

CALL FOR CHAPTER SUBMISSIONS

Edited Volume

WOMEN, WAR AND RELIGION:

Faith Under Fire — Women, Religion, and Resistance in Contemporary Conflicts

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ABOUT THE BOOK

War is almost always told through men — the soldiers, the commanders, the strategists. Women appear in the margins, as victims or bystanders, rarely as central actors in the moral, legal, and spiritual architecture of conflict. This book refuses that framing.

Faith Under Fire: Women, Religion, and Resistance in Contemporary Conflicts is an edited interdisciplinary volume that examines the complex, layered, and too-often invisible roles women occupy at the intersection of religion and armed conflict. Drawing on legal analysis, feminist scholarship, and real-world case studies from Gaza, Ukraine, Iran, and Sudan, the volume asks: How does religion shape women's experiences of war? How does international humanitarian law protect — or fail to protect — women in conflict? And how do women themselves use faith as a site of resistance, resilience, and peacebuilding?

The volume is structured across three thematic parts — theoretical and legal frameworks, contemporary case studies, and pathways toward agency and reform — and seeks contributions that engage rigorously, humanely, and originally with these questions.

OBJECTIVES OF THE VOLUME

- To analyse the gendered impact of religiously inflected armed conflicts on women
- To examine how international legal frameworks address — or fail to address — gender-based violence in conflict
- To document women's agency and resistance through religious and cultural frameworks
- To propose pathways for gender-inclusive peacebuilding and legal reform

SUB-THEMES / THEMATIC AREAS

Contributions are invited under the following three parts of the volume. Authors must indicate the sub-theme under which their chapter is being submitted:

Part I: Theoretical and Legal Frameworks

- Women, religion, and armed conflict — conceptual and feminist frameworks
- Gender-based violence in conflict under the Geneva Conventions, Rome Statute, and UN SC Resolutions (1325, 1820, and related)
- Religious justifications for war (jus ad bellum, jus in bello) and their gendered consequences
- Gaps in international humanitarian law protection for women
- Faith-based peacebuilding and international law

Part II: Case Studies from Contemporary Conflicts

- Gaza — women, faith, displacement, and survival under siege
- Ukraine — religion, national identity, women as soldiers and displaced persons
- Iran — women's resistance at the intersection of state authority and religious law
- Sudan — religion, ethnic conflict, sexual violence, and cross-border displacement
- Other contemporary conflict zones where religion and gender intersect

Part III: Agency, Resistance, and Pathways Forward

- Women-led peace movements and faith-based mediation
- Reforming international law — a gender-just approach
- Incorporating religious and cultural contexts into humanitarian law frameworks
- Women's participation in post-conflict reconstruction and legal drafting

Authors are not limited to the topics listed above. Submissions that engage creatively and rigorously with the book's central theme are welcome.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Deadline	Date
Abstract & Cover Letter Submission	30 th September, 2026
Notification of Acceptance	20th October, 2026
Full Chapter Submission	15 th November, 2026
Revised Chapter (if required)	25 th November, 2026
Expected Publication	January 2027 to March, 2027

Note: All dates to be updated by the editors before publication of this CFP.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Step 1 — Abstract and Cover Letter

Authors must submit a cover letter along with their abstract. The cover letter must include:

- Title of the proposed chapter
- Author's name, designation, and institutional affiliation
- Contact details (email and phone number)
- Sub-theme under which the submission is being made
- Abstract of 300–350 words with 5–7 relevant keywords

Step 2 — Registration

All authors must complete the registration process. In the case of co-authored submissions, each author must register separately. Co-authorship is permitted up to two authors.

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Note: Any cost of publication or APC will be communicated via email **upon selection of manuscript**.

Full Chapter Formatting Guidelines

Requirement	Specification
Word Limit	4,000–6,000 words (inclusive of footnotes and references)
Font & Size	Times New Roman, Size 12
Line Spacing	1.5 for body text
Abstract	300–350 words with 5–7 keywords
Footnotes	Times New Roman, Size 10, Single Spacing
Citation Style	APA 7th Edition (Bibliography/References at the end)

Requirement	Specification
Headings	Chapter Title: ALL CAPS, Bold, Centred
Level 1 Subheading	Bold, Roman, Left-aligned
Level 2 Subheading	Bold, Italics, Left-aligned
Level 3 Subheading	Roman, Italics, Left-aligned
Page Numbers	Bottom centre, sequential (1, 2, 3...)
File Format	Microsoft Word (.doc / .docx)
Co-authorship	Maximum 2 authors; separate registration required

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- No single source may exceed 2% similarity
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- Authors must submit a full Turnitin report along with the final chapter
- Papers exceeding these thresholds will not be considered for publication
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WHY CONTRIBUTE TO THIS VOLUME?

- Publication in Journal/Edited book with Routledge Publication/ Taylor or Francis.
- Interdisciplinary readership spanning international law, gender studies, political science, and conflict studies
- Direct engagement with some of the most urgent human rights questions of our time

WHO SHOULD SUBMIT?

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