

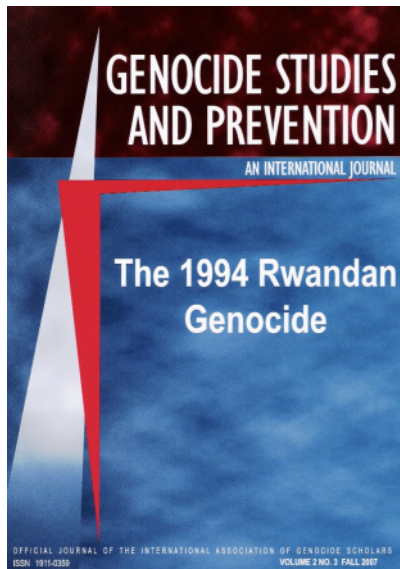
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Responding to Ethnic tension and Genocide: Lesson from Rwanda for Darfur

Toronto, Canada— The 1994 Rwandan Genocide sheds much light onto the ongoing genocide at work, a few hundred miles north, in Darfur. It is a powerful case study in how and why genocide takes place, but it is also a stark reminder of how easily the world can ignore such brutal suffering and injustice. This is why *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal (GSP)*, has just released a special issue dedicated to the Rwandan Genocide.



This special issue of *GSP* provides:

- original, ground-breaking research on the Rwandan Genocide and its aftermath;
- a symposium on a pivotal book on the Genocide;
- a scathing commentary on our efforts at preventing genocide;
- and two informative books reviews.

This issue includes three articles based on field research conducted in Rwanda. Reva N. Adler *et al.*, a professor of clinical medicine, contributed, "A Calamity in the Neighbourhood: Women's Participation in the Rwandan Genocide," which focuses on why women assaulted or murdered targeted victims during that genocide and found that four experiences, in various combinations, shaped the female perpetrators' decision to participate in the 1994 genocide.

Anuradha Chakravarty, a PhD candidate at Cornell University, in "Inter-ethnic Marriages, the Survival of Women, and the Logics of Genocide in Rwanda," examines why Tutsi women married to Hutu men appear to have had a better chance of survival than Tutsi women married to Tutsi men, or even Hutu women married to Tutsi men.

Scott Straus, a political scientist at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, delineates some of the many key findings of his book, *The Order of Genocide: Race, Power and War in Rwanda* which raises critical questions about previous assumptions about the 1994 genocide and also provides new insights into how the killing process spread across Rwanda and why.

Straus' work is critiqued by three specialists on the Rwandan Genocide—Lars Waldorf, who is currently Lecturer in International Law and Human Rights at the University of London and is writing a book on Rwanda's *gacaca* process; Thierry Cruvellier, a journalist and justice expert who has written a book on the ICTR; and Lee Ann Fujii, a political scientist at George Washington University, who is in the process of writing a book on the Rwandan Genocide—noting key strengths, any weaknesses and gaps, and the likely ramifications of the findings.

This issue includes a commentary, "Rwanda (and Other Genocides) in Perspective," by long-time Africanist Gerry Caplan, which examines the reluctance of the international community to prevent mass suffering and genocide, and demonstrates that not to do so is a conscious choice, a choice citizens need not accept.

Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal was co-founded by the International Association of Genocide Scholars and the International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (A Division of the Zoryan Institute) and is published by the University of Toronto Press. The journal's mission is to understand the phenomenon of genocide, create an awareness of it as an ongoing scourge, and promote the necessity of preventing it. For more information, contact the IIGHRS, admin@genocidestudies.org, Tel: 416-250-9807.