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Men and masculinities: vulnerability, militarism and peacebuilding

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This panel brings together five feminist-informed papers that all critically engage with men and masculinity, not least by problematizing the meaning of masculinity across cultural, social and political settings but also by exploring its militarized and often damaging effects in times of war and conflict. Though the papers concede the close linkage between militarism and masculinity they all aim to move beyond that co-constitutive relationship by exploring the ways in which masculinity is derived from national identity, distinct military structures and age. What is more the panel demonstrates the ontological insecurities and vulnerabilities that also surround masculinity. The papers employ a range of methodological approaches and empirical examples in a fruitful way providing for constructive and innovative conversations.

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