

WHERE ARE WE? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Call for Papers

The world as we know it, is undergoing what appears to be a churning. With the stinging aftertaste of the COVID-19 pandemic, merging with present day despondency, the time calls for deep thinking, contemplation and reflection. This call for paper persuades academics, practitioners and early career researchers across the spectrum of conflict, gender and human security (studies), to share their empirical, normative and philosophical learnings, garnered to strengthen global commitment towards collective action and prevention against violence.

Amidst rising violence and uncertainty, **the year 2025, marks 25 years of the United Nations Security Council Resolution-1325 (UNSC1325)**. A historic achievement, the resolution was a culmination of decades of activism and pressure by women's groups, civil society and political actors. By centering gender in the UN's approach to conflict, conflict resolution and peacebuilding the resolution held out the promise of a radically different approach to women and war in the UN system and beyond. In the 25 years since the resolution was passed, it has been referenced in multiple UNSC resolutions, several states have declared 'feminist foreign policies' and the architecture of peacekeeping missions have changed to centre and provide accountability for the WPS agenda.

However, wars in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and other underreported conflicts, have demonstrated how quickly feminist agenda is overridden by 'hard' political approaches of militarisation and militarist solutions. The rise in global numbers of forced displacement due to war or climate-related risks/vulnerabilities, reinstate the structural and colonial power asymmetry leaving lasting impact on women, children, men and the planet. The consequences of war-making, new technologies and change in geo-strategic partnerships/alliances, leaves us in the world with growing anxieties and possibilities.

In order to address these issues and reflect on the past, present and future, the DCU Conflict Institute and the DCU Institute for Research on Genders and Sexualities is organising a two day conference in October 2025. Scheduled for 23-24 October, 2025,

the conference will be held in-person. Day one of the conference will be exclusively dedicated to UNSC1325 followed by day two with focus on 'conflict, gender and human security'. Early career researchers are encouraged to apply. The deadline for the abstract is August 18, 2025. Please submit a 300 word abstract through the [google form](#).

We welcome submissions particularly (but not exclusively) on the following themes

- **Conflict and Gender-Based Violence** [Gendered impacts of war and armed conflict, Gender and disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR)]
- **Human Security and Protection Mechanisms** [Migration, forced displacement, and refugees from a gender lens/ Climate change, environmental degradation, and human security]
- **Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Recovery** [Feminist approaches to peacebuilding, Transitional justice and gender-sensitive reparations, Gender and the politics of reconstruction and state-building]
- **Legal and Policy Frameworks** [International humanitarian law and gender, National Action Plans on Women, Responsibility to Protect, Peace, and Security]
- **Representation, Narratives, and Resistance** [Media and representations of gender in conflict, Grassroots women's movements and resistance in conflict zones, Masculinities and militarism, Queer perspectives on conflict and human security]
- **Intersectionality and Global Justice** [Intersections of race, class, sexuality, and disability in conflict settings, Indigenous women and conflict, Neocolonial dimensions of humanitarian intervention]

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Venue: School of Law and Government, Dublin City University