



# Monash GPS

## Global Peace & Security

Strategic Overview 2025

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# About Us

## MISSION

Advancing innovative and transformative approaches to address global peace and security challenges

## STRATEGIC VISION

Global peace and security challenges are widespread, causally complex, and increasingly interconnected. For example, conflict may be triggered or sustained by environmental degradation, weak governance, forced migration, digital disruption, transnational crime, and economic, food and health insecurities. In turn, these challenges cascade into others — forced migration, for instance, quickly intersects with trafficking and modern slavery — and becomes a globalised and multi-layered problem.

Addressing such challenges requires innovative and interconnected thinking by experts working together across academic disciplines and industry sectors.

The Monash Centre for Global Peace and Security brings together researchers who have the technical and knowledge-based skills, established networks, and expertise to contribute collaboratively to big solutions for major challenges.

The Monash Centre for Global Peace and Security (Monash GPS) focuses upon current and emerging peace and security challenges that threaten the safety and wellbeing of our global community. This includes concerns regarding conflict and political violence, the challenges of building sustainable peace, and the crises and opportunities created by our relationships with the natural environment and technology.

Increasingly complex and intersecting security challenges demand an interdisciplinary approach to better understand and address them.

Sustainable and equitable peace and security requires impact-oriented, responsible and inclusive research and engagement.

The research produced by the Centre is directed towards understanding the origins and nature of these challenges and creating smarter policy and more effective practice to address them. It has an intentional inter-disciplinary ethic that brings together policy expertise, technical skills and subject matter knowledge from across and beyond Monash University's faculties and campuses to produce comprehensive and innovative evidence, analysis and recommendations. By building large inter-disciplinary teams that partner with governments, industry leaders and communities, the Centre works towards transformative solutions to ending conflict and building inclusive and sustainable peace and security for all.



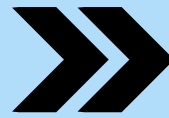
# STRATEGIC GOALS



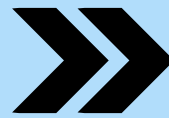
Engage in mission-oriented research that is ambitious, innovative and oriented to current and emerging global challenges



Strengthen our reputation as a globally recognised ‘go-to’ partner for addressing complex peace and security challenges



Advance impactful research that meaningfully and positively shapes global peace and security thinking, policy, practice and governance



Create and support multidisciplinary research teams to address global peace and security challenges within and beyond Monash campuses



Build and sustain collaborative partnerships with donors, governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations and civil society engaged in addressing current and emerging global peace and security challenges



Develop and deliver training and education that builds the skills, knowledge and networks of current and emerging peace and security practitioners and policy makers



Promote responsible research that adheres to the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion and do no harm to ensure ethical and effective outcomes

# Global risks landscape: an interconnections map



Relative influence, Edges — High — Medium — Low

Risk influence, Nodes ○ High ○ Medium ○ Low

Risk categories ● Economic ● Environmental ● Geopolitical ● Societal ● Technological

Source: World Economic Forum, Global Risks Perception Survey 2024-2025

# RESEARCH FOCUS

## Research Questions

The Centre's mission will be achieved by identifying and examining current and emerging challenges to peace and security, exploring existing responses, and designing new and transformative futures. To this end, the Centre's research is guided by the following three sets of research questions:

### 1. Challenges

- a. What are the current and emerging challenges to global peace and security?
- b. How do global peace and security challenges impact states, communities, economies, development, governance, and the environment?

### 2. Responses

- a. What are the strengths and weaknesses of current responses to global peace and security challenges?
- b. How can challenges be better predicted, managed, mitigated, and responded to?

### 3. Futures

- a. How should we transform the ways we conceptualize and theorize global peace and security?
- b. How can we transform our governance structures and practices to advance global peace and security?

# Research Pillars

At the core of the Centre's research is the ambition to prevent or end conflict and (re)build thriving communities that are free of threat and insecurity. Recognising that the intersecting challenges to peace and security are dynamic, the Centre's research falls under three pillars that will adapt to changing contexts. The first pillar focuses upon people as a primary referent for peace and security. The true measure of enduring peace and security is lives lived free of threat and violence.

The second pillar recognises place as central to our ability to sustain peace and security. Enduring peace and security is impossible without a healthy and safe environment. Moreover, challenges to the environment are major contributing factors in conflict and the failures of peacebuilding. Finally, the Centre recognises the growing importance of technology as both an enabler and threat to peace and security. It will explore the role of technology in conflict, warfare and political violence, as well as its capacity to strengthen humanitarian response, peacebuilding and political resilience.

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Addressing the global peace and security challenges associated with armed conflict, political violence, forced migration, and inequalities.

2

Addressing the global peace and security challenges associated with climate change, natural disasters, resource exploitation, and food, water and energy insecurity.

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# GPS Community

## 01. International Advisory Board

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- **Professor Katrina Lee-Koo:** Head of School, School of Political Science & International Studies, University of Queensland. Former GPS Director
  - **Professor Charlie Hunt:** Professor of Global Security in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT, and Senior Fellow at the United Nations University Centre for Policy Research.
  - **Lisa Sharland:** Senior Fellow and Director of the Protecting Civilians & Human Security program at Stimson. Former Deputy Director of Defence, Strategy & National Security, and the Head of the International Program at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) in Canberra, Australia.
  - **Dr Jacqueline Paul,** former Director | Gender Equality Multilateral Section / Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Branch | Development Policy Division / Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
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## 02. Executive Committee

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### **Eleanor Gordon**

Dr Eleanor Gordon is the Director of the Monash Global Peace and Security Centre. Her research and practice focus on building security and justice after conflict and inclusive approaches to peacebuilding and peacekeeping.



### **Alexandra Phelan**

Dr. Alexandra Phelan is a Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at Monash University. Her research interests include insurgent governance and legitimisation activities, insurgent women and gender, political violence, illicit financing and organised crime with particular focus on Latin America. She has published on insurgent legitimisation strategies, the Colombian conflict, and women in terrorism.



### **Elliot Dolan-Evans**

Elliot holds lecture roles in the Faculty of Law, and his current research interests focus on conflict, reconstruction, peacebuilding, and questions of global capitalism.



## Ika Idris

Ika Idris is associate professor at Public Policy & Management Program, Monash University Indonesia with research interest in digital propaganda, disinformation, and policy narrative. In addition to her academic pursuits, Ika actively engages with government institutions, offering consultancy services, workshops, and training sessions to government officers in Indonesia. Her expertise encompasses areas such as public communication, policy narrative development, social media strategies for government entities, and government reputation management. She co-authored a book “Misguided Democracy in Malaysia and Indonesia: Digital Propaganda in Southeast Asia” (2023).



## Jana-Axinja Paschen

Dr Jana-Axinja Paschen is a Research Fellow (Community-led Resilience) with the Fire to Flourish Program at the Monash Sustainable Development Institute. Jana’s applied social research expertise in community resilience and innovation research includes participatory methods that support social learning, community capability and positive change outcomes for communities. Her collaborations with government, industry and local community partners have generated practical and strategic recommendations to benefit communities in rural and urban contexts.



## Kien Nguyen-Trung

Kien Nguyen-Trung is a Research Fellow at Water Sensitive Cities Australia. He is an experienced applied sociologist working to create positive societal and environmental change, with a focus on water security, climate and disaster resilience, as well as advancing gender equality, disability inclusion, and social inclusion.



## Matteo Bonotti

Dr Matteo Bonotti is Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at Monash University. His research interests include party politics, political finance, linguistic justice, free speech, political liberalism, and food justice. He is the author of *Partisanship and Political Liberalism in Diverse Societies* (Oxford University Press, 2017) and the co-author of *Healthy Eating Policy and Political Philosophy: A Public Reason Approach* (Oxford University Press, 2022, with Anne Barnhill) in addition to over 40 scholarly articles.



## Parisa Sekandari

Parisa Sekandari is a PhD candidate at Monash University, a researcher, and advocate specialising in gender, peace, and artificial intelligence. She is a Project Coordinator at the Monash Global Peace and Security Centre. Her research explores gender biases in AI, women's leadership, peacebuilding, and education policy frameworks. As a Co-Founder of AMPLIFY Afghan Women, she leads initiatives to support Afghan women's empowerment and education. With a law and political science background and a master's degree in Gender, Peace, and Security, she is deeply committed to advancing human rights, social



## Sara Niner

Dr. Sara Niner is an interdisciplinary researcher and lecturer in the School of Social Sciences at Monash University. She is an expert in the field of gender and international development with a particular interest in those issues in the post-conflict environment of Timor-Leste and is widely published in this field. As a regional gender expert, Dr Niner has analysed and reported on gender issues in S. E. Asia for local and international development agencies such as UNDP, UN Women, Oxfam and International Women's Development Agency. Prior to becoming a critical development scholar she spent a decade working with the East Timorese diaspora in Australia followed by many years working and researching in Timor-Leste after the nation became independent post-1999.



