

## BIOGRAPHY

**Dyan Mazurana**, Ph.D., is a Research Director with the Feinstein International Center, an Associate Professor and teaches graduate courses at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. Her areas of focus include women's and children's human rights, war-affected civilian populations, armed opposition groups, armed conflict, and peacekeeping. Mazurana has published over 60 scholarly and policy books and essays in numerous languages. Her books include *After the Taliban: Life and Security in Rural Afghanistan* (Rowman & Littlefield: Boulder & Oxford, 2008) with Neamatollah Nojumi and Elizabeth Stites; *Gender, Conflict, and Peacekeeping* (Rowman & Littlefield: Boulder & Oxford, 2005) with Angela Raven-Roberts and Jane Parpart; *Where Are the Girls? Girls in Fighting Forces in Northern Uganda, Sierra Leone, and Mozambique* (Rights & Democracy: Montreal 2004) with Susan McKay and *Women, Peace and Security: Study of the United Nations Secretary-General as Pursuant Security Council Resolution 1325* (United Nations 2002) with Sandra Whitworth.

Mazurana works with a variety of governments, UN agencies, human rights and child protection organizations regarding improving efforts to assist youth and women affected by armed conflict, including those associated with fighting forces. She has written and developed training materials regarding gender, human rights, armed conflict, and post-conflict periods for civilian, police, and military peacekeepers involved in UN and NATO operations. In conjunction with international human rights groups, she contributed to materials now widely used to assist in documenting human rights abuses against women and girls during conflict and post-conflict reconstruction periods. She has also worked with international NGOs and the ICRC's Women and War project to dialogue with leaders of armed opposition groups worldwide to help strengthen and promote their understanding of their international humanitarian and human rights law.

Her research focuses on the experiences of armed conflict on youth combatants and civilian populations and their efforts for justice and peace. She has worked in Afghanistan, the Balkans, southern, west and east Africa, and Nepal. She serves as an advisor to a number of governments, UN agencies and NGOs regarding protection of children and women during armed conflict. Currently, Mazurana is conducting a multi-year research project on the conflicts in northern and eastern Uganda and South Sudan and the work of local populations to rebuild their communities and achieve peace and justice in the region. She also works in Nepal on a gendered and generational analysis of the various wings of the Maoist party and their evolution during the conflict and now, and the transformation of girl and boys, men and women during the conflict and in the present.