

New directions for the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda.

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The Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda has been innovative since the transnational feminist movement pushed for the creation of UNSCR 1325 in 2000, where it was heralded as a potentially radical intervention into global governance (Cohn et al 2004). Nearly a quarter-century on, UNSCR 1325, along with a further 9 related Security Council Resolutions forming a WPS agenda, continue to shape how we frame and respond to gender considerations within international peace and security institutions, the military, conflict affected areas, and peacekeeping and peacebuilding contexts. This panel draws our attention to new directions for WPS, both in terms of what is considered in the scope of WPS and innovative ways of using WPS to ensure more effective gender consideration. Papers prompt the study of new research areas such as digitalization and bodily fluids and their conceptualisation in the context of WPS. Other papers explore new ways of including women in peace and reconciliation processes and institutional strategies, drawing on experiences in Afghanistan and NATO. Taken together, all the papers highlight the ability of the WPS agenda to evolve and respond to the contemporary needs of women in international peace and security.

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