.001.0001>.
- Serge Brammertz and Michelle Jarvis (Eds.). *Prosecuting Conflict-Related Sexual Violence at the ICTY*. Oxford University Press, 2016.

## Week 1

### **Course introduction**

(Student introductions: names, pronouns, tracks and reasons for taking the course; What to expect from the course; Introduction of the goals of the course, course themes, schedule, requirements, grading and policies; Learning methods and tips for maximizing learning)

### **Key terms and concepts**

(Armed conflict; Gender; Sexual violence; Particular forms of conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV); Drivers of CRVS; Perpetrators and survivors of CRSV)

#### Required reading:

- Ajla Škrbić. *Armed conflict*. Law & Development Encyclopedia (Eds. Koen De Feyter, Gamze Erdem Türkelli and Stéphanie de Moerloose), Edward Elgar Publishing, United Kingdom, 2021.
- Rhonda Copelon. *Gender Crimes as War Crimes: Integrating Crimes against Women into International Criminal Law*. McGill Law Journal, 46(1), 217-240. (2000), <https://instruct.uwo.ca/law/485d/images/copelon.pdf>.

#### Recommended reading:

- Christine Chinkin. *Rape and Sexual Abuse of Women in International Law*. European Journal of International Law, Volume 5, Issue 3, 1994, Pp. 326-341, <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordjournals/ejil.a035874>.
- ICC. *Situation in Uganda in the Case of The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen*, Amici Curiae Observations on the Rome Statute's definition of 'forced pregnancy' by Dr Rosemary Grey, Global Justice Center, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice and Amnesty International, [https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/CourtRecords/CR2021\\_11914.PDF](https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/CourtRecords/CR2021_11914.PDF).
- Madeline Morris. *By Force of Arms: Rape, War, and Military Culture*. Duke Law Journal, vol. 45, no. 4, 1996, Pp. 651–781. JSTOR, <https://doi.org/10.2307/1372997>.
- Myriam S. Denov, Mark A. Drumbl. *The Many Harms of Forced Marriage: Insights for Law from Ethnography in Northern Uganda*. Journal of International Criminal Justice, Volume 18, Issue 2, May 2020, Pp. 349–372, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jicj/mqaa007>.
- Robin May Schott. *War Rape, Natality and Genocide*. Journal of Genocide Research, 5-21 :2011, 13:1-2.

## Week 2

### **CRSV: weapon, strategy or practice?**

(The historical and political contexts that led to the recognition and condemnation of CRSV on a global scale; Impact of CRSV)

#### Required reading:

- Maria Eriksson Baaz and Maria Stern. *Sexual violence as a weapon of war? Perceptions, prescriptions, problems in the Congo and beyond*. New York: Zed Books. 2013. Pp. 42-63.
- Paul Kirby. *How is Rape a Weapon of War? Feminist International Relations, Modes of Critical Explanation and the Study of Wartime Sexual Violence*. *European Journal of International Relations*, 19.4 (2012) 797-821.

#### Recommended reading:

- Annette F. Timm. *The Challenges of Including Sexual Violence and Transgressive Love in Historical Writing on World War II and the Holocaust*. *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 26.3 (2017) 351-365.
- Robert Hayden. *Rape and Rape Avoidance in Ethno-National Conflicts*. *American Anthropologist*. Vol.102 (1). (2000). Pp. 27-41.
- Vah Tachjian. *Gender, Nationalism, Exclusion: The Reintegration Process of Female Survivors of the Armenian Genocide*. *Nations and Nationalism* 15, 1, 2009: 60-80.

### **Instruments available for combatting CRSV**

(The broader global context in combating CRSV; International conventions and resolutions on CRSV; The UN Women, Peace and Security Agenda; The UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict; Criminal proceedings; Transitional justice mechanisms; Other mechanisms for fighting CRSV)

#### Required reading:

- Anne-Marie De Brouwer. *The importance of understanding sexual violence in conflict for investigation and prosecution purposes*. *Cornell International Law Journal*. 2015, vol. 48 no 3. Pp. 639-666.
- Eleanor O'Gorman. *WPS and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sexual Violence in Conflict*. In: *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security*, Sara E. Davies and Jacqui True (Eds.), Oxford Handbooks (2019; online edn, Oxford Academic, 11 Dec. 2018), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190638276.013.23>.

