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## **The Nomination and Election Process of the Next UN Secretary-General**

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*Elliott School of International Affairs School*

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*Lindner Family Commons (6th Floor)*

As the time to elect a new UN Secretary-General nears, there is a growing demand from UN member states not only to make the process more transparent and inclusive but also to have a woman leader assume the role. Indeed, in 70 years the UN has never openly considered a woman as its Secretary-General. The President of the 70th UN's General Assembly, Mr. Mogens Lykketoft in outlining the new process for the election said that for the first time in UN history the entire UN membership will be included in the selection process. He also said that there is a "strong wish" from many UN member states to have a woman Secretary-General and reminded UN member states that the commonly used excuse that there "are no qualified female candidates" is unacceptable.

WIIS, GWU's Global Gender Program, and the "Campaign to Elect a Woman UN Secretary-General" of City College's Colin Powell School invite you to a roundtable discussion with:

- Ms. Gillian Sorensen, former UN Assistant Secretary General
- Dr. Jean Krasno, Campaign Chair, "Campaign to Elect a Woman UN Secretary-General"
- Shazia Rafi, former Secretary-General of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)