

Lecture

Girls' Lives in an Era of Children's Rights

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Though life for the girl child is improving, girls are still more likely to experience discrimination and, as a consequence, are often outpaced by boys in all spheres of life. They are subjected to horrible practices such as female genital mutilation, infanticide, child marriage, sexual exploitation and abuse. The girl child was also one of the 12 critical areas of concern raised in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

This talk addresses the evolution of children's rights and the principles and underpinnings of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and discusses existing international initiatives that identify grave and systematic violations against children during armed conflict. To better understand the gender dimensions, the talk touches upon the experiences of children during armed conflicts, noting gendered patterns to the grave rights violations committed against them.

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