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Justice Denied: Fighting Widespread Impunity for Conflict Related Sexual Violence

AIIA Victoria in partnership with CEVAW

2-3 June 2025, 9am – 5:30pm AEST at Monash University, 750 Collins Street, Docklands 3008

The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (CEVAW) and the Australian Institute of International Affairs Victoria (AIIA VIC) are pleased to announce the upcoming international conference, **Justice Denied: Fighting widespread impunity for conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV)** to be hosted in Melbourne, Australia, from June 2-3 2025.

The conference aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and critical reflection on the current state of conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) in the Indo-Pacific region, including fragile situations and all forms of sexual and gender-based violence. It seeks to showcase cutting-edge research as well as policy solutions and share diverse perspectives and experiences on CRSV within the region.

Background and focus

The Justice Denied conference will build on the international consensus forged in state commitments to the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI) and the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda to prohibit sexual violence in conflict. We will focus on the CRSV implementation agenda to overcome the challenges of ending impunity.

The conference will address diverse conflicts (coups, terrorism, protracted civil conflict, sieges, ethnic cleansing, gender apartheid and kinetic warfare) to explore patterns of violence and understand why impunity for CRSV is widely accepted by many with authority to end it (state, non-state actors, military, security sector, etc.).

Recognising the available tools and training, such as the Murad Code, the International Protocol on the Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence in Conflict, the International Alliance on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, and the International Atrocity Prevention Working Group, the conference will probe further innovations in the following areas: evidence-gathering and analysis, international sanctions, plea bargaining,

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In-person: Early bird AIIA VIC Member \$120. Early bird Non-Members \$140. Early bird NFP/Community \$80. Student \$35

Webinar: \$20



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investigations (national and international), ceasefires and peace agreements. It will highlight the relevance and applicability of these tools and training for conflict and fragile situations across the Indo-Pacific.

Conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) destroys the lives of individuals, families, communities and whole societies, it prolongs conflict and sets back post-conflict recovery. Now is the time to identify opportunities for cooperation and collaboration across sectors and to bridge the gaps between research, practice and policy making. The two-day conference aims to make a globally and regionally significant contribution to this effort.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 1 - 2nd June		DAY 2 - 3rd June	
8:15	Arrival & Registrations	9:00-10:00	First Nations Experience of CRSV
8:45-9:00	Welcome to Country Wurundjeri Peoples of the Kulin Nation	10:00-10:30	Keynote Speaker Discussion
9:00-10:00	Welcome & Opening Remarks	10:30-11:00	<i>Morning Tea</i>
10:30-11:00	Keynote Speaker Discussion	11:00-12:15	First Plenary Evidence and Access in Real Time
10:30-11:00	<i>Morning Tea</i>	12:15-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
11:00-12:00	First Plenary The Fight Continues: Justice for CRSV on the 25th Anniversary of WPS	13:20-14:35	Concurrent Session 2
12:00-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>	14:40-15:55	Concurrent Session 3
13:15-14:25	Second Plenary State of CRSV in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives and Insights	16:00-16:15	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
14:30-15:45	Concurrent Session 1	16:15-17:15	Second Plenary Centering Survivors Access to Justice
15:45-16:15	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>	17:15-17:30	Statement of Action & Next Steps
16:15-17:30	Third Plenary Survivor-Centred Approaches to Addressing CRSV: From Knowledge to Action		
18:00-20:00	Evening Reception Isabella Fraser Room, State Library of Victoria		