

## Scholarly Debates in War Studies

Theme Title	
<b>Gender, Peace and Security</b>	
No of credits (ECTS): 7,5	Course dates: VT24-HT24
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### Theme Description

This course centers feminist questions and queries on war and military organisations to 1) explore how feminist approaches illuminate different meanings and understandings of war; and 2) investigate wars' gendered relations and effects. We will focus on gendered relations in state and non-state military forces and gendered insecurities and intimacies during and after war, while paying attention to the gendered legacies and consequences of war on both state institutions and military organisations, as well as the everyday.

### Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the doctoral student should be able to:

- systematically describe and evaluate the research in the subfield of the research group, with particular focus on the research with the greatest relevance for the own thesis topic
- identify, contrast and problematise the scholarly debates in the subfield of the research group
- engage critically with the state-of-the-art research in the subfield of the research group
- identify the contributions of the student's own research to the subfield of the research group
- clearly communicate, both orally and in writing, the content, arguments and conclusions in the course literature and independent analysis

### Assessment

The course is examined through active participation in six research group seminars and a written assignment of between 5000-7000 words, in which the doctoral student critically discusses and problematises the debates of the subfield as well as their own contribution to the field. The written assignment should also be presented at the research group seminar.

## Readings

Total number of pages: 1572 pp

### Gender Relations in State Armed Forces

- Heinecken, L. (2017). Conceptualizing the Tensions Evoked by Gender Integration in the Military: The South African Case. *Armed Forces & Society*, 43(2)
- Linehagen, F. 2018. Conforming One's Conduct to Unwritten Rules Experiences of Female Military Personnel in a Male-Dominated Organization, *Res Militaris*. 8(1).
- Stern, M & Strand, S. 2022. Periods, Pregnancy, and Peeing: Leaky Feminine Bodies in Swedish Military Marketing, *International Political Sociology*, 16(1).
- Trisko Darden, J. 2023. Ukrainian wartime policy and the construction of women's combatant status. *Women s Studies International Forum*, 96.
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### Gender Relations in Non-State Armed Forces

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- Wood, R. M. 2019. *Female Fighters: Why Rebel Groups Recruit Women for War*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Vastapuu, L. 2023. Beans, Bullets and Bandages? Gendered and Racialised Othering in the Depiction of Military Support Work, *Civil Wars*.
- Loken, M and Matfess, H, 2023. "Introducing the Women's Activities in Armed Rebellion (WAAR) Project 1946-2015," *Journal of Peace Research*.

### Sexual Violence, Insecurities and War

- McKenzie, M. 2023. Good Soldiers Don't Rape -The Stories We Tell About Military Sexual Violence. Cambridge: CUP
- Drumond, P et al. 2020. Sexual violence in the wrong(ed) bodies: moving beyond the gender binary in International Relations, *International Affairs*. 96(5).
- Schulz, P. & Touquet, H. 2020. Queering explanatory frameworks for wartime sexual violence against men. *International Affairs*. 96(5).
- Gray H et al. 2020. Torture and sexual violence in war and conflict: The unmaking and remaking of subjects of violence. *Review of International Studies*. 46(2).
- Wibben, A. 2020. Everyday Security, Feminism, and the Continuum of Violence, *Journal of Global Security Studies*. 5(1).

### Love, Intimacy and the Gendered Everyday in War

- Krystalli, R & Schultz, P. 2022. Taking Love and Care Seriously: An Emergent Research Agenda for Remaking Worlds in the Wake of Violence. *International Studies Review*.
- Ketola, H. 2023. Familial Ties as a Gendered Relationality in Civil War: Militarisation, Violence and Politics, *Civil Wars*.
- Giri, K. 2023. Rebel Governance of Marriage and Sexuality: An Intersectional Approach. *International Studies Quarterly*, 67.

Stallone, K. 2023. Love in war? The strategic use of intimacy in armed conflict, *Third World Quarterly*.

Hedström, J. 2024. Weddings amidst War: The Intimate and Insurgent Politics of Marriage. *Citizenship Studies*.

### **Care, Labour and War**

Martin de Almagro, M., & Ryan, C. 2019. Subverting economic empowerment: Towards a postcolonial-feminist framework on gender (in)securities in post-war settings. *European Journal of International Relations*, 25(4).

Varma, S. 2020. *The Occupied Clinic: Militarism and Care in Kashmir*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Arévalo-Berman, E & Ojeda, D. 2020. Ordinary Geographies: Care, Violence, and Agrarian Extractivism in “Post-Conflict” Colombia. *Antipode*, 52(6).

Hedström, Faxon, Zin Mar Phyoo, Htoi Pan, Moe Kha Yae, Ka Yay & Mi Mi, 2023. Forced Fallow Fields: Making Meaningful Life in the Myanmar Spring Revolution, *Civil Wars*.

### **Gender Relations in Post-War Contexts**

Theidon, K, 2022. *Legacies of War: Violence, Ecologies and Kin*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Brannon, E. 2023. Celebrated and Sidelined: How Women’s Roles in the National Resistance Army Shaped Post-Conflict Gender Politics, *Civil Wars*

Cardeño, C, Olivius E & Åkebo, M. 2023. ‘Jihad is Planted in Our Hearts’: International Aid, Rebel Institutions and Women’s Participation in the Bangsamoro, *Civil Wars*

Marie E. Berry & Milli Lake, 2023. Women’s Rights After War and Genocide: Contradictions and Challenges, *Journal of Genocide Research*.

Yadav, P. 2021. Can women benefit from war? Women’s agency in conflict and post-conflict societies. *Journal of Peace Research*, 58(3).