

Preliminary Program @ 8 May 2025

Justice Denied: fighting widespread impunity for conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV)

Dates: 2 June-3 June 2025

Location: Monash University, Collins Street, Melbourne CBD

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Please note: Room 842 will be available as a well-being room that is accessible throughout the conference.

DAY 1 Monday 2 June	Program	Room
8:15 – 8:45 am	Arrivals and Registration	807
8:45 – 9:00 am	Welcome to Country - Wurundjeri peoples of the Kulin Nation	803
9.00am-10:00 am	Welcome to Conference Professor Jacqui True, CEVAW Director Welcome Remarks Baroness Arminka Helic (record) PSVI Chair Ambassador TBC Keynote Speaker Professor Kim Thuy Seelinger, Washington University Moderator: The Honourable Justice Lesley Taylor	
10:00-10:30 am	Discussion: Professor Kim Thuy Seelinger with The Honourable Justice Lesley Taylor	
10:30-11:00 am	Morning Tea	840

11:00am-12:00 pm	<p>Plenary I: The Fight Continues: Justice for CRSV on the 25th Anniversary of WPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professor Elisabeth Jean Wood, Yale University, (CEVAW Partner Investigator) ● Leonésia Tecla da Silva, Southeast Asia Women Peace Mediators ● Dr Fiona Hukula, Gender Specialist ● Professor Bina D’Costa, CEVAW Chief Investigator, Australian National University <p>Moderator: Sally Moyle, CEVAW Advisory Council Chair</p>	803
12:00-12:15 pm	Conference Photo	840
12:15-1:15 pm	Lunch with Side Events	
12:15-1:15 pm	<p>Sabrina Page, University of Edinburgh <i>Bridging the Gap: CRSV Research into Policy and Practice</i> A Round Table Discussion led by the Gender Violence Research and Collaboration Network (GVR-CN)</p>	841
1:15-2:25 pm	<p>Plenary II: The State of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives and Insights</p>	803
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Artemis Akbary, Executive Director, Afghan LGBTIQ+ Organisation ● Maria Bawk Ja, Coordinator, Kachin Women’s Peace Network ● Bhavani Fonseka, Centre for Policy Alternatives ● Queenie Tomaro, Department of Political Science, Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology and Executive Member, Young Women Leaders for Peace <p>Moderator: Professor Sara Davies, Deputy Director CEVAW</p>	
2:30 pm– 3:45 pm	Concurrent Session 1	
	<p>Impunity and Silence: The Struggle of Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Myanmar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hnin Shwe Zin Hlaing, Head of Policy Advocacy, Gender Equality Network ● Okkar Shein, Head of Program, Gender Equality Network ● Ja Seng Ing, Consultant Researcher, International Commission for Jurists ● Hnin Win Aung, International Commission of Jurists 	841

	<p>Moderator: Associate Professor Nick Cheesman, Myanmar Research Centre, Australian National University</p>	
	<p>State-sanctioned Cultural Impunity: Accountability for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) in Afghanistan (Hybrid Delivery)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artemis Akbari, Executive Director, Afghan LGBTIQ+ Organisation • Dr Farkhondeh Akbari, CEVAW Research Fellow, Monash University • Fereshta Abbasi, Human Rights Watch (Virtual) <p>Moderator: Dr Niamatullah Ibrahim, Senior Researcher, University of Melbourne</p>	843
3:45-4:15 pm	Afternoon Tea	840
4:15-5:30 pm	<p>Plenary III: Survivor-Centred Approaches to Addressing CRSV: From Knowledge to Action</p>	803
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vichuta Ly, Founder, Legal Support for Children and Women • Dr Susan Risal, Chief Executive Officer, Nagarik Aawaz • Lilly BeSoer, Executive Director, Voice for Change • Hitomi Fujimoto, Policy and Advocacy Officer for Asia, Global Survivors Fund <p>Moderator: Dr Phyu Phyu Oo, CEVAW Research Fellow, Griffith University</p>	
	<p><i>Time for attendees to relocate to State Library Victoria.</i></p>	
6:00-8:00 pm	<p><i>State Library Isabella Fraser Room</i></p> <p>Drinks and canapes served from 6pm.</p> <p><i>Reception Event</i> - HE Stephanie Copus-Campbell, Australian Ambassador for Gender Equality <i>MC:</i> Prof Jacqui True, CEVAW Director</p>	

