



# Gender and Violence

---

## What?

This project examined how women's experience of enduring gendered violence affects their ability to access and influence the realm in which political settlements emerge and evolve. This project used case studies and a mix of methodologies to provide evidence on the relationship between violence against women (VAW) and political settlement. Through it, we considered the ways in which VAW operates to limit the public spaces in which women participate.

## How?

The project had three distinct studies. First, a study on how sexual violence changes in different stages – from pre, to during, then post conflict – and the ways in which this shapes women's inclusion, with case studies of Liberia, Northern Ireland and Timor-Leste. Second, as part of the Northern Ireland research, a second empirical study involved new longitudinal quantitative data on domestic violence patterns and how they change during and post-conflict, leading to specific publications on the connection between conflict and post-conflict processes and domestic violence. Finally, using interviews with women in Israel/Palestine, a study considered how women's lives are shaped by occupation – a form of formalised unsettlement.

## Why?

These projects all considered how women's lives intersect with violent agendas and shape the spaces in which they are included and excluded. Through exploring the relationship between VAW pre-conflict, during conflict, and post conflict, we also problematized the 'conflict' versus 'non-conflict' distinctions that are sometimes used with respect to which violence the peace process is to address.

## Who?

Jessica Doyle, Fionnuala Ni Aolain, Monica McWilliams and Aisling Swaine (Transitional Justice Inst.)

## Key Publications

- [Doyle, J., & McWilliams, M. \(2018\). \*Intimate Partner Violence in Conflict and Post-Conflict Societies: Insights and Lessons from Northern Ireland\* \(PSRP Report\). Edinburgh: Global Justice Academy, University of Edinburgh.](#)
- [McWilliams, M., & Doyle, J. \(2017\). \*Violent conflict, political settlement and intimate partner violence, Lessons from Northern Ireland\* \(PSRP Research Report\). Edinburgh: Global Justice Academy, University of Edinburgh.](#)
- [Swaine, A. \(2018\). \*Conflict-Related Violence Against Women: Transforming Transition\*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.](#)
- [Swaine, A. \(2018\). \*Understanding and Addressing Conflict-Related Violence Against Women\* \(PSRP Briefing Paper\). Edinburgh: Global Justice Academy, University of Edinburgh.](#)

For a full list of publications, search our [publications database](#).