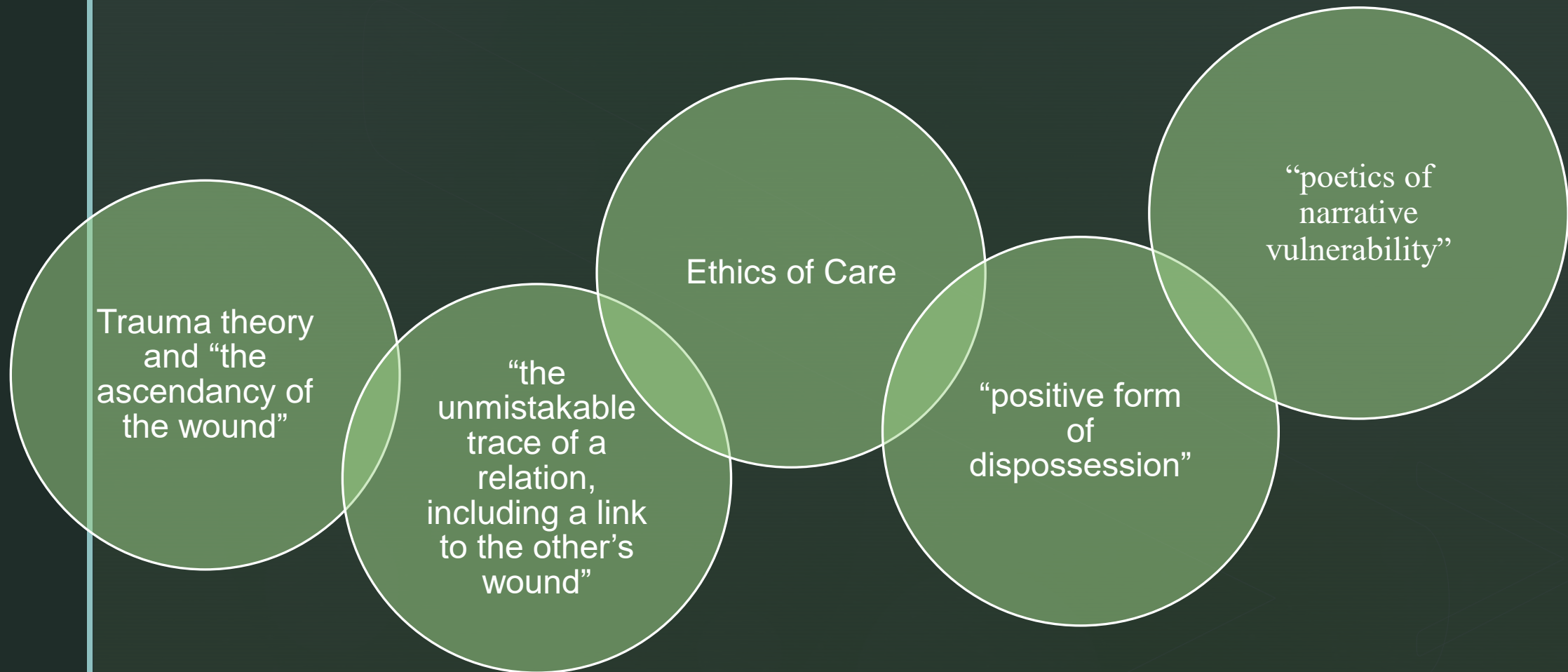


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Vulnerability in Human Rights & Literature

Ortega and Ganteau,
Victimhood and Vulnerability in 21st Century Fiction





Hannah Arendt, “The Decline of the Nation State and the End of the Rights of Man”

Who has “the right to have rights”?

Jacques Rancière

...rights “seem to be of no use. And when they are of no use, you do the same as charitable persons do with their old clothes. You give them to the poor.”



Can vulnerability escape victimhood?
Can humans lay sole claim to personhood?
Can human rights ever escape its structural paradoxes?

Anna Grear, *Redirecting Human Rights:
Facing the Challenge of Corporate
Legal Humanity*

- Vulnerability can be “embraced and celebrated as a value intrinsic to multiple forms of human flourishing.”