#### Recommended reading:

- Brett L. Shadle. *Rape in the Courts of Gusiiland, Kenya, 1940s-1960s*. *African Studies Review* 51.2 (2008) 27-50.
- Kimberly Theidon. *The Micropolitics of Reconciliation*. In: *Intimate Enemies: Violence and Reconciliation in Peru*. Philadelphia, P.A.: Pennsylvania University Press, 2013. Pp. 225-251.
- Maria Martin de Almagro. *Producing Participants: Gender, Race, Class, and Women, Peace and Security*. *Global Society* 32(4), 2018, 395-414.
- Patricia Lundy and Mark McGovern. *Whose Justice: Rethinking Transitional Justice from the Bottom Up*. 35(2) *Journal of Law and Society*, 2008, 265.
- Sahra Aroussi. *Women, Peace, and Security and the DRC: Time to Rethink Wartime Sexual Violence as Gender-Based Violence?*. *Politics & Gender*. 2017;13(3):488-515. doi:10.1017/S1743923X16000489.

- Victor Igreja. *Negotiating Relationships in Transition: War, Famine, and Embodied Accountability in Mozambique*. 61(4) *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 774, 2019, 789.

### Week 3

#### **HerStory of war**

(The impact of gender on the commission, prosecution and punishment of CRSV; Challenges and misconceptions in CRSV cases; Feminist approaches to war, CRSV and international peace; Feminist initiatives focused on shaping the narrative of remembrance and responsibility in CRSV cases; Importance of women's inclusion in peace and security)

#### Required reading:

- Daša Gordana Duhaček. *The Women's Court: A Feminist Approach to In/Justice*. *European Journal of Women's Studies*. Vol 22 (2). 2015. Pp. 159-176.
- Cynthia Cockburn. *Gender Relations as Causal in Militarization and War*. *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 12(2). 2010. Pp. 139-157.

#### Recommended reading:

- Blok magazine. *We talked to fellow feminists from Ukraine about military aid, here's what they told us*. April 2022, <http://blokmagazine.com/we-talked-to-fellow-feminists-from-ukraine-about-military-aid-heres-what-they-told-us>.
- Clare Hemmings. *Telling Feminist Stories*. *Feminist Theory*, vol. 6, no. 2 (2005): 115-139.
- J. Ann Tickner. *Peace and Security from a Feminist Perspective*. In: Sara E. Davies and Jacqui True (Eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security*, Oxford Handbooks (2019; online edn, Oxford Academic, 11 Dec. 2018), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190638276.013.6>.
- Julia Margaret Zulver. *Learning from High Risk Feminism: Emergent Lessons about Women's Agency in Conflict Contexts*. *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal*: Vol. 13: Iss. 3: 21-43. (2019) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5038/1911-9933.13.3.1670>.
- Olena Lyubchenko, *On the Frontier of Whiteness: Expropriation, War, and Social Reproduction in Ukraine*. *LeftEast*, 2022, <https://lefteast.org/frontiers-of-whiteness-expropriation-war-social-reproduction-in-ukraine/>.
- Sara Ahmed. *Whose Counting*. *Feminist Theory*, vol. 1, no. 1 (2000): 97–103.
- Women's Court: Feminist Approach to Justice, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePmJfqtB3g>.

#### **Moving beyond binaries in CRSV cases**

(CRSV against men and boys; Female perpetrators of CRSV; Militarism and masculinity; Women in the army; Queer approaches to understanding war; Exploring intersectionality in CRSV; Gender and disabilities)

#### Required reading:

- Dianne Otto. *Rethinking 'Peace' in International Law and Politics From a Queer Feminist Perspective*. *Feminist Review*, 126(1), 19-38. 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0141778920948081>.
- Ingrid Elliott, Coleen Kivlahan and Yahya Rahhal. *Bridging the Gap Between the Reality of Male Sexual Violence and Access to Justice and Accountability*. *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, Volume 18, Issue 2, May 2020, Pp. 469–

- 498, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jicj/mqaa003>.
- Jasenka Ferizović. *The Case of Female Perpetrators of International Crimes: Exploratory Insights and New Research Directions*. European Journal of International Law, Volume 31, Issue 2, September 2020, Pp. 455–488, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ejil/cha037>.
  - Maria Lugones. *Toward a Decolonial Feminism*. Hypatia, Vol. 25, No. 4, 2010, Pp. 742-759. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/40928654>.

