



Abstract

Women’s participation in decision-making roles remains a very contentious political affair. Globally, efforts on women’s inclusion in peace and security processes continue to be slow and far from sufficient. The existing body of scholarship on the women-peacemaking nexus presents the apparent tension. Normatively, participation of women (or the lack thereof) has direct consequences on the sustainability of ‘war-to-peace’ transitions, thus, they ought to be included in all aspects of peace and security matters including in leadership roles at high-level peacemaking bodies. But empirically, women’s inclusion in such sensitive political matters and capacities is often resisted by conflicting parties and even by mediating actors as there are limited research-based knowledge to support those normative claims. Taking the case of the Philippines as a global front runner in localizing UNSC Resolution 1325, this paper brings to the fore how women have politically engaged in high-level peace processes. By illuminating the roles and engagements of women in the peace process within the frame of political inclusion, this paper argues that women have positively participated in the peacemaking process and considerably influenced the resulting peace agreements.

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