## Thaatchayini Kananatu

Thaatchayini Kananatu is Course Director and Senior Lecturer in Global Studies at the School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Malaysia. Her research interests are in the intersections of law, gender and race; as well as in international human rights particularly in the context of the criminal justice system.



## Steven Zech

Dr. Steven Zech is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Monash University. He serves as Deputy Director for the Master of International Relations program and specializes in international relations, comparative politics, and research methodology. His general research interests include political violence and terrorism, militias, contentious politics, civility, and network analysis.



## Susie Ho

Susie Ho is Senior Academic Director of Rich Experiences in the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor Student Experience, where she draws upon relationships with the private sector, commercial enterprises, UN agencies and the start-up sector to create and deliver education that equips students to design, test and lead innovative solutions to global challenges. In alignment with SDG 17, Susie leads interdisciplinary, cross-sector and global collaborations to deliver forward-thinking education that supports innovation and advances the United Nations SDGs. She co-chair the delegations to UNFCCC Climate Change Conferences and oversee our Global Immersion Guarantee Program, which brings students into 10 different country locations to work hand in hand with local communities.



## Lauren Lowe

Thesis: Deconstructing the 'spoiler' in post-conflict peacebuilding.



## Vanessa Newby

Vanessa Newby is a Senior Lecturer at Monash University and author of *Peacekeeping in South Lebanon: Credibility and Local Cooperation* with Syracuse University Press (2018). She has a PhD in International Relations and her research interests include peacekeeping, peacebuilding, gender and security, and the international relations of the Middle East.

## 03 Fellows



### Ailie Gallant

Associate Professor Ailie Gallant is a climate scientist in the School of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment in the Faculty of Science. Her research focus involves investigations into the causes of drought and swings in precipitation. She is a Chief Investigator for the ARC Centre of Excellence on Climate Extremes, and the ARC Centre of Excellence for Weather of the 21st Century.



### Ben Zala

Ben's research focuses on the politics of the great powers and the management of nuclear dangers. He has particular interests in reducing dangers arising from the interaction between advanced conventional and nuclear weapons, mapping change in the global nuclear order, and drawing lessons from the history of great power relations for the contemporary global power transition. He has previously held positions at the Australian National University, University of Leicester, and Chatham House.



### Benjamin Moffitt

Dr Benjamin Moffitt is Senior Lecturer in Politics & International Relations in the School of Social Sciences at Monash University. His research focuses on contemporary challenges to liberal democracy, and he is one of the world's foremost international experts on populism, having authored three influential books on the topic. He works across comparative politics, political theory and political communications.



### Daniel Edgington-Mitchell

Daniel is an ARC Future Fellow in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, where he jointly leads the Shock Lab, a team that focuses on high-speed fluid flows in aerospace engineering (jets, rockets, detonation engines, etc). He is also passionate about equity issues, particularly in the STEM field, and has been involved in a number of research projects regarding how gender and sexual identity affect the experience of working in the STEM field.



## AMPLIFY Afghan Women

AMPLIFY Afghan Women are a Melbourne-based collective dedicated to empowering and broadcasting the voices, perspectives, and experiences of Afghan women and girls. The AMPLIFY team work with grassroots groups in Afghanistan, including underground schools and local feminists, to run educational programs and research projects. Through their work, they aim to provide safe and representative educational opportunities for marginalised groups in Afghanistan that allow these groups a platform to share their unique knowledge. AMPLIFY strive to reverse the silencing of Afghan women and girls, and strongly advocate for the inclusion of Afghan women and girls in all political, economic, and social spheres.



## Carsten Rudolph

Prof Rudolph's research concentrates on information security, formal methods, cryptographic protocols, security of machine learning, policy and human aspects of security with a strong focus inter-disciplinary topics. He oversees the Oceania Cyber Security Centre's (OCSC) program for national cybersecurity maturity reviews in the Pacific region, a collaboration with Oxford University, and explores international relations around cybersecurity and cyberdiplomacy.



## Dyah Pitaloka

Dyah is Senior Lecturer in Communications and Media Studies; and also Theme lead for Digital Technology & Wellbeing at the School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) future centre Southeast Asia Research Centre for Digital Technologies & Society (SEADS). Dyah's research explores issues related to social, cultural, political, and policy dynamics of emerging technology, specifically within the context of health and wellbeing, social inequalities, inclusion and exclusion, and justice in communication and media. She is currently leading a multidisciplinary project that investigate sexual violence against women in Metaverse from the perspective of Malaysia and Indonesia.



## Elissa Waters

Elissa is a political geographer and lecturer in Human Geography. Her research focuses on the social and political dimensions of climate change adaptation and disaster governance in Australia and the Pacific.



## Felicity McCormack

Dr Felicity McCormack is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment (Faculty of Science) and a Chief Investigator on the Australian Research Council Special Research Initiative Securing Antarctica's Environmental Future (SAEF). Felicity's research focuses on ice flow from the Antarctic Ice Sheet under a warming climate, and how future sea level rise will impact Australia and the Indo-Pacific region.



## Gabriela Fernando

Gabriela Fernando is a global health researcher focusing on the intersection of women's health, gender, and poverty, particularly across South and Southeast Asia. She uses participatory approaches in her research, particularly qualitative research methods. She is part of the foundational academic team at Monash University Indonesia, where she currently teaches several units in the Master of Public Health program. She earned her PhD in Global Health from the University of Queensland, Australia.



## Hanna Saleh

Hanna is passionate about international development, with extensive experience in community initiatives as part of peace building processes in conflict zones across the Middle East. With a background in social science studies, community development and business improvements on a global stage, she demonstrates a commitment to promoting international peace, stability, and cooperation.



## Hannah Oates

Hannah is a PhD candidate in the School of Social Sciences, her research focuses on the role of social media and emerging technologies in influencing elections and broader political landscapes. She is also the Lead Editor of AMPLIFY Afghan Women, and works to support the educational development and political representation of Afghan women and girls.



## Jack Corbett

Jack's research focuses on the politics and development of small island states. He is the author of seven books, two edited volumes, and numerous articles, chapters and commentaries. He also serves as co-director of the Resilient and Sustainable Islands Initiative, editor of the Topics in the Contemporary Pacific book series with University of Hawaii Press, and associate editor of the Australian Journal of Public Administration.



## Jen Wittwer CSM

Jen Wittwer, CSM, is a military veteran, and an international consultant, author and speaker on gender equality, gender mainstreaming and the global Women, Peace and Security agenda in the security sector. She has worked with UN Women in Ukraine, Jordan and New York. Jen is also a current GPS PhD Candidate.



## Jessica Kirk

Jessica Kirk is a Lecturer in Politics and International Relations in the School of Social Sciences at Monash University and an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow. She is interested in the global politics of health, with a particular focus on how health is linked to security, the contested role of expertise within health emergency response, and the challenge of mis- and disinformation.



## Joshua Newman

Joshua's research examines public sector decision making, especially how evidence informs policy. He is also interested in the interactions between government and non-government sectors, including industry, not-for-profits, and universities, and how these relationships contribute to public policy decision making.



## John Gardner

John Gardner is a sociologist and STS (Science & Technology Studies) scholar with an interest in bioethics, the ethics of medical innovation and the future of healthcare. He is the Director of the Monash Bioethics Centre.



## Lachlan McNamee

Lachlan is a Lecturer of Politics at Monash University. His research examines the politics of settler colonialism, empire, and political violence. He is the author of *Settling for Less: Why States Colonize and Why They Stop* (Princeton University Press, 2023).



## Katrina Mathers

AACTA-Award winning filmmaker, writer, actor and video producer, Katrina Mathers has extensive experience working with the creative sector, including running successful businesses, and currently works part-time to design and produce video content for Monash University's Portfolio of the DVC Education. Her shorts and animations have won over 100 awards and seen her travel extensively to some of the highest-profile film festivals around the world. Two of her short animations were Academy-accredited, and one was released theatrically as a 'highly-commended' film alongside the 2012 Oscar nominees. Katrina regularly collaborates with fellow creatives to produce new work: including with leading children's author/illustrator, Graeme Base, and former Childrens' Laurette, Leigh Hobbs. Her work is held in permanent collections at the Australian National Film and Sound Archive (NSFA); National Library of Australia; Queensland Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA); Stadtbibliothek Stuttgart Online Animation Library in Germany; Centro Experimental de Animación Video Archives at the National University of Córdoba in Argentina, and in the 3D ArtFutura Official Catalogues which are held at: New York's MOMA and Guggenheim Museums, as well as at selected libraries in Tokyo, Los Angeles, Sydney, Hong Kong and London. Katrina is often called upon to mentor emerging filmmakers and to speak on panels and at conferences. She is a Melbourne liaison representative for The NGO International Film and Knowledge Festival, a global event that takes place in different cities around the world. In 2025 it will be held in Melbourne, seeing high profile international speakers attend from all over the world. Katrina is a proud Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Community of Practice (CoP) Member, and LGBTIQ+ ally. Katrina is blind in one eye, and partially deaf in one ear.



