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Hidden Spaces of Gender, Peace and Security

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This is the first of the two-linked panels examining spaces of gender, peace and security. Drawing on feminist approaches on security, the panel forefronts places, spaces, and objects as a means of understanding gendered experiences of insecurity from the micro to the macro level and across a variety of national contexts from the UK and Romania to Philippines and Japan. By adopting a broad understanding of insecurity from war and conflict to natural disasters, this panel excavates 'gendered silences' (Selimovic 2010; Wright and Bergman Rosemond 2024) in peace activism and anti-colonial struggles, peace reconstruction and conflict resolution, security and defence policy-making, and disaster preparedness, evacuation, mitigation, reconstruction and recovery. The panel raises the following questions: What role do objects and museums play in our understanding of gendered experiences of war and conflict? How do gender and place intersect in security and defence policymaking? What role does gender play in place-based conflict resolution and peace reconstruction? What role does gender play in disaster and war preparedness?

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