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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law (APCML), Melbourne Law School, and the Centre for Gender Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) invite submissions for a symposium

PEACEKEEPING IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC: GENDER EQUALITY, LAW AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY Melbourne Law School 19-20 April 2012

Call for Papers Deadline: Monday 21 November 2011

The symposium will bring together military, police and civilian participants in peace support operations, academics, researchers, government officials and local leaders from post-conflict societies, primarily from the Asia-Pacific region, to discuss their perspectives on and experiences with incorporating a 'gender perspective' into peacekeeping operations, as required by Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000). It will be the first time that this topic is explored in a scholarly symposium in Australia and coincides with the development of an Australian National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.

We are seeking submissions of abstracts of not more than 300 words that engage with one of the following themes:

- What do supporters of Resolution 1325, both inside and outside the Security Council, hope to achieve by the incorporation of a 'gender perspective' into peacekeeping operations?
- What has incorporating a 'gender perspective' into peacekeeping operations come to mean in practice?
- What has been the role of international law, both soft and hard, in supporting the promotion of a 'gender perspective' in peacekeeping practice?
- What specific challenges have been highlighted by the incorporation of a 'gender perspective' in peace support operations and how have those challenges been addressed?
- What future strategies for incorporating a 'gender perspective' are suggested by the experience of Resolution 1325?

Submissions to: peacekeepingAP@gmail.com by Monday 21st November 2011

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