## Matt Maycock

Matthew Maycock is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at Monash University. An anthropologist by training, he has a longstanding interest in everyday life in prison through specific analysis of prison staff and cultures. A focus within Matt's research relates to his work in Nepal over twenty years, where he has investigated longitudinal change within one village in far-west Nepal, following its establishment when a group of formerly bonded labourers were freed from the Kamaiya system of bonded labour.



## Megan Farrelly

Megan Farrelly is an interdisciplinary researcher situated at the intersection of environmental/urban geography, sustainability transitions, and policy/governance scholarship. I examine (i) the role of experimentation in influencing sustainable urban transitions and (ii) strategic governance and policy levers for driving these sustainable transformations in practice.



## Narelle Warren

Narelle is a medical anthropologist who conducts interdisciplinary research on structural vulnerabilities, ageing, disability and chronic illness in low- and middle-income countries, including Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam. Her research asks: how do structural and health systems factors shape people's experiences of age-related chronicity - including stroke, dementias, cardiovascular disease and physical disability - and the associated relations of care.



## Quinton Temby

Quinton received his PhD in political science from the Australian National University in 2017. His research interests are at the intersection of technology policy and security policy, with a background in research on violent extremism in Southeast Asia.



## Raymond Hyma

Raymond is a peacebuilding practitioner with expertise in Cambodia, where he has collaborated with local communities to co-develop a peace research approach known as Facilitative Listening Design (FLD) over the past decade. More broadly, Raymond's research addresses Southeast Asian community issues through intentionally participatory and transformative methods that both serve as interventions in conflict and challenge research paradigms that under-appreciate the value of standpoints from the communities at the centre of inquiry. Raymons is also a current GPS PhD Candidate.



## Nuri Veronika

Dr. Nuri Veronika is researcher, public policy analyst, facilitator and teaching specialist with more than 15 years of combined professional and academic experience crossing multiple countries and industries, academia, research, government, NGOs, tech and public management. She received her PhD from Monash GPS in 2024 and is currently a senior Teaching Associate at the Faculty of Arts, the University of Melbourne and the Faculty of Arts, Monash University.



## Richard Fosu

Richard Fosu is a Research Officer and Sessional Academic at Monash University where he is working with a team of researchers on a project, "Advancing the Meaningful Participation of Women in UN Peace Operations by Supporting Personnel with Caring Responsibilities". Richard obtained a PhD in International Relations from the same university in 2023 and his thesis examined the politics of inclusion in local peacebuilding in Uganda. His research interests include inclusive approaches to peacebuilding and transitional justice, politics of knowledge production, critical decoloniality and the African Union.



## Ross Hendy

Ross Hendy is a Lecturer in Criminology in the School of Social Sciences. His research focuses on the development of theoretical and applied perspectives of police and policing, such as practitioner behaviour and the effectiveness of police intervention. He is developing a new theoretical approach to explain police-citizen interaction, which explores officer decision-making and their use of control, coercion and the use of force. As a former sergeant with New Zealand Police, he has worked with researchers to enhance their understanding of the police environment, the limitations of police administrative data, and providing advice about real-world issues that criminal justice practitioners and policy-makers face in the criminological and criminal justice environment.



## Rob Raven

Prof. Dr. Rob Raven is an interdisciplinary scholar, professor of sustainability transitions and deputy director (research) at Monash Sustainable Development Institute. His current research agenda is focused on analysis of transformative change in urban contexts such as smart, sustainable, and net-zero cities. A key question is how actors, socio-technical experimentation, institutional change and incumbency in socio-technical regimes shape the governance of sustainable city futures in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and climate urgency.



## Samanthi J. Gunawardana

Samanthi J. Gunawardana is a Senior Lecturer in Gender and Development in the School of Social Science in the Faculty of Arts. Samantha's research examines the impact of development policy on employment systems, labour, and livelihoods among rural women in South Asia, particularly emphasising gender, labour, and the impact of conflict.



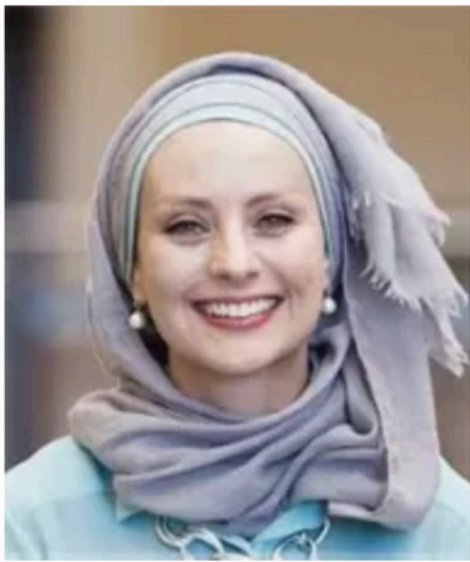
## Sharyn Davies

Sharyn Davies is Director of the Herb Feith Indonesian Centre here at Monash. Her research focuses on social justice issues in Indonesia and the Asia-Pacific region.



## Stefan Jurg Bachtold

Stefan's research is concerned with the technologies, discourses, practices, and interventions associated with societal transformations and armed conflicts, and has a particular focus on the interactions of digital technologies with state formations in Southeast Asia. This work combines approaches from international political sociology; science & technology studies; and peace & conflict studies with my practical experience in peacebuilding and international development.



## Susan Carland

Dr Susan Carland is an academic, writer, and social commentator. She completed her PhD in Monash University's School of Political and Social Inquiry. Susan is now the Director of the Bachelor of Global Studies and host of the podcast What Happens Next?



## Suyheang Kry

Suyheang Kry is a peace practitioner, a researcher and an accredited mediator with extensive experience in gender equality, peacebuilding, strategic planning, and feminist leadership. She is currently serving as the Executive Director of Women Peace Makers (WPM) and has exponentially grown the organisation from its grassroots beginnings to a national hub for work on the intersection of gender and peace issues.



## Stefan Kaufman

Stefan Kaufman is a Senior Research Fellow with Monash Sustainable Development Institute's BehaviourWorks Australia, where his work involves developing multi-agency behaviour change interventions within collective impact frameworks. Stefan's work also includes policy and practice translation, public value measurement, adaptive management in environmental behaviour change programs, integrating voluntary and compliance drivers for behaviour change, climate change risk communication, and social learning in complex socio-environmental systems.



## Tom Chodor

Tom Chodor is a Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at the School of Social Sciences, Monash University. His research focuses on the global governance of the global political economy, specifically the role of private actors in contributing to and contesting global policy agendas, and the transformation and global institutions in an era of fragmentation and geopolitical competition.



## Zarina Vakhitova

Dr. Zarina Vakhitova is an award-winning criminologist whose research focuses on crime prevention in cyberspace. She has an extensive publication record in leading international peer-reviewed journals, including PLoS One, Computers in Human Behaviour, Crime & Delinquency, Policing and Society, Crime Science and others. In 2023, she received the esteemed Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Early Career Research Award (DECRA) to research how ordinary citizens could effectively intervene to stop cybercrime or reduce harm to its victims.

# 04 Affiliates



## Aaron Y. Zelin

Dr. Aaron Y. Zelin is the Gloria and Ken Levy Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, where he also directs the Islamic State Worldwide Activity Map project. Zelin's research focuses on Sunni jihadi groups in Syria, North Africa, and Afghanistan as well as the trend of jihadi governance, online mobilisation, and foreign fighting.



## Alma Fazeli

Alma Fazeli holds a PhD from Monash University. Her thesis explored the conceptualisations of freedom in Iran before the 1979 Revolution from a cross-cultural perspective, examining how global anti-colonial struggles and discourse informed Iranian-Islamic political thought and, ultimately, the revolutionary narrative. Alma's research interests lie at the intersection of the history of ideas, political philosophy, and Middle Eastern and North African history, investigating how conceptions of freedom are formed and how they inform political practices. She is also passionate about the intellectual history of transnational solidarity and women-led social and political movements.



## Alejandra Zuluaga Duque

Alejandra is a PhD candidate at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society. She has a background in political science and development studies. Her research explores the connections between drugs, gender, and human and non-human rights. Her interests include development studies and the ways in which the links between drugs, gender, sexuality, and rights are understood and implemented in policy design and practice.

## Anna Antonakis

Anna Antonakis is a political scientist, cultural studies scholar and practitioner exploring the intersection of gender, media and securities, currently based in Zurich, Switzerland. Over the past decade, she has engaged with intersectional perspectives on political transformations and feminist peacebuilding in the areas of academic research, policy analysis, gender-sensitive (digital) conflict analysis, and media and information literacy at swisspeace, Freie Universität Berlin, the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, the Lebanese American University and others. Her research interests are anchored in the historical moment of the revolutionary uprisings in Tunisia in 2010/2011, which she witnessed and analysed online and offline. She holds a PhD in political science from the Freie Universität Berlin and studied political science at FU Berlin and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Strasbourg. Her book "Renegotiating Gender and the State in Tunisia between 2011 and 2014: Power, Positionality and the Public Sphere" was published in 2019.

