

Miranda ALISON



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Academic Degrees & Titles

Associate Professor in Politics and International Studies. Miranda Alison is Module Director for Ethnic Conflict and Political Violence (final year undergraduate) and Qualitative Research Methods (Masters/Diploma). She has also previously taught Gender and Development (final year undergraduate). She is a New Zealander and took her BA and MA Hons. in Politics at Auckland University. After completing her MA she worked briefly for the United Nations as an intern with both the Division for the Advancement of Women (New York) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva). She then moved to Belfast to study for a PhD at Queen's University, examining female combatants in non-state (guerrilla/paramilitary/'terrorist') military groups in ethno-national conflicts, with Sri Lanka and Northern Ireland as comparative case studies. She has done fieldwork in her case study countries, interviewing female combatants and ex-combatants. Before joining the department at Warwick in September 2004, Miranda held an ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Sheffield.

Research Area(s)

Miranda's research interests lie primarily in the broad field of gender and war with a specific focus on ethno-national conflict and political violence.

Specific Research Interest(s)

She also has an ongoing commitment to research in the area of wartime sexual violence and other gender-based human rights violations. She is interested in the intersections between armed conflict, development and security. She also has an interest in the intersection between ethnicity and politics more widely.

Teaching(s)

Ethnic Conflict and Political Violence (Final Year Undergraduate)

Qualitative Methods: Data Collection and Analysis (MA/Dip Programmes)

Suggested Fields of Inquiry

Miranda would be keen to undertake some research in future on ethnicity and conflict in diaspora communities.

Overview of Publications

Books

Women and Political Violence: Female Combatants in Ethno-national Conflict. Routledge, 2009.

Journal articles

'Wartime Sexual Violence: Women's Human Rights and Questions of Masculinity', *Review of International Studies*, v. 33, no. 1, 2007, pp. 75-90.

'Women as Agents of Political Violence: Gendering Security', *Security Dialogue*, v. 35, no. 4, 2004, pp. 447-463.

'Cogs in the Wheel? Women in the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam' , *Civil Wars*, v. 6, no. 4, 2003, pp. 37-54.

'Global Intelligence Co-operation versus Accountability: New Facets to an Old Problem', *Intelligence and National Security*, Vol.24, No.1 (2009): 26-56.

Book chapters

Ireland conflict', in Vanessa Farr, Henri Myrtilinen and Albrecht Schnabel (eds.) *Sexed Pistols: The Gendered Impacts of Small Arms and Light Weapons*. United Nations University Press, 2009, pp. 211-245.

Reports

'Armed Violence and Poverty in Sri Lanka: A Mini Case Study for the Armed Violence and Poverty Initiative' , Centre for International Cooperation and Security, University of Bradford, November 2004. Commissioned by the UK Department for International Development (DFID).