DAY 2 Tuesday 3 June		
9:00 – 10:00 am	First Nations Experience of CRSV	803
	<p>Keynote Speakers</p> <p>Caroline Martin, Senior Boonwurrung Woman</p> <p>Dr Fiona Hukula, Gender Specialist</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Julie Ballangarry, CEVAW Associate Investigator</p>	
10.00-10.30 am	Discussion: Caroline Martin, Dr Fiona Hukula, with Dr Julie Ballangarry	
10:30-11:00 am	Morning Tea	840
11:00-12:15 pm	Plenary I: Evidence and Access in Real Time	803
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Louise Olsson, Peace Research Institute, Oslo (CEVAW Partner Investigator) • Dr Ingrid Elliott, Deputy Co-Lead on the Murad Code Project, Institute for International Criminal Investigations • Ishita Kumar, Legal Action Worldwide • Katie Rougvie, UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations <p>Moderator: Richard Iron, CMG OBE, President AIIA-Victoria</p>	
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Lunch with Side Events	840
	<p>Sarah Barnbrook, Away from Keyboard Inc</p> <p><i>Recreation for Peace: How Play, Sport, and Social Connection Foster Post-Conflict Recovery</i></p>	841

1:20 pm– 2:35 pm	Concurrent Session 2	
	<p data-bbox="427 177 1816 209">Conflict-Related Sexual Violence and Agency: Resistance, Resilience and Redress (Hybrid Delivery)</p> <ul data-bbox="477 248 1491 419" style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chamindra Weerawardhana, Consortium for Intersectional Justice (Virtual) ● Rachel Banfield, Monash University ● Tishya Khillare, Council for Strategic & Defence Research India ● Professor Christina Twomey, Monash University ● Selvi Izeti Çarkaxhiu, Kosovo Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims <p data-bbox="427 467 1440 499">Moderator: Dr Helen Stenger, CEVAW Research Fellow at Monash University</p>	843
	<p data-bbox="427 595 1789 627">Legal Responses and Accountability Mechanisms in Addressing Conflict-Related Sexual Violence</p> <ul data-bbox="477 659 1552 839" style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sa Im Meas, DanChurchAid and Dr Marie Wilmet, Université Libre de Bruxelles ● Dashakti Reddy, University of Bergen ● Dr Olivera Simic, Griffith University ● Natalie Heni Maihi, University of Queensland ● Hitomi Fujimoto, Policy and Advocacy Officer for Asia, Global Survivors Fund <p data-bbox="427 882 1485 914">Moderator: Allannah Colley, CEVAW PhD Candidate, The University of Melbourne</p>	841
	<p data-bbox="427 1029 1753 1061">Women's Arts Initiatives to Address Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) in Southeast Asia</p> <p data-bbox="427 1098 1789 1161">The Asia Foundation Roundtable. Showcasing arts, textiles, and survivor-centered practices from Cambodia, the Philippines and Myanmar.</p> <p data-bbox="427 1201 1037 1233">Moderator: Carla Silbert, The Asia Foundation</p>	844

2:40 pm– 3:55 pm	Concurrent Session 3	
	<p>Strengthening Survivor-Centred Approaches: Policy, Response and Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Gerhady, Girls Run the World (Women in Strategic Policy) • Dr Ingrid Elliott, Deputy Co-Lead on the Murad Code project, ICII • Associate Professor Jasmine-Kim Westerndorf, University of Melbourne • Yukti Saumya, The Centre for Restoration (Virtual) <p>Moderator: Hana Hanifah, CEVAW and Australia Awards PhD Candidate, Monash University</p>	844
	<p>Frontline Advocates for Access to GBV and CRSV services for women and girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Apa, Kup Women for Peace (KWP) • Shamah Bulangis, Civil Society Global Reference Group, Spotlight Initiative • Margareth Muthama, Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund (Virtual) • Aiko Nagae, Griffith University <p>Moderator: Priya Dhanani, CEVAW PhD Candidate, Monash University</p>	841
	<p>Empowering Voices: Ending Impunity for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Myanmar (Hybrid Delivery)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar Mee Mar, Women’s Research and Documentation Program, Burmese Women’s Union • Chan Thinzar Min Thein, Women’s Alliance Burma • Min Khant Tar, Kings N Queens • Mi Kun Chan Non, Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process • Aye Aye Myo, Women's League of Burma (WLB) • Shwe Shwe Sein Latt, Creative Home <p>Moderator: Stephanie Copus Campbell, Australian Ambassador for Gender Equality</p>	843
4.00-4.15 pm	Afternoon Tea	840

4.15-5.15 pm	Plenary II: Centering Survivors Access to Justice	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr Arifah Rahmawati, ASEAN Women's Peace Registry and Gadjah Mada University ● Mitra Khakbaz, Australian Coalition for Women, Peace and Security ● Noor Azizah, Rohingya Maiyafuinor Collaborative Network <p>Moderator: Associate Professor Jasmine-Kim Westerndorf, University of Melbourne</p>	803
5:15-5:30 pm	<p>Statement of Action and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CEVAW and AIIA Team, Speakers 	803