## Amarnath Amarasingam

Amarnath Amarasingam is an Assistant Professor in the School of Religion, and is cross-appointed to the Department of Political Studies, at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada. His research interests are in terrorism, radicalization and extremism, conspiracy theories, online communities, diaspora politics, post-war reconstruction, and the sociology of religion.

## Gabrielle Williams

Thesis "examine the agency and impact of women as non-combatant supporters of the Republican movement in Ireland between 1969-1998, with a view to better understanding, and rendering more visible the often invisible roles of women in insurgency movements." Gabrielle was elected to the Victorian Parliament in 2014 and currently serves as a senior Minister in the Allan Labor government. She holds a Bachelor of Law/Arts (hons) from Monash University.





## Aydon Edwards

As an Australian Tongan, Aydon Moala-Edwards is passionate about preserving Tongan culture in the face of climate change. He holds an Honours degree from La Trobe University, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and a Master of International Relations degree from the University of Queensland and has work experience in the fields of gender, peace and conflict, Indigenous affairs, and social public policy.



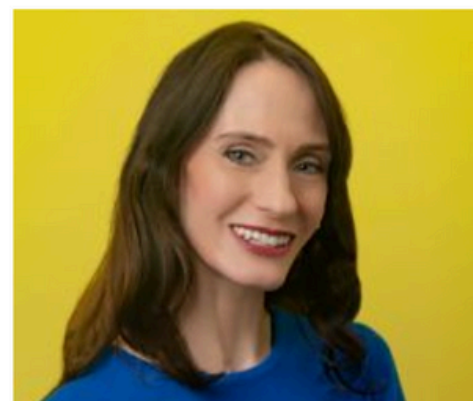
## Ayse Lokmanoglu

Ayse D. Lokmanoglu is an assistant professor at Clemson University and core faculty in Media Forensics Hub. She is a leadership member of Vox Pol Network and an affiliate of the Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life (CITAP). Her work takes a mixed-method approach that integrates computational methodologies, quantitative tools, and digital humanities to examine the mainstreaming of supremacist ideologies on the internet by state and non-state actors focused on race, gender, and religion.



## Briony Jones

Prof Briony Jones is Reader of International Development in the Politics and International Studies Department of the University of Warwick UK, and Director of the Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development. Her research takes place at the intersection between transitional justice, development, and peacebuilding with a particular focus on citizenship, political agency, and the politics of knowledge. She also has an active impact profile, and is an associated researcher of both swisspeace and the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies.



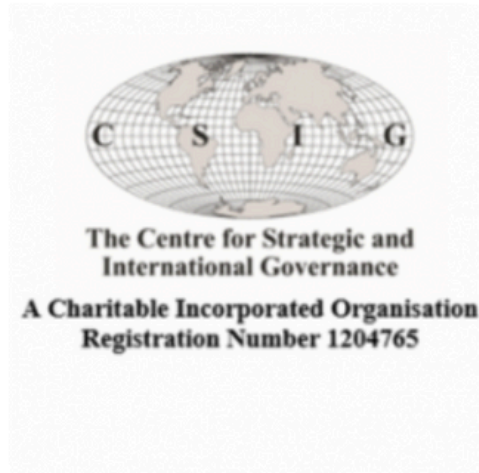
## Chelsea Daymon

Chelsea Daymon is a terrorism and extremism researcher and Ph.D. candidate in Justice, Law & Criminology in the School of Public Affairs at American University. She specialises in communication methods and extremist groups' use of the Internet. She has several publications, including academic journal articles, think tank reports, and popular press pieces and she has engaged in media outreach to an array of local, national, and international news outlets.



## Claudia Wallner

Claudia's research focuses on preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE), as well as radicalisation and recruitment into violent extremism, particularly far-right extremism, with a focus on online and gender dynamics of radicalisation and recruitment.



## The CSIG

The Centre for Strategic and International Governance (CSIG) is a newly registered, UK based charity dedicated to advancing human rights and education through the lens of good governance and ethical leadership. We support societies in determining their own solutions to human rights issues and mitigate the adverse trends that threaten the attainment of SDG16. Recognising that the quality of governance systems influences development outcomes, and that the realization of human rights is at the core of leaving no one behind, the CSIG will collaborate with like-minded individuals, civil society, academic bodies, UN SDG Hubs and others by providing technical and vocational guidance and training programmes, and advising sustainable development policies and techniques.



## Dianty Ningrum

Dianty is currently a postdoc on the topic of Empirics of Hope at the Anthropocene Laboratory, hosted by The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. The projects focuses on evidence of hope towards common flourishing in our changing and highly connected planet, which is characterised by the intertwinedness and embeddedness of people and nature in the biosphere.



## Delia Paul

Delia Paul's research interests focus on the intersections of environmental governance and peacebuilding. She is currently consulting with the Climate Mobility Innovation Lab, a program of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to advance understanding of climate-induced displacement. Her PhD in human geography, awarded by Monash University in 2024, investigated the role of civil society in the multilevel governance of water security. She frequently writes for Earth Negotiations Bulletin, a publication of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, on processes around making and implementing global environmental agreements.



## Elaine Pratley

Dr Elaine Pratley is a lawyer and Rotary Peace Fellow helping people and organisations collaborate through conflict. She is Founder of Peace Inc. and Peace Kitchen Australia, and advises not-for-profits in the Asia Pacific region. Her PhD examined food and youth peacebuilding.



## Emma Briant

Dr. Emma L Briant is a British political communication scholar whose primary expertise is on propaganda and information warfare in a digital age. She is a Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame



## Elizabeth Armstrong

Principal of Ithaca Impact, Dr Elizabeth Armstrong is a social impact specialist working with private and publicly listed companies, chambers of commerce, and industry bodies to identify and support their delivery of responsible business and genuine, strategically relevant corporate social and environmental impact.



## Ellen Maynes

Ellen's work addresses challenges to inclusion in countries impacted by conflict, fragility and climate change including PNG, Myanmar, Fiji and Solomon Islands. She designs and delivers impactful solutions to issues including gender based violence, childcare, access to vocational learning and financial exclusion through engaging the private and public sectors, civil society and donor stakeholders.



## Henrik Larsen

Henrik is an interdisciplinary researcher interested in crisis management, security, migration, policy and neoliberalism. From his work in spontaneous volunteerism and the management of forced migration, he was awarded a PhD in International Relations.



## Hugh Simpson

Hugh completed the Masters of International Development Practice degree at Monash University in 2021, writing a thesis exploring the linkages between colonialism, gender, and food security in the context of Palestine. He currently works in the food systems policy and advocacy space within the Australian context.



## Isabelle Zhu-Maguire

Isabelle Zhu-Maguire is a PhD candidate at the School of Regulation and Governance at the Australian National University. She researches climate change and security foreign policy in the Pacific and women's rights in Afghanistan.



## Isel Ras

Isel, as the PVE and Conflict Advisor for Impact Pathways, focuses on understanding and countering violent extremism globally, incorporating mental health and rehabilitation aspects. With expertise from institutions like the Institute for Security Studies, she manages projects, donor relations, and publications, aiming to inform evidence-based policies. Her proficiency in project oversight and strategic communications reflects her commitment to advancing social change and influencing conflict-related policies.



## Irine Hiraswari Gayatri

Irine Hiraswari Gayatri holds a PhD from Monash University, and currently serves as a Senior Researcher for the Research Centre for Politics at the National Research and Innovation Agency in Indonesia. Her accomplishments include collaboration with the National Counter Terrorism Agency to formulate Indonesia's National Action Plan on Countering/Preventing Violent Extremism Leads to Terrorism, and working with the Coalition of Anti-Gender-Based Violence and the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection (MoWECP) to adopt UNSCR 1325 into Indonesia's first generation of National Action Plan.



## Jamie Hodgson

Jamie is a sustainability practitioner working in the built environment sector, specialising in business and human rights, in particular modern slavery and human trafficking, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and First Nations reconciliation. Jamie also works closely with Amnesty International on a range of human rights issues, including climate justice, First Nations rights, and refugee rights.



## Jennifer Grover

Jennifer has over 15 years of experience as an international humanitarian aid worker with a protection focus, including 9 years as a Protection of Civilians Officer and Civil Affairs Officer with the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan and South Sudan. Her area of interest is community-based protection and early warning systems, with a focus on women and youth.



## Jessica White

Dr Jessica White is a Senior Research Fellow in the Terrorism and Conflict group at the Royal United Services Institute in London. She conducts research and has recently published on a range of topics including gender in security, far-right extremism and terrorism, terrorism in the media, and the nexus of extremism and online gaming, including her Routledge monograph "Gender Mainstreaming in Counter-Terrorism Policy: Building Transformative Strategies to Counter Violent Extremism".

