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Race, coloniality and the Women, Peace and Security agenda: Reflections on research and practice

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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. Conventional accounts of WPS development and implementation tend to reproduce a narrative that positions states and actors located in the global North as “providers” of WPS, and those in the global South as “recipients”. This assumption in turn prescribes, and proscribes, forms of WPS engagement and has a constitutive effect on the agenda itself, as shown by the post- and decolonial critiques of the agenda that have been advanced in recent years. This roundtable brings together experts engaged with various aspects of the WPS agenda to explore the operation of racialized power in the agenda and its colonial imprint, reflecting on ongoing research and contemporary policy practice.

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