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Integrating Gender in Peace and Conflict Research:

The Case of PRIO

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Peace Research Institute Oslo

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Basic facts: Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

- Academic research institute
- Established in 1959
- Independent foundation
- Staff ca. 103 (2022)
- 2022 turnover 180 million NOK (USD 20.4 million)
- Project funded



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Gender perspectives in peace and conflict research

Gender research - a core research agenda at PRIO

- A leading research environment in Norway

Gradually evolving research agenda

- *Gender specific projects*
- *Gender mainstreaming*
- *Human resources policies – female staff*
 - Management support
- *External pressure/requirements*

Gender perspectives in peace and conflict research

Historical timeline

First few decades

- Sporadic projects
- Limited awareness
- Few women employed

1990s: emerging agenda

- First project funding, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- Recruitment of first fulltime gender researcher (doctoral student)
- Seminar series (with Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, NUPI)

2006: major change – large project funding from the MFA

Gender perspectives in peace and conflict research

The Gender, Conflict and Peacebuilding Project

- Aim: “to build research capacity in Norway on ‘women, peace and security’”
- The PRIO Gender Team
- First national action plan on ‘Women, peace and security’
- Funding for one year at the time
- Important first building block
- Established PRIO Gender Research Group



PRIO Centre on Gender, Peace and Security – established in 2015



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Gender, Peace
and Security

PRIO Centre on Gender, Peace and Security

- Purpose:
 - “Be a resource hub” on gender, peace and security
 - Build bridges between research, policy and practice
 - Platform for public debate
 - Provide policy input
 - Education and training
 - Increase the visibility of PRIO’s gender research
- Multi-year funding (three years at the time)



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Staff

- Core people
 - 4 (*one fulltime coordinator*)
- Associated people (members of Gender Research Group)
 - 25 (*incl MA students, PhD researchers, interns*)
- Global Fellow
 - *Professor Jacqui True, Monash Gender, Peace and Security Centre, Monash University, Australia*

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Research

- Research projects
- Publishing (academic journals, books, book chapters, reports etc.)

Teaching and Training

- UN High-Level Seminar
- Nordic Women Mediators' Network
- Research School (PhD)
- Training courses (ministries etc.)

Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

- Research and policy conferences
- Symposium series on sexual violence
- Mini-seminars
- Workshops

Policy Advice and Public Outreach

- Policy briefs
- Networking
- Electronic newsletter
- Social media (Facebook and Twitter)
- Op-eds.
- Blog posts (PRIO blog)

PRIO Centre on Gender, Peace and Security

Key Thematic Research Areas:

- ‘Women, Peace and Security’ (WPS) and the UN Security Council
- Normative Framework on WPS
- Conflict-related Sexual Violence
- Women/Gender and the military
- Gender and Peace Mediation/Peace processes
- Women/Gender and Peacebuilding
- Gender and ‘Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration’ (DDR) Processes
- Maternal Health and Conflict
- Gender and Preventing/Combating Violent Extremism
- Children Born of War
- Women in Diplomacy

- **Global Index on Women, Peace and Security**
 - <https://giwps.georgetown.edu/the-index/>

PRIO GPS Centre Activities: Teaching

- Research School Course (PhD) in Gender, Peace and Conflict
- Lectures at MA courses in 'Peace and Conflict Studies' and 'Gender, Peace and Conflict' – both at University in Oslo (UiO)
- PRIO Summer School Course in Peace and Conflict (UiO)



PRIO GPS Centre Activities: Training

An Example of Training for Impact

- UN High Level Seminar on Gender and Inclusive Mediation Strategies (since 2013)
 - *Application of gender perspective*
 - *Inclusion of women*



PRIO GPS Centre Activities: Policy Impact

Examples of Policy Impact

- Norwegian National Action Plans on WPS
- Women in Mediation
 - *Nordic Women Mediators*
 - *Global Alliance of Women Mediators*
- Presence at high-level events (UN meetings, donor conferences etc)



Gender perspectives in peace and conflict research

What are the benefits of including gender?

- Research:
 - *Improved understanding of the nature of conflict – how it affects women and men differently*
 - *Improved understanding of how conflicts can be prevented, mediated and resolved*
 - *New topics on the agenda*
 - *Example: Sexual violence in armed conflicts*
- Improved project development capacity:
 - *Positioning vis-a-vis key sources of funding (Research Council of Norway, EU/ERC, ministries etc)*
 - *Higher funding success rate*
- Staff recruitment – more diverse staff
 - *Research career opportunity – especially for many women*
 - *Growing interest among male researchers – more focus on gender research (not only about women)*



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Thank you



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