The Academy's 2014 Fay Gale Lecture will be presented in conjunction with the Monash University, by Professor Jacqui True on the theme - **Winning the War on War but Losing the Battle: A Feminist Perspective on Global Violence**

International relations scholars as well as psychologists have recently claimed that violence – defined largely as homicide and casualties from war – is in steep decline. On these accounts, human beings are becoming more civilized. However, research dedicated to making the case for decline with reference to historical and quantitative data has almost completely neglected evidence of gendered violence. Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) has been largely invisible, silent and unreported yet prevalence surveys reveal that the majority of women and girls in every country, that is, a large proportion of the total world population, have experienced this form of violence. In this lecture Professor True will analyze how global violence from a feminist perspective radically challenges declinist views and our understanding of the causes, justifications, and consequences of violence.

Jacqui True is Professor of Politics and International Relations at Monash University with her PhD in Political Science from York University, Canada. Previously she has taught and researched at Michigan State University, the University of Southern California and the University of Auckland. Professor True has published extensively in the field of gender and international relations. Her current research is focused on the UN Women, Peace and Security agenda, and with Dr Sara Davies on the prevention of sexual violence in conflict in Asia Pacific. Her book, *The Political Economy of Violence against Women* (Oxford University Press, 2012) won the American Political Science Association's 2012 biennial prize for the best book on human rights and the British International Studies Association’s 2013 International Political Economy book prize.

The Fay Gale Lecture honours the late Professor Gwendoline Fay Gale AO (1932-2008), the first female President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and an eminent social scientist. Professor Gale was notable for her far-reaching impact on the promotion of gender equity within the university sector.

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**Event details:**

**Date:** Tuesday, 03 June 2014  
**Time:** 6.00pm – 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Monash University, H1.26 Theatre, H Building, 900 Dandenong Road, Caulfield East, VIC 3145

*This lecture will also be presented at the Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender, The University of Adelaide on Tuesday, 17 June 2014. More details available on [www.assa.edu.au](http://www.assa.edu.au).*

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