

Workshop:

International Interventions against Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Conflict

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Program

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In recent decades, political and academic discussions of conflict-related sexualised and gender based violence (CRSV) have made important advances. CRSV has been recognised on the international stage as an important social and security problem. International organisations and NGOs commit large resources to reduce CRSV and to alleviate its effects. Their projects seek to change social conceptions of gender and violence in local contexts in ways that previously have not been envisaged by humanitarian and military interventions. At the same time, a lively academic discussion has highlighted the complex reasons behind CRSV. Moreover, practices of intervention have been critically scrutinized in important ways.

Despite increasing attention to the subject, scholars and practitioners are still far from finding common grounds when it comes to defining causes and consequences of CRSV or the appropriate ways of tackling the problem. Research has sometimes produced contradictory results and continues to struggle with the problem of data collection in this sensible field. Without empirically-based knowledge of the problem, interventions run the risk of generating undesired effects. Also the international focus on CRSV may have led to unintended consequences of intervention.

The aim of the workshop is to bring together scholars from different fields working on questions related to causes and consequences of CRSV, intervention practices, and evolving (gendered) power relations between intervention organizations, host states and societies.

21 June **Causes and consequences of CRSV and the practice of intervention**

1.30-5pm *Alex Veit*

Welcome & Introduction

Patricia Daley (University of Oxford)

Decolonizing sexual violence research

Carlo Koos (University of Konstanz)

Decay or Resilience: The Effect of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence on Community Cohesion

Judith Verweijen (Ghent University)

Patterns of violence in Eastern DRC: Evidence from Fizi and Uvira territories (South Kivu)

6-7.30pm **Keynote Lecture**

Elisabeth Wood (Yale University)

Rape as a Practice of War: Towards a Typology of Political Violence

22 June **Gendered interventions & gendered outcomes of intervention**

9am-6pm *Jelke Boesten (King's College London)*

"He used me as his wife": CRSV along the continuum of violence

Lisa Tschörner (University of Bremen)

Doing Gender in the Congo. International Interventions against Sexualised Violence and State Formation Politics in Conflict Contexts

Charlotte Mertens (University of Melbourne)

Sexual Violence and Narratives of Response in Eastern DRC

Anne Menzel (University of Marburg)

'Without education you can never become president': Sexual violence sensitization and 'proper' female aspirations in Sierra Leone

Aiko Iiris Holvikivi (LSE)

CRSV training for peacekeepers: Pedagogic practice and knowledge production

Henri Myrtinnen (International Alert)

Stabilising Patriarchy? – Notes on the Heteronormativity of Post-Conflict Interventions on SGBV

23 June **CRSV, Peacebuilding and State Formation**

9am-1pm *Alex Veit (University of Bremen)*

Interventions against conflict-related sexual violence and the international state of the Congo

Janosch Kullenberg (University of Bremen)

UN Peacekeeping as protection against sexual violence

Dorothea Hilhorst (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Beyond the hype? Responses to sexual violence in DRC in 2011 and 2014

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