## Jiangshan Yu

Dr. Jiangshan Yu is a 2021 ARC DECRA Fellow and Associate Professor at the University of Sydney. His research interests are in the broad area of cybersecurity, with a recent focus on blockchain systems.



## Keith Sargent

Keith is an independent adviser and trainer, specialising in socio-economic development, governance and integrity, and institutional development. Working in both traditional development and fragile and conflict affected state (FCAS) contexts he has advised governments and donor agencies, including UN agencies (UNDP/DTCD, UNDESA, UNFPA and UNMIK), the World Bank, the EC and EDF, and the UK Government's FCO and DFID. He is a registered expert with the Civilian Stabilisation Group (Governance Core) of the UK Government's Office for Conflict Stabilisation and Mediation (OCSM), a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and co-founder and CEO of a newly registered charity, the Centre for Strategic and International Governance.



## Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace (LFPCP)

LFPCP was established in 1987 and is one of the most active NGOs in Lebanon. It focusses on peacebuilding and conflict resolution, human rights and citizenship, and good governance and the rule of law, with the overarching aim of building a civic culture to sustain peace.



## Llani Kennealy

Llani Kennealy is an International Consultant specialising in Women, Peace, and Security, leveraging her extensive military background to advocate for greater female representation and enhanced experiences within the global security sector. She has played pivotal roles such as Director of the Australian Department of Defence Implementation of Australia's National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, and has served as a trusted advisor to senior military leaders. Currently, Llani is affiliated with the Monash Global Peace and Security Centre, the International Peace Institute, and UN Women, focusing her efforts on project delivery and research examining the barriers to the meaningful participation of women's deployment in peace operations. Additionally, she serves as Chair of Women Veterans Australia, NFP.





## Maria Rost Rublee

Maria is a Professor of International Relations at the University of Melbourne. Maria's research focuses on the social construction of national security, including a significant focus on examining how gatekeeping and knowledge construction may limit who is permitted to participate in national security discourse and policy.



## Minakshi Das

Minakshi Das is an experienced educator and community engagement researcher with 15 years of professional experience in the realm of Social/Public Policy with a blend of research, training, and program management. Her expertise in maternal and child health well-being expanded her research horizon into refugees' access to health care, interdisciplinary research in public health, health systems, and policy, gender equity, human rights, and environmental health governance.



## Melissa Tomris Taylor

Melissa Tomris Taylor holds a PhD in International Relations and Politics from Monash University, where her research focused on Syrian temporary protection beneficiaries and their displacement in Türkiye, as well as their integration prospects within the country. Her interdisciplinary approach incorporated elements of management practices and communication studies to analyse the Turkish Government's temporary protection policies and their implementation. In addition to her academic work, Melissa is an experienced practitioner in EU immigration and asylum law, having spent over ten years working for Ireland's Department of Justice. Her expertise in both research and practical application positions her as a knowledgeable figure in the field of immigration and refugee studies.



## Meikko Forones

Meikko Forones is former Monash GPS PhD student and graduated in 2024. Thesis: Children's participatory rights in post-conflict transition community in Bangsamoro Mindanao, Philippines.

## Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai



Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai is an advisor to the Initiative for Peacebuilding and an Honorary Fellow at the Asia Institute, Faculty of Arts, Melbourne University. He previously served as the Chief Peace Negotiator for the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in talks with the Taliban. Over a span of 20 years, he held various senior positions within the Islamic Republic. These included serving as the chief of the National Directorate of Security (NDS), the Acting Minister of Defense, and the deputy head of the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) Commission. He also led the Joint Secretariat of the Afghanistan Peace and Reintegration Program and the Secretariat of the High Peace Council. Additionally, he played a crucial role in negotiating a power-sharing agreement between rival presidential candidates following the disputed 2019 election and a peace agreement between the Government and the Islamic Party. Also led the Afghan government's team in negotiations with the Taliban after the Doha Agreement on February 29, 2020. In the early years of the Islamic Republic, Stanekzai served as the Minister of Communications, where he led a full reform and establishment of modern communications infrastructure in Afghanistan and created markets for public and private partnerships. Before establishing the Islamic Republic, he headed one of the largest NGOs in Afghanistan and was among the country's first Human Rights Commission members. Stanekzai holds a Master's degree in Philosophy of Engineering for Sustainable Development from Cambridge University and a Master's in Business Management from Preston University. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts from the Kabul Telecom Institute and graduated from Kabul Military University. He has served as a senior fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace and has published various reports and research papers. Currently Masoom co-leads the Intra-Afghan Dialogue in Australia, an initiative at the University of Melbourne that brings together Afghans from different walks of life to explore pathways towards a peaceful and just Afghanistan. Masoom is also working on a Policy Brief paper with the Initiative for

## Mujib Abid



Dr Mujib Abid is an Afghan-Australian scholar of modern Afghan history, peace studies and political theory. Mujib's work foregrounds critical traditions that self-locate in the Global South, including postcolonial and decolonial approaches, as well as other traditional and Islamic knowledge perspectives. Mujib is currently working on a book project on Afghan encounters with colonial modernity, examining modernist power and the politics of dissent in Afghanistan. He is also working on a project that studies the social and cultural dimensions of post-2001 Australian involvement in the 'war on terror' and statebuilding regimes in Afghanistan. Mujib holds a Ph.D from the University of Queensland, a Master's Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Sydney and a B.A. from the American University of Afghanistan.



## Naomi Francis

Dr Naomi Francis has 10 years' experience working as a researcher, engineer and educator in international water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), gender and development and Australian water management.



## Natasha Singh Raghuvanshi

Natasha Singh Raghuvanshi holds a PhD from Monash University in International Relations and Politics, focusing on the Women, Peace, and Security agenda through a gendered state theoretical lens. Her interdisciplinary work contributes to scholarship on gender and armed conflict, and she has extensive experience as a peace and security practitioner in Kashmir, India, and with the Women, Peace and Security coalition in Australia.



## Nedha de Silva

Nedha de Silva is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Emerging Technologies Research Lab, Monash University, where she explores the intersections of sustainability and net-zero futures. As an interdisciplinary researcher and ethnographer, her work examines gender, debt, economic security, climate change, and violence in post-conflict contexts. She is also a Global Fellow of the War Effects project of University of Bergen where she explores alternative economic models for women in post-conflict Sri Lanka. She completed her PhD at Monash University, focusing on rural women's experiences of economic security in post-war Sri Lanka. Her research draws on Sociology, Feminist Political Economy, and Feminist Security Studies to theorize structural violence and financial insecurity. Nedha has extensive experience in research and teaching across Sri Lanka, Australia, and the UK. She has contributed to international projects on women in informal labor markets, gendered violence, religion, and climate change. Her interdisciplinary work informs policy debates on sustainable development, gendered economies, and post-war reconstruction.



## Phasiree Thanasin

Phasiree (Poon) Thanasin focuses on the intersection of mental wellness and peacebuilding serving as the CEO of the Thai-based social enterprise Wocation as well as the Thailand in-country director for Cambodia-based Women Peace Makers. She has a Master's in mass communications from the Hawaii Pacific University. She is currently pursuing a second Master's in psychology at Chiang Mai University where she is exploring dimensions of trust in conflict scenarios.



## Patricia Salas Sanchez

Dr. Patricia Salas Sanchez's research looks into the producing moral identity through gendered international practices.



## Valentina Baú

Dr Valentina Baú is Co-Director of the Humanitarian and Development Research Initiative (HADRI) at Western Sydney University, and Associate Research Fellow UNESCO Chair, Cultural Diversity and Social Justice at Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation in Australia. She holds a Ph.D in International Communication from Macquarie University (Australia) and a MSc in Communication for Development from the University of Reading (UK). Her research investigates the use of communication for development in both peacebuilding and humanitarian contexts. She has collaborated with international NGOs, UN agencies and the Italian Development Cooperation. Her experience involves the implementation of both research and media projects with victims and perpetrators of conflict,



## Yannick Veilleux-Lepage

Yannick Veilleux-Lepage is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Economics at the Royal Military College of Canada. His research focus on the intersection of emerging technologies and political violence. In addition, he is interested in how gender dynamics influence the online behaviour of extremist actors.



### **Anggia Anggraini**

Thesis: Gender Politics, Conflict and External Interventions in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea.



### **Buddhima Padmasiri**

Thesis: International Development, Global Capital, and Local Realities: Women's Agency in Rural Sri Lanka.



### **Casey Jewell**

Thesis: "War, Memory, and Gender in Kosovo: How Memorialisation Shapes Narratives of Women's Conflict Experiences"



## **Christina Schmid**

Thesis: Gender regimes in insurgency and why they matter.



