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Rape Loot Pillage. The Political Economy of Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict.

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Abstract:

In recent years, the world has become all too aware of the prevalence of rape and other forms of sexual violence perpetrated in war. This form of gendered violence has repeatedly made headlines, in conflicts like South Sudan, Darfur, Burundi, and the DR Congo. As a result, rape has become an increasingly common consideration in foreign policy, with sexual violence becoming the cornerstone of the UN's Women, Peace, and Security agenda. Recognized in at least 13 UN Security Council resolutions passed since 2000, 'rape as a weapon of war' is considered a security threat on par with nuclear and biological weapons, terrorism, and arms proliferation. Despite this, policy and aid programs have seemingly had little impact on the perpetration of sexual violence in conflict. In this lecture, Sara Meger underscores some of the problematic assumptions that have underpinned international scholarship, advocacy, and policy that has shaped how we think about and respond to sexual violence in war, and offers an alternative framework based on feminist and political-economy analysis.