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Aspects of coloniality and race in the Women, Peace and Security agenda

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The Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, commonly related to the sequence of ten resolutions adopted by the UN Security Council since 2000 under the title of “women and peace and security”, involves numerous actors, activities and artefacts. Recent scholarship has convincingly demonstrated that conventional accounts of the agenda neither engage with race nor coloniality in their engagements. Here, panellists present ongoing research that explicitly centres race, coloniality, and Indigeneity in relation to WPS practices; the various papers challenge and complicate conventional narratives, revealing not only the plurality of the agenda in implementation, but its role in wider constitutions of self and other, and the ways in which gender can both accentuate and obscure violent pasts. By drawing on Black, Indigenous, decolonial, intersectional, and post-colonial feminist insights the panel considers the potential and limitations of the agenda and the possibilities of, and for, transformative feminist peace.

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