Ratna Kapur, *Gender, Alterity and
Human Rights: Freedom in a Fishbowl*

- “...in continuing to centralize the role of the state in protecting the vulnerable subject, such interventions continue to run the inevitable risk of subordination and exclusion, and remain confined within a liberal fishbowl.”

vulnerability—those foundational conditions of
social and bodily materiality that determine our
“dependency and interdependency”

precarity—the politically and economically
distributed, structural conditions of precarious
existence

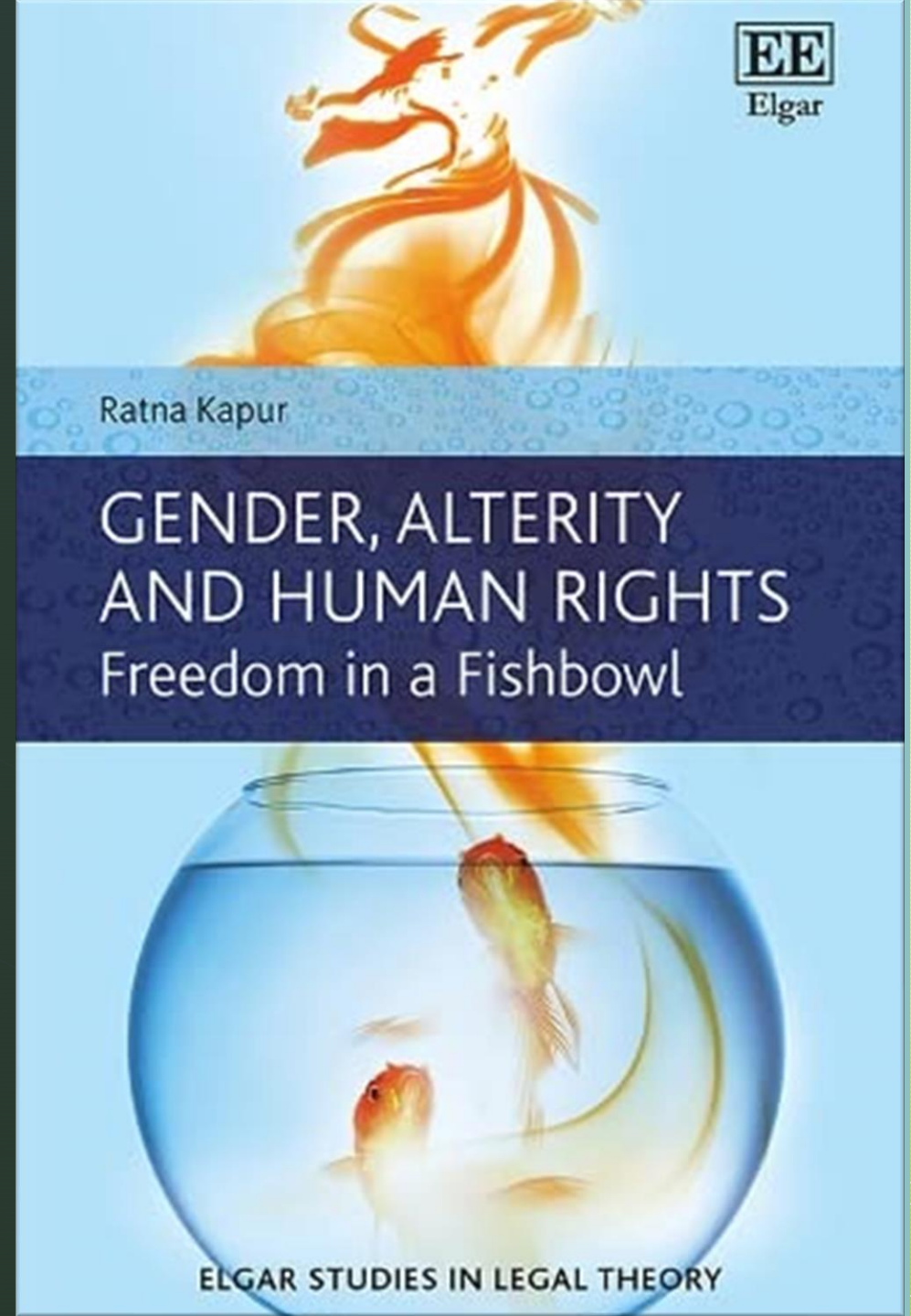
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[H]uman rights do not lead to lasting freedom, but are a mechanism tied to a specific and normative script of freedom that is in turn tied to a very specific, and narrow, understanding of happiness and the 'good life.' In fact, the methodology for procuring and securing freedom through rights emerges as thoroughly complicit in an aggressive global political project where even the minimum intervention is productive of specific subjects and political outcomes





