

Peacebuilding and Feminist Foreign Policy: Can Australia Rebuild Relations with the Solomon Islands?

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2023 marks the 20th anniversary of the arrival of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI), begging reflection on its success and the inclusion of Solomon Islander women's voices.



In [*Peacebuilding and Feminist Foreign Policy: Can Australia Rebuild Relations with the Solomon Islands?*](#) Dr Federica Caso examines the added value of a Feminist Foreign Policy approach to peacebuilding in the Pacific by looking at the case of the Solomon Islands. She outlines the critical role that Solomon Islands women have in local peacebuilding efforts and discusses Australia's current commitments to advancing gender equality in the Solomon Islands.

What are the implications and the ethical considerations of a Feminist Foreign Policy approach to peacebuilding? What can Australia do to align its foreign policy with normative feminist commitments that can improve the relationship with the Solomon Islands and promote Pacific regional peace and security?

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Dr Federica Caso, as she discusses her recent article, published by the International Women's Development Agency, which explores feminist foreign policy and peacebuilding, drawing from a case study of Australia's relationship with the Solomon Islands since RAMSI.



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Aesthetics of War Commemoration will be published next year by Edinburgh University Press.

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