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The gendering of institutions: intersectionality, power and rights

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This panel is composed of five papers that all explore the gendered dynamics, hierarchies and power relations undergirding international and domestic institutions including the UN and NATO. The papers raise a range of questions pertaining to intersectionality, the gendered, queer and racialized underpinnings of such institutions as well as the absence of men in some aspects of UN policy-making. The papers then bring new insights into the gendered institutional dynamics of global politics and security relations within and beyond the UN, with the women peace and security agenda being key to such scholarly debates. Moreover, the papers challenge the frequent employment of gendered, sexed and racialized binaries in international institutions and argue for an intersectional approach.

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