

THE GENDER OF JUSTICE: The Prosecution of Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict

Sexual violence
is a widespread
feature of
contemporary
conflicts.

How do we
provide justice
for these
crimes?

The Gender of
Justice is a
major new
study of justice
for conflict-
related sexual
violence.

Funded by the European Research Council, this four year project studies gender justice for conflict-related sexual violence.

The project uses a mixed method case study of forms of justice for conflict-related sexual violence in the war in the former Yugoslavia. This includes the first aggregate study of sexual violence prosecutions before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), and the domestic courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

Dr Kirsten Campbell, Reader in Sociology at Goldsmiths, University of London, leads this project. Kirsten is an expert on gender and international criminal law, with over ten years' experience of funded empirical work in this area. Kirsten has doctorates in modern languages (Oxford) and law (London School of Economics), and is also a qualified lawyer.

The team has eight highly experienced social and legal researchers, and three international experts. Five team members are based in BiH.

The research aims to:

- Identify patterns of female and male conflict-related sexual violence and the prosecution of these crimes before the ICTY and BiH courts.
- Assess policies and practices addressing conflict-related sexual violence in these criminal justice systems.
- Understand the links between criminal justice and social justice for conflict-related sexual violence in BiH.

The research findings offer:

- Comprehensive review of the crime base of conflict-related sexual violence in the former Yugoslavia.
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis of prosecutions of conflict-related sexual violence in ICTY and BiH proceedings.
- Better understanding of gender justice for the international crimes in a specific conflict context.

The project collaborates with practitioners, as well as judicial, international and civil society organisations at international and national levels.