

Preliminary Program

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	<p>Welcome to Conference Professor Jacqui True, CEVAW Director</p> <p>Welcome Remarks Baroness Arminka Helic (record) PSVI Chair Ambassador TBC</p> <p>Keynote Speaker Professor Kim Thuy Seelinger, Washington University at St. Louis, USA</p> <p>Moderator: The Honorable Justice Lesley Taylor</p>	
10:00-10:30 am	Discussion: Prof Kim Thuy Seelinger, The Honorable Justice Lesley Taylor, with Prof Jacqui True	
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"> ● Ambassador Dr Arlene Tickner, Ambassador at Large for Gender Affairs and Global Feminist Policy, Colombia, former Chair of PSVI International Alliance 	803

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Fiona Hukula, Gender Specialist, Pacific Islands Forum • Leonésia Tecla da Silva, Southeast Asia Women Peace Mediators, Timor-Leste • Prof Elizabeth Wood, Yale University, USA (CEVAW Partner Investigator) <p>Moderator: Sally Moyle, CEVAW Advisory Council Chair</p>	
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	Plenary II: The State of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives and Insights	803
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daphne Alega Macatimbol, Regional Gender Advisor/Manager at Nonviolent Peaceforce (Marawi, the Philippines) • Bhavani Fonseka, Centre for Policy Alternatives (Sri Lanka) • Maria Bawk Ja, Coordinator, Kachin Women's Peace Network and Steering Committee Member of Gender Equality Network (Myanmar) • Artemis Akbary, Executive Director, Afghan LGBTIQ+ Organisation (ALO) <p>Moderator: Prof 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 • Speaker 2: International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) <p>Moderator: Associate Professor Nicholas Cheeseman, Myanmar Research Centre, Australian National University</p>	841

	<p>State-sanctioned Cultural Impunity: Accountability for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) in Afghanistan (hybrid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artemis Akbari, Executive Director, Afghan LGBTIQ+ Organisation (ALO) • Shaharзад Akbar, Executive Director of Rawadari • Dr Farkhondeh Akbari, CEVAW Research Fellow at Monash University <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	Plenary III: Survivor-Centred Approaches to Addressing CRSV: From Knowledge to Action	803
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vichuta Ly, Lawyer (Cambodia) • Dr Susan Risal, Chief Executive Officer, Nagarik Aawaz (Nepal) • Lilly Besoer, Executive Director, Voice for Change (Papua New Guinea) • Hitomi Fujimoto, Policy and Advocacy Officer for Asia, Global Survivors Fund <p>Moderator: Dr Phyu Phyu Oo, CEVAW Research Fellow, Griffith University</p>	
6:00-8:00 pm	<p>State Library Isabella Fraser Room</p> <p>Reception Event - HE Stephanie Copus-Campbell, Australian Ambassador for Gender Equality MC: 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, Pacific Islands Forum</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"> • Professor Bina D’Costa, CEVAW Chief Investigator at Australian National University • Dr Louise Olsson, Peace Research Institute, Oslo, Norway (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, 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>	843
	<p>Nourhan Moustafa and Yukti Saumya, The International Humanitarian Law and Youth Initiative</p> <p><i>Conflict Related Sexual Violence in the Middle East and North Africa Region</i></p>	841

1:20 pm– 2:35 pm	Concurrent Session 2	
	<p>Women's Arts Initiatives to Address Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) in Southeast Asia</p> <p>The Asia Foundation Roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jamela Alindogan, Sinagtala Center for Women and Children in Conflict ● Panellist 2: to be confirmed ● Panellist 3: to be confirmed <p>Moderator: Carla Silbert, The Asia Foundation</p>	841
	<p>Legal Responses and Accountability Mechanisms in Addressing Conflict-Related Sexual Violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meas Sa Im, Dan Church Aid and Dr Marie Wilmet, Université Libre de Bruxelles ● Dashakti Reddy, University of Bergen ● Dr Olivera Simic, Griffith University ● Natalie Heni Maihi Fennell, The University of Queensland <p>Moderator: Allanah Colley, CEVAW PhD Candidate, The University of Melbourne</p>	843
	<p>Conflict-Related Sexual Violence and Agency: Resistance, Resilience and Redress (Hybrid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chamindra Weerawardhana, Consortium for Intersectional Justice, Sri Lanka ● Rachel Banfield, Monash University ● Tishya Killare, Council for Strategic & Defence Research India ● Professor Christina Twomey, Monash University ● Noella Franklin, University of Wollongong <p>Moderator: Dr Helen Stenger, CEVAW Research Fellow at Monash University</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"> ● Queenie Tomaro, Arlyssa Bianca, Lynrose Jane D. Genon, Griffith University/QUT ● Emma Gerhady, Girls Run the World (Women in Strategic Policy) ● Dr Ingrid Elliott (cc'd), Deputy Co-Lead on the Murad Code project, ICII ● Associate Professor Jasmine-Kim Westerndorf, University of Melbourne <p>Moderator: Hana Hanifah, CEVAW and Australia Awards PhD Candidate at Monash University</p>	844
	<p>Frontline Advocates for Access to GBV and CRSV services for women and girls (Hybrid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Angela Apa, Kup Women for Peace (KWP) ● Shamah Bulangis and Margareth Muthama, Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)/Spotlight Initiative ● Aiko Nagae, Griffith University <p>Moderator: Priya Dhanani, CEVAW PhD Candidate at Monash University</p>	843
	<p>Empowering Voices: Ending Impunity for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Myanmar</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 (WAB) ● Min Khant Tar, Kings N Queens ● Speaker 4 ● Speaker 5 ● Speaker 6 <p>Moderator: Stephanie Copus Campbell, Australian Ambassador for Gender Equality</p>	841
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 (Indonesia) and Gadjah Mada University • Mitra Khakbaz, Australian Coalition for Women, Peace and Security • Noor Azizah, Rohingya Maiyafuinoor Collaborative Network (Australia) • Hitomi Fujimoto, Global Survivors Fund Asia Pacific <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