Key Questions

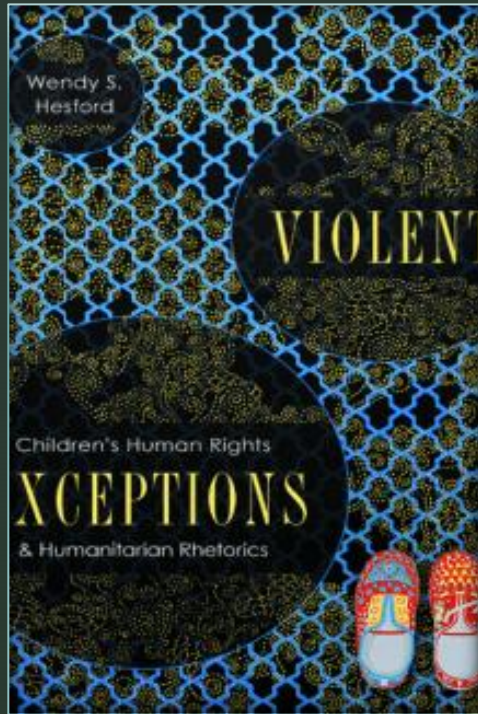
How might the social imaginary of human rights – however paradoxical and compromised -- be expanded through the lens of at once shared and differential vulnerability

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How might vulnerability found a political response against precarity—against social endangerment, expendability, and exploitation—and toward flourishing;

How, in literary and cultural studies, might theories of vulnerability direct us toward the materiality of texts and contexts, the differential circumstances of their subjects, and the stakes of cultural production and consumption.

Wendy Hesford, *Violent Exceptions: Children's Human Rights and Humanitarian Rhetorics*

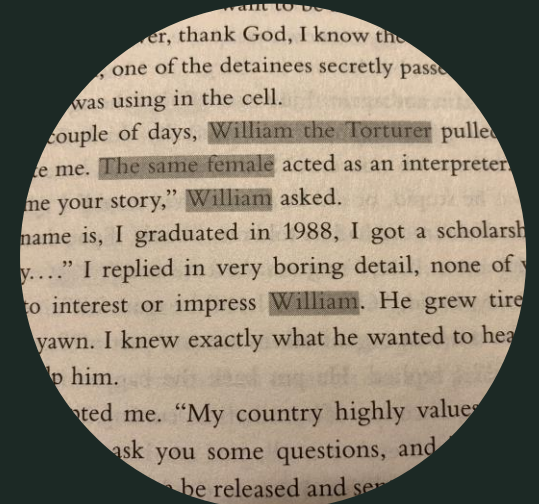


“A Viral Photo Helps Bring Syrian Refugee Family to Italy,”
The New York Times

- A Syrian family portrayed in an award-winning photo has come to Italy for treatment and better lives.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/21/world/europe/syrian-refugee-family-italy.html>





Standard Operating Procedure by Philip Metres

“Searching the Koran
(Standard Operating
Procedure)”

“Handling the Koran
(Standard Operating
Procedure)”

“Document Exploitation
(Standard Operating
Procedure)”

“MUSLIM BURIAL
(Standard Operating
Procedure)”





DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HEADQUARTERS, JOINT TASK FORCE-GUANTANAMO
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA APO AE 09360

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

JTF-GTMO-CG


27 March 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Approval of Camp Delta Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

1. The Camp Delta Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), dated 28 February 2003, is approved for immediate implementation. Commanders and Directors are responsible for briefing their personnel on the operating procedures contained in this SOP. Failure to comply with this prohibitions and mandatory requirements of this SOP by military personnel is a violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice. Violations by civilian employees may result in administrative or disciplinary action.

