

War and Sexual Violence

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and Joana Osei-Tutu, moderated by Richard Iron CMG OBE

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Following the adoption of the United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) in 2000, sexual violence is no longer seen as an inevitable collateral damage or by-product of war. In fact, evidence is mounting that in many conflicts sexual violence is instrumentalised as tactic of war and repression to terrorise populations.



Women and girls continue to be those primarily affected by conflict-related sexual violence globally. According to the 13th Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, women and girls account for more than 3,198 (97%) of the reported cases.

Why are so many wars characterised by sexual violence against women and girls? Is the elimination of violence against women in war possible?

AIIA Victoria invites you to a panel with Prof. Jacqui True, Prof. Sara Davies and Joana Osei-Tutu, moderated by Richard Iron, to discuss these questions.

(Speaker bios overleaf)

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