

This video discusses a co-authored book titled "The Law of War and Peace: A Gender Analysis," written by the authors Sarah Ti, Emily Jones, and Sherry Lebinski. The book addresses gaps in the existing literature on gender and conflict, particularly the legal aspects regulating armed conflict. It aims to serve as both a teaching tool and a research agenda, focusing on how gender as a concept can be understood as a power relation rather than merely as an identity marker.

The authors argue that all laws governing war and peace are inherently gendered and explore how gender influences legal frameworks, particularly in relation to collective security, international humanitarian law, and counter-terrorism. They emphasize using gender as an analytical tool to scrutinize these laws, rather than just focusing on how they affect women.

The book critiques existing Security Council resolutions on women, peace, and security, arguing that they often frame women's roles and experiences too narrowly and may not be the best avenue for feminist legal reforms. The authors advocate for a broader understanding of gender dynamics, including intersectional and decolonial perspectives, and aim to inspire scholars to analyze the laws of war and conflict through a gendered lens.

Additionally, the authors express a commitment to highlighting peace studies and the importance of constructing a narrative around peace, rather than solely focusing on conflict and violence. They suggest that feminist and queer approaches can enrich the discourse on these topics, and they are currently working on a second book that will expand on these themes, particularly in relation to peace and decolonial perspectives.