2. The point of contact for this matter is the Commander, Joint Detention Operations Group (JDOG).


GEOFFREY D. MILLER
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

Chapter 4

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6-4. Searching the Koran

(4) The inspector is examining to notice unauthorized items, markings, or any indicators that **raises suspicion about the contents of the Koran.**

(5) The inspector will instruct the detainee to first open the one cover with one hand while holding the Koran in the other thus exposing the inside cover completely.

(6) The inspector instructs the detainee to **open pages in an upright manner** (as if reading the Koran). This is a random page search and not every page is to be turned. Pages will be turned slowly enough to clearly see the pages.

(7) The inspector has the detainee show the inside of the back cover of the Koran.

b. Handling.

(2) Two hands will be used at all times when handling the Koran in manner signaling respect and reverence. Care should be used so that the right hand is the primary one used to manipulate any part of the Koran due to the cultural association with the left hand. **Handle the Koran as if it were a fragile piece of delicate art.**

(b) Two hands will be used at all times when handling the Koran **in manner signaling respect and reverence.**

Searching the Koran (Standard Operating Procedure)

thereby reducing the friction over searching

will avoid handling or touching

may or may not require a language

to open

pages in an upright manner (as if reading

random

turn

will be turned

see the pages

both ends

the book is

contours or protrusions

binding

the binding

Document Exploitation (Standard Operating Procedure)

clearly and legibly skip lines

as close as possible

to the original

tense and person the writer used

Don't translate proverbs word for word

Don't translate poems word for word

ask someone for help

the meaning of some words

further clarify

names

look

up the letter you

started

to

translate letters, not

analyze them

MUSLIM BURIAL
(Side View)

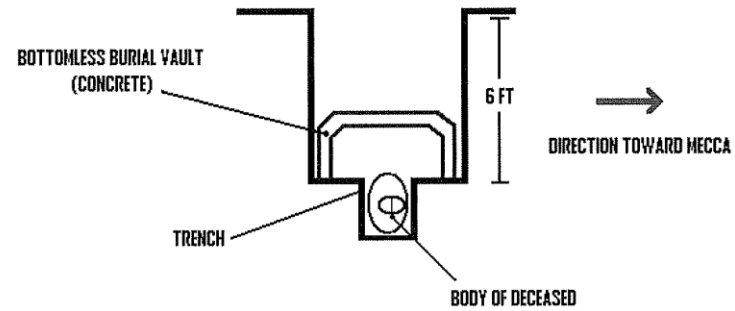


Figure 16-1

MUSLIM BURIAL (Standard Operating Procedure)

like sandalwood

the whole body

a prayer

folded

folded

(SIDE VIEW)

BOTTOMLESS BURIAL VAULT

(CONCRETE)



DIRECTION TOWARD MECCA



TRENCH

BODY OF DECEASED

enshrining

"O Allah, forgive this deceased"

Died while in custody (9 detainees)

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I.S.N.	NAME	ALSO KNOWN AS	CITIZENSHIP	ARRIVED	
156	Adnan Farhan Abdul Latif		Yemen	2002	+
199	Abdul Rahman Ma'Ath Thafir al-Amri	Rahman Ma'adha Dhafir al-Hilala al-Umari	Saudi Arabia	2002	+
588	Mana Shaman Allabardi al-Tabi		Saudi Arabia	2002	+
693	Ali Abdullah Ahmed		Yemen	2002	+
78	Mohammad Ahmed Abdullah Saleh al-Hanashi		Yemen	2002	+
782	Awal Gul	Commander Gul	Afghanistan	2002	+
93	Yasser Talal al-Zahrani	Ammar, al-Bataar	Saudi Arabia	2002	+
942	Abdul Razzaq Hekmati		Afghanistan	2003	+
10028	Haji Naseem	Inayatullah	Afghanistan	2007	+

Guantanamo war on terror prisoners who died in custody