Gender, War and Peace (EM7436)

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Introduction
What does gender analysis reveal about the causes and dynamics of war and peace? In this module we begin by exploring and criticising some basic gendered assumptions - such as that war is the business of men and peace that of women. Instead we challenge these dichotomies by examining issues such as the complicated relationship between the social construction of masculinity and soldiering and the challenge posed to militaries by the inclusion of women in their ranks. We ask why peace processes have generally excluded women and what the consequences of that are for the sustainability of peace, while at the same time querying the assumption that 'women' as an essentialized group have particular skills to bring to the peace table. Through these debates we examine the ways in which war and peace are gendered experiences which also shape our understanding of what it is to be a gendered person.

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the module students should be able to:

- Understand the foundational and ongoing debates in Gender Studies concerning sex and gender, femininity and masculinity, gender and difference and be able engage in discussion of these.

- Comprehend and enter into arguments made concerning the gendered nature of war, the perpetration of gender based violence, the relationships between masculinity and violence/femininity and peace and the necessity of the inclusion of gender concerns in peacebuilding.

- Demonstrate knowledge of key international political and legal developments in this area such as UNSC Resolution 1325 and the Yugoslav and Rwanda tribunals.

- Show a familiarity with the literature in this field and engage in informed discussion of it.

- Present persuasive written work with analytic arguments based on evidence, reading and reason.
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This is a list of relevant books. Useful journal articles are posted on blackboard and please use the TCD library Stella search to discover more.

**Some Key Texts**


Sjoberg, L. *Gender, War and Conflict* Polity Press, 2014


**Understanding Gender**


Colebrook, C. *Gender*, Palgrave MacMillan, Basingstoke, 2004


**Gender, War and Violence**


Alt, B. Following the Flag: Marriage and the Modern Military, Praeger, 2006

Anonymous A Woman in Berlin, Virago, London, 2005


Brownmiller, S. Against Our Will; Men, Women and Rape, Penguin 1976


Elshtain J. Women and War University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1995


Enloe, C. Maneuvers, University of California Press, Berkley, 2000

Goldstein, J. War and Gender: How Gender Shapes the War System and Vice Versa CUP, 2005

Hunt, K. and Rygiel, K. (En)gendering the War on Terror : War Stories and Camouflaged Politics Ashgate, 2007


Reardon B. *Sexism and the War System*, Syracuse University Press, Syracuse, 1996


Sharrat, S. *Gender, Shame and Sexual Violence: the Voices of Witnesses and Court Members at War Crimes Tribunals*, Ashgate, 2011


Sjoberg, L. *Gender, War and Conflict*, Polity, 2014


Whitworth, S. *Men, Militarism and UN Peacekeeping*, Lynne Reinner, 2007

Woodworth, R. and Winter, T. *Sexing the Soldier; the Politics of Gender and the Contemporary British Military*, Routledge, 2007

Virgili, F. and Branche, R. (eds.) *Rape in Wartime* Basingstoke, Palgrave, 2012


von Braun, C. "Holy War" and Gender: Violence in Religious Discourses, Berliner Gedner Studies, 2006

Yuval-Davis N. *Gender and Nation*, Sage, London, 1997

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Cockburn, C. Antimilitarism: Political and Gender Dynamics of Peace Movements, Palgrave, 2012.


Duncanson, C. Forces for Good? Military Masculinities and Peacebuilding in Iraq and Afghanistan, Palgrave 2013


Hicks Stiehm J. Champions for Peace: Women Winners of the Nobel Peace Prize, Rowman and Littlefield, 2006


Sweetman, C (ed) Gender, Peacebuilding and Reconstruction, Oxfam, Oxford, 2005


UNIFEM ‘Security Council resolution 1325 Annotated and Explained’ www.womenwarpeace.org/toolbox/Annotated_1325.doc


1000 Peacewomen Across the Globe published by the Association; 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005, Scalo, Zurich, 2005

Useful websites

http://www.incore.ulst.ac.uk/services/cds/themes/women.html (Ulster University INCORE guide to Internet sources on Women and Conflict

http://wilpf.org/ (Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom)

http://www.gbv.ie (Irish aid agencies consortium on gender-based violence)

http://www.international-alert.org (international Alert - peacebuilding organization)