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The Missing Peace

Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings

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In recent years there has been a marked increase in international attention to sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict settings. While several policy initiatives to prevent or mitigate such violence have been advanced, each has fallen short. Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat argues that it is of the utmost importance to understand why this “missing peace” continues to evade our best intentions. She reflects critically on the state of academic research on sexual violence in post-conflict settings, as well as current policy debates including the international symposium on this theme in Washington, DC from 14-16 February.

Prior to joining SIPRI North America, Dr. de Jonge Oudraat held positions at the United States Institute of Peace, the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Johns Hopkins University), Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the John F. Kennedy School of Government (Harvard University) and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva. Among her many publications, she recently edited (with Kathleen Kuehnast and Helga Hernes) *Women and War: Power and Protection in the 21st Century* (2011, USIP Press).

Ralph Bunche (1904-1971) was an American scholar, civil-rights campaigner and diplomat. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. During his nearly quarter century as a UN official, Bunche aided decolonization and helped to invent peacekeeping. He enjoyed and encouraged vigorous debate.

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