

**ISA Workshop
Gender, Global Health, and Violence
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Final Report

The purpose of the “Gender, Global Health, and Violence” Workshop was to finalize chapters for a proposed volume by the same name co-edited by the workshop organizers. The volume integrates two fields of interest within the ISA, namely Global Health and Peace Studies, to address gendered and marginalized injustices in both policy and scholarly debates of global health. The volume is groundbreaking and potentially transformative of the agendas of both Global Health and Peace Studies, with the capacity to deepen and broaden the thematic interests of both traditions. It brings questions of gendered global health to Peace Studies, while contributing more nuanced analyses of gendered violence to Global Health scholarship. Other objectives of the workshop include supporting early career researchers and scholars from the Global South, while further broadening ISA membership beyond the traditional confines of IR.

The group met at the University of Tampere from 16 to 17 January 2018, hosted by Peace Research Institute TAPRI. Attendees were: Beth Ahlberg (Adjunct Prof., Uppsala University, Sweden); Catia Confortini, Associate Professor, Wellesley College, US); Debra DeLaet (Professor, Drake University, US), Élise Féron (University Researcher, University of Tampere, Finland); Laura Finley (Associate Professor, Barry University, US); Linda Gibson (Senior Lecturer, Nottingham Trent University, UK), Sophie Harman (Reader, Queen Mary University, UK), Deborah Ikhile (PhD Candidate, Nottingham Trent University, UK), Anne Kubai (Associate Professor, Uppsala University, Sweden), Ann Therese Lotherington (Professor, The Arctic University of Norway) , Dragana Lukić (PhD Candidate, The Arctic University of Norway), Néstor Nuño Martínez (Postdoctoral Researcher, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Switzerland), Camilla Reuterswaerd (PhD Candidate, University of Wisconsin Madison, US), Tiina Vaittinen, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Tampere, Finland); and Azrini Wahidin (Professor, Nottingham Trent University, UK)

Two of our authors were not able to attend the workshop due to strict VISA problems of Finland/Schengen area. We asked Sophie Harman to participate as a substitute on rather last minute. This last addition turned out to be crucial, as Sophie provided additional and insightful feedback to all papers and ultimately agreed to write a conclusion to the volume. The authors who could not attend because of VISA problems were skyped in for their presentation, although they could not understandably attend the entirety of the program.

We asked authors to submit completed draft by December 18th 2017, in order for all to have time to read each other drafts, so as to be able to offer feedback. The workshop began with a short introductory presentation that we gave as the editors of the book project, in order to summarise the main goals and analytical focus of the book as a whole. This was then followed by two days of work, where each chapter was discussed in detail for 45 minutes - including our introductory chapter. The sessions were organized so that, in the beginning of each session, the authors gave short (10 minute) presentations with focus on the following two questions:

- 1) What is the main contribution of the chapter to the book project?
- 2) How did you use violence as an analytical tool in analysing gendered global health, and what was the added value of doing so?

That all the authors had read each others chapters along with these two guiding questions for the presentations, were essential for setting the stage for interdisciplinary conversations. The authors of the volume come from different disciplinary backgrounds - from medical sociology to health sciences to political sciences and peace research to gender studies, for instance - made it a challenge and an excitement for us to be able to articulate, if not a common language of global health and violence, a language that was intelligible by all. In this regard, the two days' workshop was a true transdisciplinary effort of co-creating new knowledge, while reconceptualizing common themes and discourses across numerous scholarly disciplines. The result was a lively and inspiring set of conversations around each contribution, leading to quite innovative approaches and insights, which we believe will show in the final version of the edited book.

As for the schedule (programme enclosed in the report), the chapters were divided evenly between the two days. At the end of the first day, the last session was spent for summarizing the discussions of the day, and at the end of the second day, the last session was spent for both recapping and discussing the alternatives for the publication, as well as the schedule for the second drafts.

The book proposal — drafted by the organizers shortly after the workshop -- has now been accepted for publication by Rowman and Littlefield: the contract has been signed and the volume is scheduled to be published in March 2020. The book proposal was reviewed by altogether 6 referees for two different publishers, and all the referees rated the project as outstanding. We ultimately decided to accept R&L offer, because of pricing: in line with the workshop goals we felt that the volume too should be accessible to a wide spectrum of readers from the global south as well as the global north, and hence priced and marketed accordingly.

At the time of writing the report, in August 2018, we have received the second drafts of all the chapters, and the book manuscript will be edited and sent to the publisher by the end of February.