Recommended reading:

- Andrea Pető. *Forgotten Perpetrators: Photographs of Female Perpetrators after WWII*. Gendered Wars, Gendered Memories. Feminist Conversations on War, Genocide and Political Violence, Eds. Ayşe Gül Altınay and Andrea Pető, July 22, 2021, <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3891387>.
- A. Grytsenko, A. Kvit and T. Martsenyuk. “Invisible Battalion”: Women’s Participation in ATO Military Operations. 2016, Kyiv.
- Deborah Stienstra. *WPS, Gender, and Disabilities*. In: Sara E. Davies and Jacqui True (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security*, Oxford Handbooks (2019; online edn, Oxford Academic, 11 Dec. 2018), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190638276.013.66>.
- Dilar Dirik. *Western Fascination with ‘Badass’ Kurdish Women*. Al-Jazeera (blog), 2014, <https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2014/10/29/western-fascination-with-badass-kurdish-women/>.
- Kerstin Bischl. *Telling Stories: Gender Relationships and Masculinity in the Red Army 1941-1945*. In: Röger, Maren; Leiserowitz, Ruth (Eds.): *Women and Men at War – A Gender Perspective on World War II and its Aftermath in Central and Eastern Europe*, Osnabrück: 2012, 117-134.
- Kimberle Crenshaw. *Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics*. University of Chicago Legal Forum: Vol. 1989: Iss. 1, Article 8., <https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1052&context=ucf>.
- Laura E. Masson. *Women in the Military in Argentina: Nationalism, Gender, and Ethnicity*. Gender Panic, Gender Policy: Advances in Gender Research 24. 2017. Pp. 23-43
- Raewyn Connell. *Rethinking Gender from the South*. Feminist Studies, vol. 40, no. 3(2014): 518–539.
- Swati Parashar. *The WPS Agenda: A Postcolonial Critique*. In: Sara E. Davies, and Jacqui True (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security*, Oxford Handbooks (2019; online edn, Oxford Academic, 11 Dec. 2018), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190638276.013.46>.
- Zoe Marks. *Women in Rebellion: The Case of Sierra Leone*. In: Sara E. Davies and Jacqui True (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security*, Oxford Handbooks (2019; online edn, Oxford Academic, 11 Dec. 2018), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190638276.013.37>.

Week 4

**Engaging with some specific questions related to CRSV: Participation**

(Survivor’s participation in criminal proceedings; Survivor-centred approach; National and international experiences on adopting a survivor-centred approach; Sentencing; Reparations)

Required reading:

- Christine Chinkin. *Chapter 12. The Protection of Victims and Witnesses*. In: Substantive and

Procedural Aspects of International Criminal Law - The Experience of International and National Courts. Commentary (Volume I), Eds. Gabrielle Kirk McDonald and Olivia Swaak-Goldman, 2000, Pp: 451–478, DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004531413\\_013](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004531413_013).

- TRIAL. *Fighting Wartime Sexual Violence: Lessons from Bosnia and DRC*. <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/ngos-in-fight-against-wartime-sexual-violence-concrete-lessons-from-bosnia-and-drc/>.

Recommended reading:

- DA Gonzalez-Salzberg. *Queering Reparations Under International Law: Damages, Suffering, and (Heteronormative) Kinship*. AJIL Unbound. 2022;116:5-9. doi:10.1017/aju.2021.75.
- C4JR in conversation with IOM Iraq's Sandra Orlović. *More Than Ink on Paper: Implementing the Yazidi Survivors Law*. <https://c4jr.org/podcast>.
- Gabrielè Chlevickaitė, Barbora Holá and Catrien Bijleveld. *Judicial Witness Assessments at the ICTY, ICTR and ICC: Is There 'Standard Practice' in International Criminal Justice?*, Journal of International Criminal Justice, Volume 18, Issue 1, March 2020, Pp. 185–210, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jicj/mqaa002>.
- Güley Bor. *Response to and Reparations for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Iraq: The Case of Shi'a Turkmen Survivors in Tel Afar*, [http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/102145/1/Bor\\_response\\_to\\_and\\_reparations\\_for\\_conflict\\_published.pdf](http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/102145/1/Bor_response_to_and_reparations_for_conflict_published.pdf).
- Jonneke Koomen. "Without These Women, the Tribunal Cannot Do Anything": *The Politics of Witness Testimony on Sexual Violence at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda*. Signs, Vol. 38, No. 2 (Winter 2013), Pp. 253-277, <https://doi.org/10.1086/667200>.
- Washington Post. *Karadžić Told to Pay Victims \$745 Million*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/2000/08/11/karadzic-told-to-pay-victims-745-million/c54765f0-cd25-47d2-95ed-a88149534bd0/>.