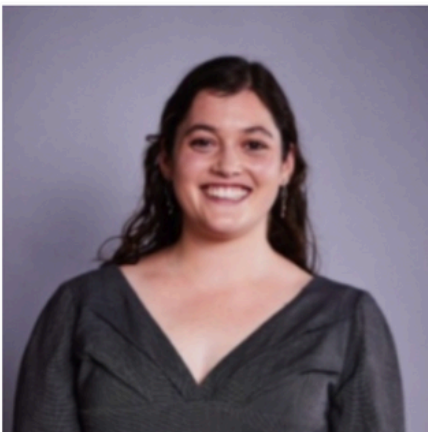
## **Clara Ribeiro Assumpção**

Thesis: The Genealogy of Gender-Responsive P/CVE Programming.



## **Hana Hanifah**

Thesis: Institutional Analysis of Patterns of Violence Against Women in Indonesia.



## **Isabel Dunn**

Thesis title: The Experiences of Women of Refugee Backgrounds Accessing Domestic and Family Violence Support: A Tasmanian Service Assessment



## **Joana Osei-Tutu**

Thesis Topic: Caught between the Dynamics of Conflict and Terrorism: The Strategic Use of Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria.



## **Jen Wittwer, CSM**

Thesis title: The Conceptualisation and Practice of Human Security and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Global Peace Operations: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities for Military Institutions.



## **Jessica Abbonizio**

Thesis title: Poetic narratives of women's leadership in education for planetary health



## **Niha Pandey**

Thesis: Advancing Feminist Foreign Policy in Nepal: Opportunities and Constraints.



## **Patricia Salas Sanchez**

Thesis: (Re)producing moral identity through gendered international practices.



## Rachel Banfield

Thesis: Effective prevention of sexual violence in armed conflict with a focus on South Sudan.



## Raymond Hyma

Thesis: Participatory and Action-Oriented Research for Peace: Producing insider knowledge whilst transforming conflict through inquiry.



## Serena Ford

Thesis: ASEAN member state and civil society engagement with the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, with a special focus on Vietnam and Indonesia.



## Susanne Kozak

Thesis: The Political Economy of Social Reproduction in Disasters – The Case of Drought in Zimbabwe.



## **Tevvi Bullock**

Thesis: Ecological Crises in the 21st Century: Gender, Planetary Health and Disasters.



## **Lam Pham**

Thesis: Transformative Adaptation Strategies of Coastal Communities and Fishers to Increased Extreme Weather Events.



## **Victoria Scheyer**

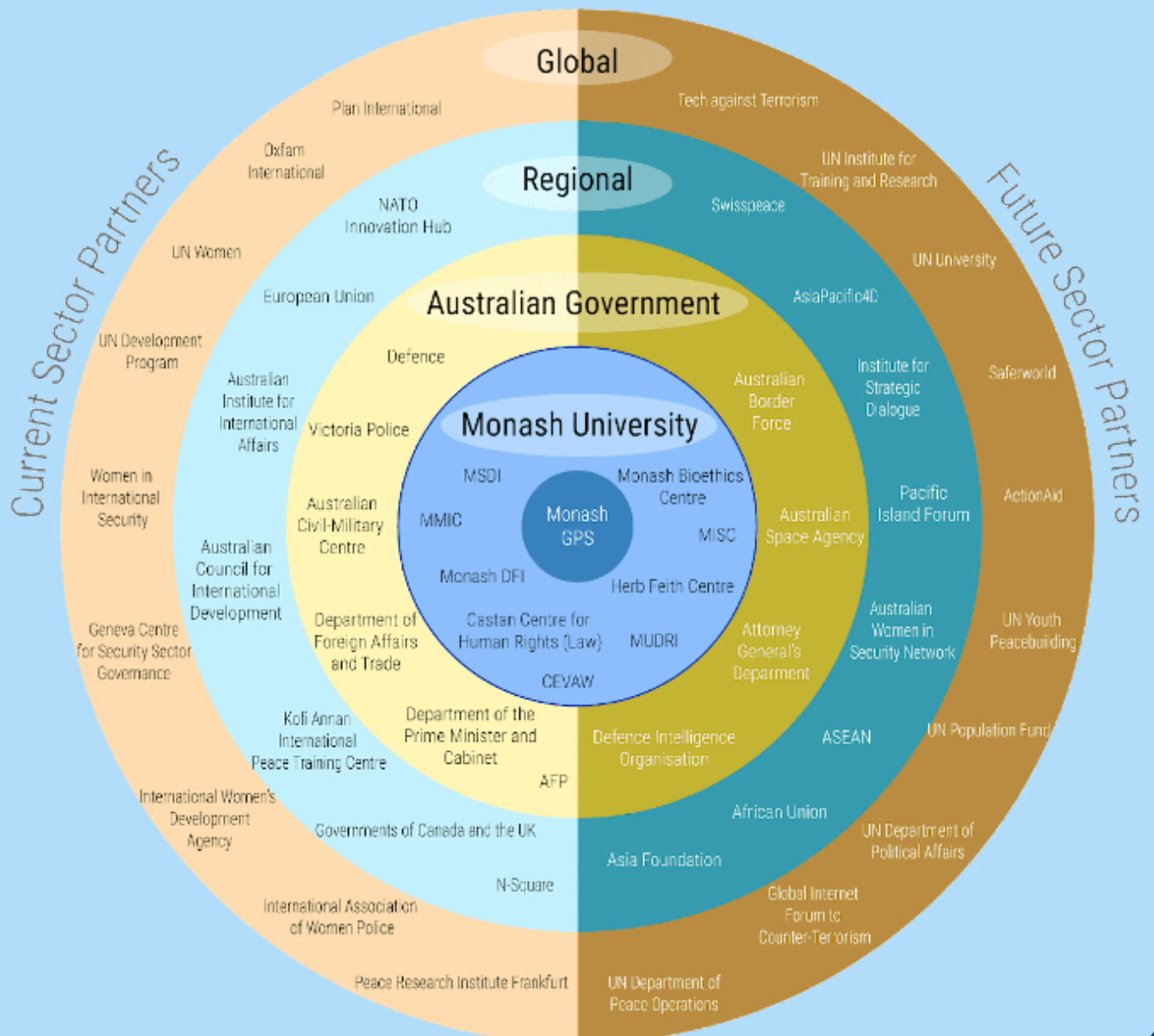
Thesis: Gender matters in the Transnational Radical Right.

# Partners



# CENTRE NETWORK

The Centre aims to consolidate and extend partnerships within the Monash ecosystem, the Australian Government, regionally and globally, as visually demonstrated in the diagram below. By partnering with existing Monash centres, Monash GPS brings a ‘peace and security lens’ to existing expertise that enables large, interdisciplinary collaborations. By strengthening and building our global networks we engage in problem-solving and applied research that has a major impact upon the global peace and security landscape.



Monash GPS provides a hub for collaborative and cross-disciplinary work across all of Monash’s disciplines and campuses. The Centre functions as an organising platform to support, build and sustain large, inter-disciplinary teams, projects and an extensive partner network.

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# Advancing the Meaningful Participation of Women in UN Peace Operations by Supporting Personnel with Caring Responsibilities (2023-26)

**Funder:** Global Affairs Canada (Government of Canada)

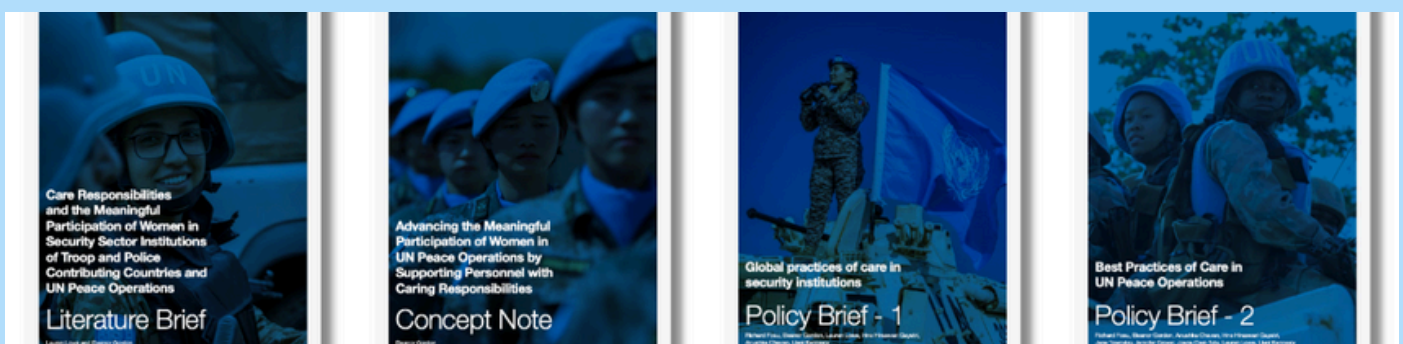
**Lead:** Eleanor Gordon.

