

## - SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT -

Thank you for registering to attend the *Challenging Conceptions: Children Born of Wartime Rape and Sexual Exploitation* book launch, we look forward to seeing you!

Before we do, we wanted to provide you with a few details about the safety of the space.

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### Event details:

#### ***Challenging Conceptions: Children Born of Wartime Rape and Sexual Exploitation* Book Launch and Panel Discussion**

Tuesday 05 March 2024

10.00-11.00 EST / 15.00-16.00 GMT

Online via Zoom

The SHaME Project is hosting a book launch and panel discussion with editors Kimberly Theidon, Dyan Mazurana and Dipali Anumol for their new book, *Challenging Conceptions: Children Born of Wartime Rape and Sexual Exploitation*.

The event will include presentations, a panel discussion and audience Q&A.

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This is a public event organised by The SHaME Project, which is a research group based at Birkbeck, University of London, and Tufts University.

We hope that everyone who attends the book launch will be kind, curious, and open to discussion. As an organising team, we are passionate about creating safe, inclusive, intersectional, and respectful spaces. We've put together some brief guidelines for this event:

- Please be mindful that discussing sexual violence can be challenging, emotive, and subjective, and that everyone's understanding and experience is different. Try to be clear when you're speaking to your own experience, and respectful when others are speaking to theirs. Please enter the room with a sense of generosity toward fellow attendees, and an understanding of the difficulties in navigating narratives of sexual violence.
- Please be respectful of the complexity of identities. Prejudiced language towards any marginalised group will not be tolerated by the hosts.
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- We ask you to be mindful that people can be triggered by lots of different factors, some of which may not be clear or obvious. In this document, we have included a few steps to take if you are feeling overwhelmed during the event.

As you might expect, the presentations and panel discussion will address difficult topics, which might feel overwhelming. We know that some of our discussions will be hard to bear: please remember it is normal to feel sad, angry, distressed, during or after this event.

Where possible, we will ask speakers to avoid graphic descriptions and distressing details. However, there may still be some references to events of sexual violence and we are conscious this may be triggering for attendees.

If you feel distressed by the content of the presentations or panel discussion, you can:

- Leave the event to **have a break at any time**, breathe, drink a glass of water, talk to someone you trust, or any other reassuring activity you can think of.
- If you are in the UK, you can **call the 24/7 National Rape Crisis Helpline** on 0808 500 222, for confidential emotional support. The helpline is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week, calls are free of charge, and the number will not appear on your bill. You can also access 24/7 support online via [247sexualabusesupport.org.uk](https://247sexualabusesupport.org.uk).
- If you are joining from elsewhere in the world, you can consult this guide for resources available in your country: <https://osapr.harvard.edu/international-resources-0> (Please note this list is not exhaustive and was not compiled by SHaME).
- You can always **rejoin the event when you feel better and ready**, or not return if you prefer.

Following the book launch, you will be sent a feedback form.

Please feel free to give us suggestions on how we could have handled things differently.

If you still have questions or would like further information, feel free to write to us or to take a look at our website, where we have put bibliographies and open-access resources:

<https://shame.bbk.ac.uk>.

Thank you!

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