### Engaging with some specific questions related to CRSV: Representation

(Awareness and sensitization; Memory studies and CRSV; Media coverage of CRSV; Films, literature and monuments about and for survivors of CRSV; The role of civil society in combating CRSV)

Required reading:

- Alyona Gruzina. *How Ukrainian Feminist and LGBT+ Organizations Work during the War*. Gender in Detail, 2022, <https://genderindetail.org.ua/season-topic/dosvidy-viyny/how-ukrainian-feminist-and-lgbt-organizations-work-during-the-war.html>.

Recommended reading:

- Ajla Škrbić (Ed.). *Nikome se ne ponovilo: Genocid u Srebrenici i borba protiv zaborava / Never again, to anyone: Genocide in Srebrenica and fight against oblivion*, Youth Initiative for Human Rights Serbia, forumZFD Serbia and Independent Journalists' Association of Vojvodina, Belgrade, Serbia, 2021.
- Andrea Pető. *Silencing and Unsilencing Sexual Violence in Hungary*. Continued Violence and Troublesome Pasts. Post-War Europe between the Victors after the Second World War (Eds. Ville Kivimäki and Petri Karonen), 2021.
- Elissa Mailänder. *Making Sense of a Rape Photograph: Sexual Violence as Social Performance on the Eastern Front, 1939-1944*. Journal of the History of Sexuality. 489-520, 2017, Vol. 26, No. 3.
- Evelyn Pauls. *Female fighters shooting back: representation and filmmaking in post-conflict societies*, International Feminist Journal of Politics, 2020, 22:5, 697-719, DOI: [10.1080/14616742.2020.1844031](https://doi.org/10.1080/14616742.2020.1844031).

- Memory Cultures in Dialogue. *Memory in Post-Genocide Rwanda*. <https://www.kulturesecanja.org/en/podcast/episode-14-memory-in-post-genocide-rwanda/>.
- Nayanika Mookherjee. 'Remembering to Forget': Public Secrecy and Memory of Sexual Violence in the Bangladesh War of 1971. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 12(2). 2006. Pp. 433-450.

## Week 5

### **Engaging with some specific questions related to CRSV: Trauma and trans-generational transmission of trauma**

(Work with persons with the trauma of CRSV; Children born of wartime rape)

#### Required reading:

- DocFilm. *Living in Dignity - Ajna Fights for Bosnia's "Children of Shame"*. <https://www.dw.com/en/docfilm-living-in-dignity-ajna-fights-for-bosnias-children-of-shame/video-50999139>.

#### Recommended reading:

- Daniele Perissi and Karen Naimer. *Achieving Justice for Child Survivors of Conflict-related Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: The Kavumu Case*. *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, Volume 18, Issue 2, May 2020, Pp. 293–306, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jicj/mqaa008>.
- Barbara Stelzl-Marx. *Soviet Children of Occupation in Austria: The Historical, Political and Social Background and its Consequences*. *European Review of History*, 2015, 22:2, 277-291.
- Laura J. Schauben and Patricia A. Frazier. *Vicarious Trauma: The Effects on Female Counselors of Working with Sexual Violence Survivors*. 1995., <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1471-6402.1995.tb00278.x>.
- Myriam Denov. *Children Born of Wartime Rape: The Intergenerational Realities of Sexual Violence and Abuse*. *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health* 11.1 (2015) 61-68.
- Philipp Schulz and Anne-Kathrin Kreft. *Researching conflict-related sexual violence: a conversation between early-career researchers*. *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 23:3, 496-504, 2021, DOI: [10.1080/14616742.2021.1899840](https://doi.org/10.1080/14616742.2021.1899840)

### **Engaging with some specific questions related to CRSV: Responsibility**

(CRSV cases involving UN peacekeepers; Trafficking in human beings and gender-based violence; CRSV and the environment)

#### Required reading:

- Annica Kronsell. *WPS and Climate Change*. In: Sara E. Davies and Jacqui True (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security*, Oxford Handbooks (2019; online edn, Oxford Academic, 11 Dec. 2018), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190638276.013.55>.