**Other Investigators:** Katrina Lee-Koo, Lauren Lowe, Richard Fosu, Irine Gayatri (National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN); WGCDCR Llani Kennealy (Retd); Joana Osei-Tutu, Acting Deputy Director of the Women, Youth, Peace and Security Institute, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC); Jane Townsley, former President and Executive Director of the International Association of Women Police (IAWP); Anushka Chavan (India Consultant); Jennifer Grover (Founder and Director of A.C.T. for a Better Day, Ltd.); Council for Strategic and Defence Research (CSDR), India; BRIN; and KAIPTC.

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**Project summary:** This project is the first of its kind to identify the causes and consequences of marginalizing women with caring responsibilities from military and police organizations (security institutions) in troop and police contributing countries (T/PCCs) and UN peace operations. The objective of this project is to propose ways to reduce this marginalization, thereby improving the meaningful participation of women, enhancing operational effectiveness and advancing gender equality. The project duration is 3 years. A multi-method approach will be employed, including key informant interviews across 7 fieldwork sites: UN HQ, 3 T/PCCs (Indonesia, India and the United Kingdom) and 3 UN peace operations (UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) and UN Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)). Findings, including best practice and lessons learned, will inform a series of comprehensive recommendations, advocacy tools and an organizational toolkit that can be used to better support the recruitment, retention, promotion, training and deployment on peace operations of women in military and police organizations.

Outputs available on GPS website.



# Who Cares in Peacebuilding

**Funding partner:** DVCR (RTA Grant)

**Lead:** Eleanor Gordon

Other Investigators: Katrina Lee-Koo, Lauren Lowe, Briony Jones, Charlie Hunt et al

**Partners:** members of the universities of Warwick, Sydney, RMIT; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Swisspeace, Saferworld, International Peace Institute (IPI), UN Department of Peace Operations (UNDPO), UN Women, and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC)

**Project summary:** On the inaugural International Day of Care and Support (29 October), Monash GPS issued a joint statement and launched a global survey on care work and peacebuilding, with partner universities (Warwick, Sydney and RMIT) and senior members of the international community engaged in peacebuilding (including DFAT, UNRISD, Swisspeace, Saferworld, IPI, UNDPO, UN Women, and KAIPTC). This initiative aims to raise awareness - and encourage action to address - the marginalisation of peacebuilding practitioners with caring responsibilities and the subsequent impact this marginalisation has on peacebuilding outcomes. Findings from the global survey will be launched in 2024. Outputs available on GPS website.





**Dr Stephanie Blair**, former Chair of the Board of Governors, Saferworld



**Joana Ama Osei-Tutu**, Deputy Director of the Women, Youth, Peace and Security Institute, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KA IPTC)



**Dr Phoebe Donnelly**, Senior Fellow & Head, Women, Peace, & Security, International Peace Institute (IPI)



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**Dr Katja Hujo**, Senior Research Coordinator, UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)



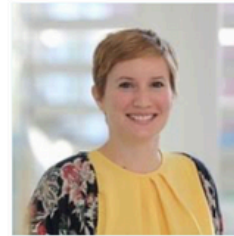
**Dr Jacqueline Paul**, Director, Gender Equality Multilateral Section, Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT)



**Rachel Dore-Weeks**, Country Program Manager, Lebanon, UN Women



**Jared Rigg**, Deputy Chief, Security Sector Reform, UN Department of Peace Operations (UNDPO)



**Dr Briony Jones**, Reader of International Development, University of Warwick



**Dr Charles T. Hunt**, Professor of Global Security (RMIT) & Senior Fellow, UN University (UNU)



**Dr. Eleanor Gordon**, Director, Monash GPS, Monash University



**Professor Katrina Lee-Koo**, Head, School of Political Science & International Studies, the University of Queensland



**Lauren Lowe**, PhD candidate, Monash University



**Professor Laura J. Shepherd**, Professor of International Relations, University of Sydney



**Dr. Megan Bastick**, Gender & Security Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)

## Who Cares in Peacebuilding

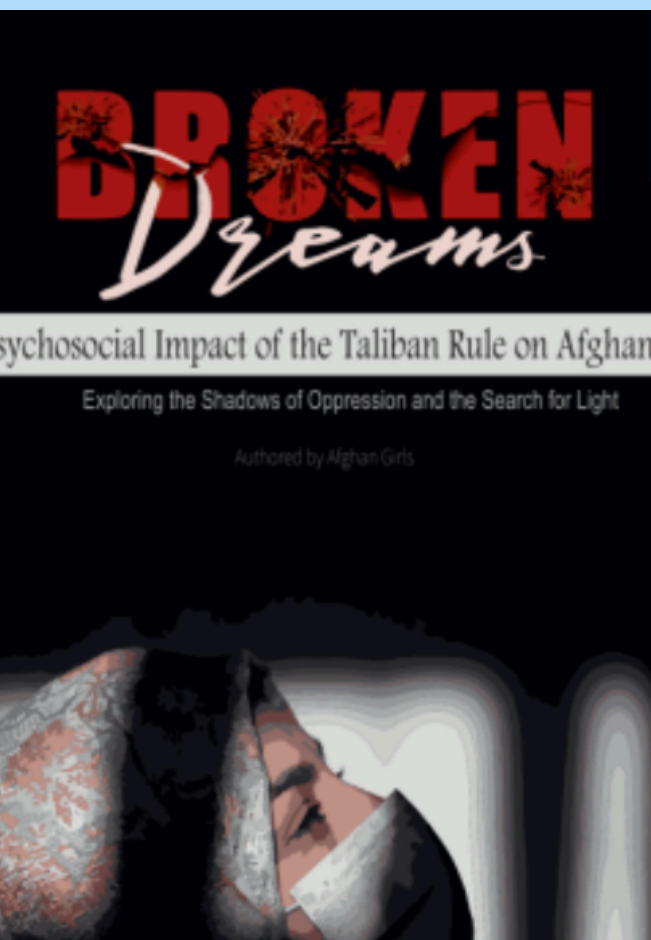
# Afghan Women Educational Projects and Initiatives

**Lead:** Parisa Sekandari

**Funding:** GPS

**Projects:** Broken Dreams: The Psychosocial Impact on Afghan Girls, and the Afghan Girls Training Project.

**Project summary:** In response to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan under Taliban rule, Monash GPS launched two projects to support Afghan women's education: "Broken Dreams: The Psychosocial Impact on Afghan Girls," an essay collection documenting the experiences of nine young women, and the "Afghan Girls Training Project," a one-month online education program. These initiatives aim to empower Afghan women through education, fostering resilience and providing essential research and writing skills. "Broken Dreams" offers a unique perspective on the psychosocial impacts of Taliban rule, highlighting both the challenges and the strength of Afghan girls. The "Afghan Girls Training Project" will commence in July 2024, providing an intensive program designed to equip young Afghan women with vital skills for advocacy and personal development. These initiatives underscore the critical role of education in empowering Afghan women to rebuild their lives and advocate for their rights.



# Domestic Politics, States and the Guiding Principles: Insights from Indonesia

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**Lead:** Andrew Rosser

**Funding:** ARC

**Project Team Members / Chief Investigators:** Tom Chodor, Andrew Rosser (Uni of Melbourne), Kate Macdonald (Uni of Melbourne), Ken Setiawan (Uni of Melbourne)

**Project summary:** This project examines how domestic politics shapes Indonesia's implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGPs) on Business and Human Rights. Specifically, the project will analyse how the Indonesian state responds to different actors in civil society promoting the implementation of policies governing human rights abuses in key economic sectors, and how this shapes their effectiveness.

## L'homme n'est pas le maître de la terre, mais la terre est le maître de l'homme: encounters, dialogues and solutions for natural resource management and sustainable development in Côte d'Ivoire

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**Lead:** Briony Jones

**Funding:** Economic and Social Research Council Impact Acceleration Account

**Project Team Members / Chief Investigators:** Briony Jones (CI) with Dr Mouzayian Khalil-Babatunde , Dr Adou Djane Dit Fatogoma (Centre Suisse de Recherche Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire)

**Project summary:** TThis project works with communities to capture their voices and expertise for natural resource management and generates a space for key stakeholders to hear and incorporate this expertise. Our project will also generate important knowledge about how local expertise can be incorporated into policy decision-making and what happens in the encounter between local voices, international goals, and national regulations.

# Empowering Data Literacies in Displacement

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**Lead:** Vicki Squire (University of Warwick)

**GPS Co-Investigator:** Briony Jones

**Partner:** Economic and Social Research Council Impact Acceleration Account

**Donor:** IOM

**Project Team Members / Chief Investigators:** Vicki Squire (CI, Warwick), Briony Jones (Warwick), Prithvi Hirani (IOM), Funke Fayehun (Ibadan)

**Project summary:** This project focuses on developing training materials on data literacies for use by humanitarians and internally displaced persons.

