

RESEARCH PROJECT

Project name: Gender, Justice and Memory

Description: Gender Justice and Memory explores ways in which post-conflict remembering can contribute to debating and unsettling harmful gender norms that may have contributed to specifically gendered harms in conflict. The project currently consists of three sub-projects, including the first gender justice memory project: “Building Inclusive Histories in Transition: Symbolic Reparations, Memorial Arts and Gender-based Violence in Comparative Perspective” expands the Gender Justice Memory research network. The project explores the need for inclusive curricula and the possibility of publications in the area of transformative gender justice.

“Intimacies of Violence. Veterans accounts of gender and warfare in Peru” seeks to record the life histories of veterans of the Peruvian conflict (1980-2000) who currently live in Ayacucho, the area which was the centre of the violence of Shining Path and the counter-insurgency.

The project aims to building theory around the links between conflict-related and gender-based violence, and the consequences of such links on processes of transitional justice. To this end, Boesten works with anthropologist and veteran Dr Lurgio Gavilán from the University in Huamanga, Ayacucho. Collaborators Helen Scanlon and Jelke Boesten aim for an overarching collaborative research project that seeks a cross-continental gender analysis of transitional justice and its feminist counter-narratives -bridging past, present and future.

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