#### Recommended reading:

- AM Goetz and R. Jenkins. *Agency and Accountability: Promoting Women's Participation in Peacebuilding*. *Feminist Economics*, Vol 22 (1), 2015. Pp.211-236.
- Anne-Marie de Brouwer, Eefje de Volder and Christophe Paulussen. *Prosecuting the Nexus between Terrorism, Conflict-related Sexual Violence and Trafficking in Human Beings before National Legal Mechanisms: Case Studies of Boko Haram and Al-Shabaab*. *Journal of*



International Criminal Justice, Volume 18, Issue 2, May 2020, Pp. 499–516, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jicj/mqaa014>.

- Louise Olsson, Angela Muvumba Sellström, Stephen Moncrief, Elisabeth Jean Wood, Karin Johansson, Walter Lotze, Chiara Ruffa, Amelia Hoover Green, Ann Kristin Sjöberg and Roudabeh Kishi. *Peacekeeping Prevention: Strengthening Efforts to Preempt Conflict-related Sexual Violence*. *International Peacekeeping*, (2020) 27:4, 517-585, DOI: [10.1080/13533312.2020.1782752](https://doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2020.1782752).
- Meenakshi Gopinath and Rita Manchanda. *Women's Peacemaking in South Asia*. In: Sara E. Davies and Jacqui True (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security*, Oxford Handbooks (2019; online edn, Oxford Academic, 11 Dec. 2018), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190638276.013.60>.
- Sabrina M. Karim. *Delivering WPS Protection in All Female Peacekeeping Force: The Case of Liberia*. In: Sara E. Davies, and Jacqui True (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security*, Oxford Handbooks (2019; online edn, Oxford Academic, 11 Dec. 2018), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190638276.013.35>.

## Week 6

### **Evaluation of covered topics**

(Discussion; Written test)

## Week 7

### **In-class presentations and discussions on papers**

#### **Yugoslav wars: Laying the groundwork for a discussion on CRSV**

(Providing historical background; Laying the groundwork for a discussion on CRSV)

#### Required reading:

- Sense Agency. *Srebrenica: Genocide in Eight Acts*. <http://srebrenica.sense-agency.com/en/>.

#### Recommended reading:

- Hilary Charlesworth. *Are Women Peaceful? Reflections on the Role of Women in Peace-Building*. *Fem Leg Stud* 16, 347–361 (2008). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10691-008-9101-6>.
- Karin Oellers-Frahm. *Restructuring Bosnia-Herzegovina: A Model with Pit-Falls*. [https://www.mpil.de/files/pdf2/mpunyboellersfracm\\_9\\_179\\_224.pdf](https://www.mpil.de/files/pdf2/mpunyboellersfracm_9_179_224.pdf).
- T.M.C. Asser Institut. *Webinar: Challenges to Prosecuting Paramilitaries: Insights from the former Yugoslavia and Syria*. <https://www.asser.nl/about-the-asser-institute/news/recording-webinar-challenges-to-prosecuting-paramilitaries-insights-from-the-former-yugoslavia-and-syria/>.
- V. Nikolić-Ristanović. *Living Without Democracy and Peace: Violence Against Women in the Former Yugoslavia*. *Violence Against Women*, 5(1), 1999, 63-80. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778019922181158>.

## Week 8

### **In-class presentations and discussions on papers**

#### **The contested history: Unraveling the complexities of post-war Yugoslavia**

(Legacy and progress: A contemporary perspective on former Yugoslavia; What do we learn from history?)

Recommended reading:

- Ajla Škrbić. *Constitutional Reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Can We Expect It in The Near Future?*, International Association of Constitutional Law, Melbourne, Australia, 2020, <https://www.iacl-democracy-2020.org/blog/2016/3/23/blog-post-sample-9wntn-6ye75-hwawc-xx9lz-p6k2z-y8y6h-cplw4-4bcr5-t2hdf-pt4np-nzc2g-f64jl-c53x4-d693x-ycry5-xahmf-kbwxz-8fk4t-m3r34-5mehc-dxmzw>.
- Nela Porobić Isaković and Gorana Mlinarević. *Sustainable Transitions to Peace Need Women's Groups and Feminists: Questioning Donor Interventions in Bosnia and Herzegovina*. Journal of International Affairs, vol. 72, no. 2, 2019, Pp. 173–90. JSTOR, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26760841>.
- Sophie Jones, Nidžara Ahmetašević and Milivoje Pantović. *The DJ and the War Crimes*. <https://investigation.rollingstone.com/dj-photo-war-crimes-bosnia/>.
- Susan McKay. *Gender Justice and Reconciliation*. (2000) 23(5) Women's Studies international forum 564.

