

# SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN IN VIOLENT CONFLICT

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## INTRODUCTION

Since the 1995 UN World Conference on Women in Beijing there have been many conferences and political debates regarding sexual abuse of women and girls in violent conflict. Yet a need for systematic investigations of the causes and consequences of violence remains. Hence, the Netherlands Defence Academy (NLDA) and the Feminism and Legal Theory Project (FLT) of Emory University Law School decided to organize a cross-professional and systematic debate which evolved into a conference. In keeping with their original objectives, the NLDA and the FLT Project chose to invite experts from different arenas – the military, the academic, and the political – but limit the number of speakers, commentators and other participants in order to maximize the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

This brochure contains basic information regarding the program and the presentations. Information with respect to accommodation and transportation will follow soon. A registration form is attached separately in *Word*. Please complete the form in *Word* and use your surname as a title for the document. We need to receive the registration forms before April 15 because of security measures at the Naval Barracks where the conference will be held. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us at any time (ds.blocq@nlida.nl or mfineman@law.emory.edu).

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## PROGRAM

### Sunday, June 17, 2007

Welcome Reception 17.00 – 19.00

***Address by Maj.Gen. Patrick Cammaert***

### Monday, June 18, 2007

Registration 08.00 – 09.00

Light Breakfast 08.00 – 09.00

Opening Remarks 09.00 – 09.30

***Address by Martha L.A. Fineman***

Session I: Comprehensive Paper Presentation 09.30 – 10.45

Break 10.45 – 11.15

Session I: In Depth Paper Presentations 11.15 – 12.45

Lunch 12.45 – 14.00

Session II: Comprehensive Paper Presentation 14.00 – 15.15

Break 15.15 – 15.45

Session II: In Depth Paper Presentations 15.45 – 17.15

Cocktails/drinks 17.15 – 18.30

### Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Light Breakfast 08.00 – 09.00

Session III: Comprehensive Paper Presentation 09.00 – 10.15

Break 10.15 – 10.45

Session III: In Depth Paper Presentations 10.45 – 12.15

Lunch 12.15 – 13.30

Session IV: In Depth Paper Presentations 13.30 – 15.00

Closing Remarks 15.00 – 15.30

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## SPEAKERS & COMMENTATORS

The conference is broken up in three sessions, and each of these sessions is further separated in two parts. Part 1 of every session consists of a comprehensive paper presentation, followed by three comments. Part 2 of every session is comprised of three more in depth paper presentations. The three sessions consecutively concentrate on causes, consequences and approaches to sexual abuse and exploitation of women in violent conflict.

### *Instructions for Presentations & Comments*

- **Timings**
  - Comprehensive Paper Presentation      25 minutes
  - Comments      10 minutes
  - In Depth Paper Presentations      20 minutes
  - The organization has reserved ample time for questions and answers and will be strict on the time limits for speakers and commentators
  
- **Objectives**
  - Comprehensive Paper Presentation      Provide overview
  - Comments      Illustrate, appraise or complement comprehensive paper
  - In Depth Paper Presentations      In depth analysis of one/more case(s) or one/more aspect(s) of the particular session
  
- **Representation and independency**

Participants, including speakers and commentators, may reflect their institution's policies and perceptions, but are expected to speak on their personal behalf, independent from their institutions
  
- **Invitations and confirmations**

All of the speakers and commentators below have confirmed their participation in the conference, except for those which say '*invited*'

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## Comprehensive Paper Presentation: Session I - Causes

Comprehensive Presentation	Elisabeth Jean Wood (Yale University) <i>'Sexual Violence during Armed Conflict: Towards an Explanation of Variation'</i>
Academic Commentator	Shilan Shah-Davis (University of the West of England) ( <b>invited</b> )
Military Commentator	Nilendra Kumar (India, JAG Department)
Political Commentator	Lilian Peters (Oxfam Novib)

## In Depth Paper Presentations: Session I - Causes

Military Presentation	Ben Klappe (Royal Netherlands Army) <i>'Abuse by UN Peacekeepers in the DRC'</i>
Political Presentation	Sri Lestari Wahyuningroem (UNIFEM) <i>'Abuse by Military in Aceh: 1989-1998'</i>
Academic Presentation	Mary Anne Case (University of Chicago) <i>'Gender Performance Requirements of the U.S. Military in the War on Islamic Terrorism As Violence Against and By Women'</i>

## Comprehensive Paper Presentation: Session II - Consequences

Comprehensive Presentation:	Yakin Ertürk (UN Special Rapporteur on Violation Against Women, OHCHR, Turkey) <i>'A Comprehensive Analysis of Consequences of Abuse'</i>
Academic Comment:	Sadiq Abba Radda (Bayero University, Nigeria) ( <b>invited</b> )
Military Comment:	( <b>to be confirmed</b> )
Political Comment:	Tegan Molony (American Refugee Committee, Australia)

## In Depth Paper Presentations: Session II - Consequences

Military Presentation:	Karen Thoms (United States Military Academy, US) <i>'Human Trafficking: A foreseeable consequence'</i>
Political Presentation:	Choman Hardi (Uppsala Programme, Iraq) <i>'Sexual abuse during genocide and its aftermath: Silences from Anfal'</i>
Academic Presentation:	K.G. Uma (Bangalore University, India) <i>'Beyond Family and Community: Caste Politics and Violence Against Women'</i>

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## Comprehensive Paper Presentation: Session III - Approaches

Comprehensive Presentation	Muna Ndulo (Cornell Law School, Zambia) <i>'A Comprehensive Analysis of UN Approaches'</i>
Academic Commentator	Megan Bastick, (DCAF, Switzerland)
Military Commentator	Allard Wagemaker (Royal NL Marine Corps, Netherlands)
Political Commentator	Christine Achola (Christian Children's Fund, Sudan)

## In Depth Paper Presentations: Session III - Approaches

Military Presentation	Kathryn Spurling (Defence Force Academy, Australia) <i>'UN Peacekeepers in East-Timor: The Urgent Need to Address Warrior Ethic'</i>
Political Presentation	Gloria Nyaki (UNHCR, Tanzania) <i>'IGO and NGO Approaches to Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Situations of Refugees'</i>
Academic Presentation	Teresa Godwin Phelps (American University - Washington College of Law, US) <i>'Post Conflict Remedies for Sexual Violence Against Women'</i>

## In Depth Paper Presentations: Session IV – Legal Approaches

Academic Presentation	Doris Buss (Carleton University, Canada) <i>'Wartime Sexual Violence and the Limits of International Law'</i>
Academic Presentation	Fionnuala Ni Aolain (Ulster University, Ireland) <i>'The Missing Piece: Naming and Accounting for Gendered Violence in Transitional Societies'</i>
Academic Presentation	Karen Engle (Texas University School of Law, US) <i>'Calling in the Troops: The Uneasy Relationship Between Women's Rights, Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention'</i>