Making the Case for Genocide in Peru: Coercive Sterilization of Indigenous Women

A Zoom lecture in English offered by

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Peru’s national health program Programa de Salud Reproductiva y Planificación Familiar (PSRPF) aimed to uphold women’s reproductive rights addressing the scarcity of maternity-related services. However, while implementing its program, PSRPF undermined respect for human rights by forcibly sterilizing women predominantly of indigenous, poor, and rural backgrounds. Dr. Carranza Ko’s lecture considers the coercive sterilization of these women as a genocide, a term not previously applied to the Peruvian case. Using the normative markers of the Genocide Convention, she will categorically cast the targets of state-led forced-sterilization as victims of genocide because this health malpractice prevents indigenous communities from reproducing. The state’s genocidal intent worked toward destroying an ethnic minority group.

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