Week 9

**In-class presentations and discussions on papers**

**Combating CRSV in international setting: A case study of former Yugoslavia**

(International courts: ICTY, ICTR, ICC, etc.; Legal framework; Specific cases before the ICTY)

Required reading:

- Catharine MacKinnon. *The ICTR's Legacy on Sexual Violence, The Recognition of Rape as an Act of Genocide – Prosecutor v. Akayesu*. Guest Lecture Series of the Office of the Prosecutor, The Hague, 27 October 2008, <https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/NR/rdonlyres/AF3FA255-B1D9-4FA4-992F-56079A2DCC63/279736/ICCOTP20081027MacKinnon.pdf>.

Recommended reading:

- C. Card. *Rape as a Weapon of War*. *Hypatia*. 1996;11(4):5-18. doi:10.1111/j.1527-2001.1996.tb01031.x.
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- Related case studies TBA.

## Week 10

### **In-class presentations and discussions on papers**

#### **Combating CRSV at the domestic level: A case study of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

(Interactions between international and national law in the prosecutions of CRSV; Applying international experiences in national prosecutions of CRSV; Case studies; Challenges related to gender)

##### Required reading:

- Jasenka Ferizović and Gorana Mlinarević. *Applying International Experiences in National Prosecutions of Conflict-related Sexual Violence: A Case Study of Application of the ICTY Law, Findings and Practices in Prosecutions before the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina*. Journal of International Criminal Justice, Volume 18, Issue 2, May 2020, Pp. 325–348, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jicj/mqaa037>.

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- Darius M. Rejali. *After Feminist Analyses of Bosnian Violence*. Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice, 8:3, 365-371.
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- Related case studies TBA.

## Week 11

### **In-class presentations and discussions on papers**

#### **Combating CRSV at the domestic level: Case studies from Croatia, Kosovo and Serbia**

(Interactions between international and national law in the prosecutions of CRSV; Applying international experiences in national prosecutions of CRSV; Case studies; Challenges related to gender)

##### Required reading:

- Gopalan Priya. *Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Kosovo: Gendering Justice Through Transformative Reparations*. In: S. Mouthaan and O. Jurasz (Eds.), *Gender and War: International and Transitional Justice Perspectives*. Intersentia; 2019:285-310. doi:10.1017/9781780688466.012.

##### Recommended reading:

- Balkan Transitional Justice. *Wartime Rape Survivors Denied Compensation by Serbian Court*.

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- Related case studies TBA.

## Week 12

### **In-class presentations and discussions on papers**

#### **Combating CRSV at the domestic level: Case studies from Croatia, Kosovo and Serbia**

(Interactions between international and national law in the prosecutions of CRSV; Applying international experiences in national prosecutions of CRSV; Case studies; Challenges related to gender)

#### Recommended reading:

- Related case studies TBA.

## Week 13

### **In-class presentations and discussions on papers**

#### **CRSV today and global perspectives on the topic**

(CRSV as a threat to the rule of law; Preventing and responding to CRSV; A discussion around international and national practice; Re-imagining International Criminal Law; What are the ways forward for advocating on behalf of survivors' human rights?; What might be the key questions and issues for future gender theory and research, and how they might be tackled?; Reflections and future directions: What lies ahead?)

#### Recommended reading:

- Amnesty International. *Ethiopia: "I don't know if they realized I was a person": Rape and sexual violence in the conflict in Tigray, Ethiopia.* <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/afr25/4569/2021/en/>.
- CNN. *Israel investigates sexual violence committed by Hamas as part of October 7 horror.* <https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2023/11/17/world/israel-investigates-sexual-violence-hamas/index.html>.
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- Stephanie Barbour. *Supporting Accountability for Sexual Violence in the Syria and Iraq Conflicts: Innovations, Good Practices, and Lessons Learned through Private Criminal Investigations*, Journal of International Criminal Justice, Volume 18, Issue 2, May 2020, Pp. 397–423, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jicj/mqaa004>.
- Tanja Altunjan. *The International Criminal Court and Sexual Violence: Between Aspirations and Reality*. German Law Journal. 2021;22(5):878-893. doi:10.1017/glj.2021.45.

Week 14

**In-class presentations and discussions on papers**

**Course wrap-up discussion**

(Wrap-up and feedback)