

Researching ‘Military Social Harm’

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In recent years CMS scholars have begun to question dominant concepts and theoretical frameworks used to describe, understand, and challenge military power in diverse contexts. The concept of militarisation has received particular scrutiny (Howell 2018). In response, this panel develops an alternative way of making sense of military violence and the associated impacts of maintaining armed forces using a Military Social Harm approach (Basham et al., 2024). Questions animating the papers include: How can we identify, track, and render visible, the various harms associated with war and war-preparedness? How do different vectors of military social harm intersect? What can a military social harm reveal about mechanisms of accountability and redress of these harms?

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