# Civilian Self-Defence Force Mobilization in Peru (i.e. "militia participation and its effects")

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**Lead:** Steven Zech

**Partner:** Monash/PSU

**Donor:** PSU-funded survey

**Project Team Members / Chief Investigators:** Steven Zech; Joshua Eastin (Portland State University)

**Project summary:** This project draws on original survey data from active self-defence force participants in Peru—along with a sample of non-participants from the same communities—to examine motives for joining these armed groups. We also examine how participation in these armed groups affects members' political, social, and economic lives. We complement the survey data with hundreds of personal interviews and observational data from extensive fieldwork between 2011 and 2022.



# Development communication, media and peace in protracted displacement

**Lead:** Valentina Baú

**Donor:** ARC

**Project Team Members / Chief Investigators:** Valentina Baú (HADRI, Western Sydney University)

**Project summary:** In contexts of protracted displacement such as refugee camps, cultural, religious differences, and the influence of violent groups create an unstable environment for young people. This is a case study analysis of media projects in three refugee camps located in different geographical areas. The intended outcome is to generate evidence on a development communication approach that addresses humanitarian needs while simultaneously triggering mechanisms that initiate longer-term community and social development. The focus is on media use by displaced young people living in protracted situations of encampment.



# Critical Studies in Media Communication FORUM - A Century of Propaganda Studies: From pen and sword to surveillant smartphone.

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**Lead:** Emma Briant

**Project Team Members / Chief Investigators:** Emma Briant and Marc Owen Jones

**Project summary:** This Forum marks what has been, arguably, a century since the birth of modern Propaganda Studies: the flurry of scholarship that followed as a reaction to the rise of fascist and Stalinist propaganda use in Europe at a time of developing mass media. Propaganda is the deliberate use of organized communications to influence an audience or audiences to achieve political, or other, goals of a propagandist. Among propaganda's features, the powerful political interests it often serves, and their often self-interested purposes, remain a constant: spreading ideologies or shifting behaviors to advance the ambitions of governments, corporations, political ideologues, authoritarians, fascists, imperialists, and even democrats, across every continent. However, contemporary propaganda and its global contexts have also seen rapid transformation during this century. Firstly, the industries, technologies, techniques and media used have progressed at an accelerating pace, from radio and TV to today's AI generative media, social media and data-driven microtargeting. Secondly, there has been transformation in propaganda's sociotechnical, geopolitical and economic and even individual contexts - with important trends for example in the political economy, globalization, professionalization, datafication, personalization and commercialization of propaganda. Together these trends have also shaped newer debates over lexicon (with synonyms including 'fake news' and 'disinformation' rising and falling in popularity) and advancing theory shifting priorities in the academic field. Propaganda Studies has also evolved from a field dominated by white, Anglo-American and male scholars of security producing its dominant perspectives, toward one that is growing increasingly diverse in its scholars, ideas, and focus - and in terms of region, positionality and epistemology. We thus envisioned this CSMC Forum to consider what we have learned from this century of propaganda's scholarship and practice, and indeed what we still need to learn. This Forum therefore asks 'whither Propaganda Studies?' as we hurtle toward its future.

# ACFID State of the Sector Report 2024

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**Lead:** Samantha Gunawardna and Sara Niner

**Partner:** ACFID

**Project Team Members / Chief Investigators:** Karinda Flavell (Monash, PhD Candidate), Raewyn Lans (ACFID), Aditri Saikia (ACFID), Jack Corbett (Monash), Heloise Weber (University of Queensland)

**Project summary:** This project will update the previous ACFID State of the Sector Report (2018) with new data collected from the ACFID membership of Australian international NGOs.

## Right Here, Righ Now Global Summit

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**Lead:** Susie Ho

**Project Team Members / Chief Investigators:** Oxford and UN Human Rights

**Project summary:** Right Here, Right Now Global Climate Alliance (RHRN) is a multi-stakeholder movement driven by universities and youth, to help the world align climate action with human rights obligations. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), this rights-based climate action will enhance outcomes and their sustainability, reduce trade-offs, support transformative change and advance climate resilient development. By reframing climate change as the fundamental human rights crisis that leading scientists and human rights advocates, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights have declared it to be, RHRN promotes human rights as a powerful tool to help address the climate crisis.

# Penal pandemic: A comparative study on COVID-19 pandemic experiences in Southeast Asian prisons to inform future pandemic preparedness

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**Lead:** Malaysia Lead - Thaatch Kananatu

**Partner:** Bristol University, U.K.; Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; Civika Asian Development Academy Phillipines

**Donor:** British Academy

**Project Team Members / Chief Investigators:** Nasrul Ismail (Bristol University), Thaatchayini Kananatu (Monash University, Malaysia), Pitch Pongsawat (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand), and Elmer Soriano (Civika Asian Development Academy, Philippines).

**Project summary:** The research will examine how state democracy, capacity, resilience, and multilateral cooperation impact pandemic preparedness in prisons across Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand.

The findings from the project will provide actionable insights for politicians and policymakers to develop more substantive, inclusive and effective future pandemic preparedness programmes.



# There's absolutely no Humanity. This is purely political'. How Spontaneous Volunteers disrupt the 'management' of life seekers'

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**Lead:** Henrik Kjellmo Larsen

This project examines the pivotal role of spontaneous volunteers in humanitarian responses, particularly in the context of the Greek refugee crisis. Drawing from personal experience and extensive engagement over the past decade, the author argues that spontaneous volunteers serve as essential actors within the humanitarian system, capable of both disrupting and renewing its frameworks. Through insights shared by experienced humanitarian workers, the project highlights the barriers faced by life seekers and the systemic failings of official responses, emphasizing the moral imperative driving volunteer efforts.

Central to the discussion is the critique of "classical humanitarianism," which often operates as a closed system focused on control rather than genuine care, failing to address the deeper socio-political structures that perpetuate suffering. In contrast, spontaneous volunteers provide immediate assistance while bringing a humanistic perspective to their work, often acting in the absence of established humanitarian organizations. I show how spontaneous volunteers disrupt the management of life seekers by drawing attention to systemic failures in the humanitarian system.

Throughout the project, I reflect on the complex dynamics of spontaneous volunteerism, including the tensions between volunteers, state authorities, and international organizations. These interactions reveal the marginalization and criminalization of volunteers who strive to fill critical gaps in humanitarian aid, often facing hostility and legal challenges in the process. By integrating first-hand experiences with theoretical insights, the chapter advocates for a re-evaluation of how spontaneous volunteers are perceived and integrated into humanitarian frameworks.

Ultimately, this project argues for a renewed approach to humanitarianism that recognizes the invaluable contributions of spontaneous volunteers as a means of fostering systemic change, encouraging a more effective humanitarian response.

# Gender, Peace and Security

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**Project Summary:** Several projects are underway with partners in Cambodia, Argentina and with plans for a project in Syria investigating synergies between care, peace and security and identifying barriers to women's participation in peace and security efforts that arise through having caring responsibilities. The project in Cambodia works with representatives of the Government, civil society, armed forces and UN to investigate the synergies between care and peace work, feeding into discussions on developing Cambodia's first Women, Peace and Security (WPS) National Action Plan as well as how women with caring responsibilities can be better supported to engage in peace and security work. The project in Argentina investigates the impact of having caring responsibilities on women's participation in the police and ways in which they can be better supported to advance gender equality and improve operational effectiveness.



# Civil-Military-Police Cooperation: Connecting Gender Inclusion, Gender Responsiveness and Operational Effectiveness

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**Funder:** Australian Civil-Military Centre (ACMC), Government of Australia

**GPS Co-Investigators:** Eleanor Gordon (lead), Jennifer Wittwer, Llani Kennealy, Ross Hendy, Richard Fosu

The Australian Civil-Military Centre (ACMC), Government of Australia, and Monash GPS are undertaking research to investigate the links between gender inclusion, gender responsiveness and operational effectiveness in responses to conflict and crises that involve civil-military-police cooperation. The project is being co-designed by key stakeholders including the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Australian Federal Police (AFP), as well as ACMC and Monash GPS, to ensure the research is practically focused and outcomes driven. The project will examine the connection and correlation between gender diversity in military and police organisations and gender responsiveness in deployments and operations, and in particular the impact on:

- Civil-Military-Police Cooperation: Assessing the impact on cooperation with civilian actors engaged in conflict and crisis response.
- Community Impact: Analysing the ability to engage with diverse communities affected by conflict and crisis, and respond to their different needs.
- Operational effectiveness: Evaluating whether integrating a gender perspective (inclusion and responsiveness) has measurably enhanced operational outcomes.

The aim of the project is to identify and disseminate good practice and recommendations to enhance gender-inclusive and gender-responsive civil-military-police cooperation in conflict and crisis response, with the overarching aim of strengthening civil-military-police cooperation to better respond to current and emerging security threats. It will identify how to:

- Build upon and connect efforts to advance gender inclusion and gender responsiveness in deployments and operations.
- Improve civil-military-police cooperation in conflict and crisis response.
- Engage and respond to the needs of diverse communities impacted by conflict and crisis.
- Enhance operational effectiveness of conflict and crisis response efforts.

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