Accomplishments of The FBA 1325 Working Group

A Tribute to Louise Olsson
Introduction

An Introduction to UNSCR 1325

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Articles Directly and Indirectly Produced as a Result of the Working Group
International Organization

1. “Peacekeeping, Compliance with International Norms, and Transactional Sex in Monrovia, Liberia”
World Politics

1. “Female Combatants and the Perpetration of Violence: Wartime Rape in the Sierra Leone Civil War”
1. “Restoring Confidence in Post-Conflict Security Sectors: Survey Evidence from Liberia on Female Ratio Balancing Reforms”
2. “Honor and political violence: Micro-level findings from a survey in Thailand”
3. “Explaining Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Peacekeeping Missions: The Role of Female Peacekeepers and Gender Equality in Contributing Countries”

**From Karen:** I have really appreciated being part of this group, for me, the first experience was presenting a paper co-written with Erik Melander and Elin Bjarnegård at the 1325 meeting at Harvard in 2014: “Who fights? Exploring the relationship between honor ideology and violent political behavior in Thailand” – we received very good comments which made us rework the paper quite a bit (it was recently published in JPR).
Journal of Conflict Resolution

1. “An introduction to UNSCR 1325”
2. “Female peacekeepers and gender balancing: Token gestures or informed policymaking?” (special issue)
3. “(En)gendered Security? The Complexities of Women's Inclusion in Peace Processes” (special issue)
4. “Sexual exploitation and abuse by peacekeepers: Understanding variation” (special issue)
5. “Gender Mainstreaming Unraveled: The Case of DRRR in Liberia” (special issue)
6. “Revisiting Representation: Communism, Women in Politics, and the Decline of Armed Conflict in East Asia” (special issue)
7. “Data on Women's Participation in NATO Forces and Operations” (special issue)
8. “Data on Women's Participation in UN, EU, and OSCE Field Missions: Trends, Possibilities, and Problems” (special issue)
9. “Gender Equality and Post-Conflict Reconstruction: What Do We Need to Know in Order to Make Gender Mainstreaming Work?” (special issue)
10. “UNSCR 1325—Conundrums and Opportunities” (special issue)
12. “Gender equality and post-conflict reconstruction: What do we need to know in order to make gender mainstreaming work?”
International Peacekeeping


2. “Building a more competent security sector: The case of UNMIL and the Liberian National Police”

3. “Advances in the Analysis of Contributor-Level Peacekeeping Data, with a Focus on Gender Data”
Civil Wars

1. Violence begets violence: Armed conflict and domestic sexual violence in sub-Saharan Africa
Demography

1. “Armed conflict and maternal health care micro-level evidence from sub-Saharan Africa”
1. “UNSC Resolution 1325 national action plans in Liberia and Sierra Leone: An analysis of gendered power relations in hybrid peacebuilding”
1. “National action plans as an obstacle to meaningful local ownership of UNSCR1325 in Liberia and Sierra Leone”
In total, 30 published papers or more

From Angela: I have participated in several of the 1325 FBA workshops, which have enriched my understanding of empirical research and contributed to my own work. Louise and I are now cooperating in a project funded by the Swedish Research Council, Disciplining fighters: Understanding Armed Political Actors’ Control of Sexual Violence. Her hard-working, insightful leadership has lifted the women, peace and security agenda for me, and helped me navigate my way to a delightful network of scholars and policymakers.
Book Chapters


Working Papers

• At least 16 in progress now....
From Dara Cohen: I have presented many ideas at the working group, including the initial conception for the SVAC dataset (which has now been used in dozens of articles, working papers, PhD dissertations and master's theses) and the early idea for our Haiti survey.

In terms of Louise's and the working group's impact on my own work, it is hard to overstate how central this support (funding, intellectual exchange) has been to my research agenda, and--I would argue--the development of the entire field of positivist research on gender and violence. So thank you, Louise!
From Monica: What I would add is how she helped to develop a network of scholars devoted to these issues and at all levels of scholarship, welcoming the most senior and most junior scholars in the community without hesitation.

From Caitlin: I was awarded a FBA grant in October 2016 to research large-scale agribusiness in Sierra Leone as it relates to women, peace and security. I am in my final week of 3 months of field research now, and I am exceptionally grateful to FBA and Louise for making this project possible. I have gained a great deal of helpful feedback and insight from working group meetings in Boston (2014), Stockholm (2016), and Vienna (2017). In particular, feedback from Boston and Stockholm helped improve 2 articles co-authored with Helen Basini.
Does anyone else have any closing remarks that they would like to share?
Thank you Louise!!!!