



## **Sex, Governance, and National Security**

Valerie M. Hudson makes the argument that the first political order is the sexual political order established between men and women in every society. The character of this sexual order is deeply political and has cascading effects for a nation's horizon of stability and prosperity. National security and economic growth is contingent on the value afforded to women's voices as they co-exist with men. With the assistance of the U.S. Department of Defense's Minerva Initiative, she and her co-authors have undertaken a massive empirical probe of that argument and will present the highlights of their research in this lecture.

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