Gender & Democratization in Societies at War

An International Workshop at Colgate University

October 6-7, 2006 / Colgate University, Hamilton New York

Conference Agenda

Friday, October 6

Welcome and Introduction / 9:00-9:45 a.m. / Women's Studies Center, East Hall

Introductory Comments, Maureen Hays-Mitchell, Department of Geography, Colgate University

Welcome, Dr. Rebecca Chopp, President of Colgate University

Prelude, Daniel R. Mok, Director of P-CON, the Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Colgate University, and Hélène Julien, Director of the Women's Studies Program, Colgate University

Conceptualizing "Gender and Democratization in Societies at War"
Jill Irvine, Women's Studies and Religious Studies Programs, University of Oklahoma
Maureen Hays-Mitchell, Department of Geography, Colgate University

The European Context / 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. / Women's Studies Center, East Hall

The Black Widow's Web: Violence and Gender in the Chechen Conflict
Nina Renée Amm, Davis Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies, Harvard University

Tackling Violence against Women in Post-war Bosnia-Herzegovina: Women's NGOs, International Intervention and the State
Elissa Helms, Department of Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

From the Ethics of Care to the Ethics of Politics: Gender and Democratization in Croatia, 1990-1995
Jill Irvine, Women's Studies and Religious Studies Programs, University of Oklahoma

Discussant: Nancy Ries, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Colgate University

The Asian Context / 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. / Women's Studies Center, East Hall

Men, Maps, and Motherland: The Articulation of Masculinity, Boundaries, and Jewish Nationalism in Israel
Tamar Mayer, Department of Geography, Middlebury College

Out of Conflict, Opportunity? Girls' Education in the Post-Taliban Era of Afghanistan
Carolyn Kiesene, Program in Global Affairs, New York University (in absentia)

Discussant: Guillermima Seri, Peace and Conflict Studies, Colgate University

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Saturday, October 7

The African Context / 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. / Women's Studies Center, East Hall

Algerian Women in Politics, Civil Society, and Government
Meredith Turshen, E.J. Bukowski School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University

Iron Ladies, Women in White, and Run-Away Warriors: Varieties of Gendered Activism in Post-War Liberia
Mary Moran, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Colgate University

Gender Balance in the Rwandan State: Consequences for Civil Society
Jenkin Burnet, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Women's Participation in Local and National Politics in the Not-So-New South Africa
Betty Harris, Department of Anthropology, Women's Studies Program, University of Oklahoma

Discussant: Anne Pitcher, Department of Political Science, Center for Ethics and World Societies, Colgate University

The Latin American Context / 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. / Women's Studies Center, East Hall

Gender, Ethnicity, and the Search for Justice in the Colombian Conflict
Donny Meertens, Department of Gender Studies, Universidad Nacional de Colombia en Bogotá, Colombia; Peace and Security Program, United Nations Development Fund for Women, Colombia

Gender, Political Identity, and Neoliberal Governance in Post-War Guatemalas
Elizabeth Ogletree, Center for Latin American Studies, Department of Geography and Regional Development, University of Arizona

Women Working for Peace through Political Reform in Post-Conflict Peru
Maureen Hays-Mitchell, Department of Geography, Colgate University

Discussant: Guillermima Seri, Peace and Conflict Studies, Colgate University
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Peace-making and conflict transformation, a changing process creating economic structures within and among societies. Discussions will be grounded in the context of war and the legacy of civil strife and conflict. Peace-building is a struggle to create peace and in the face of violence, women and men have been characterized by experience. Peace-building is the struggle to create peace and transform the nature of gender relations to building democratic institutions and gender equality. The organizers and participants hope to enhance understandings and exchange experience. Peace-building is a space for meaningful negotiations and compromise between gender and democracy, in societies that have been characterized by violence. Peace-building is the struggle to create peace and transform the nature of gender relations, and is a space for meaningful negotiations and compromise between gender and democracy.