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WIIS Events (International and National)

Women, Actresses of Peace?

Date: Dec. 6, 2:30-4:30 **Organization:** WIIS France

Location: Le Rizomm, 41 rue du Port, 59000 Lille

Event description:

As part of the annual AEGES "To Win the War or Win the Peace" Conference in Lille France, WIIS France is hosting a panel, "Women Actresses of Peace?" The conference is hosted by the Association for Studies on War and Strategy.



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Diverse Boots on the Ground: EU and NATO Effectiveness

Date: Dec. 10, 3:30-5:30

Organization: WIIS Global, The German Marshall Fund, and The Wilson Center's

Women in Public Service Project **Location:** The Wilson Center

Event description:

The Wilson Center's Women in Public Service Project (WPSP), German Marshall Fund (GMF) and Women in International Security (WIIS) are pleased to discuss the GMF paper, *Raising EU and NATO Effectiveness: The Impact of Diverse Boots on the Ground* by Corinna Hoerst, Laura Groenendaal and Gale A. Mattox.

As the nature of security challenges has changed due to the rise of non-state actors and emerging security threats, EU and NATO military operations must adapt in order to remain effective. One way to increase effectiveness and credibility is to improve the role of women in EU and NATO operations both on the ground and in terms of leadership. Having a more balanced representation of gender makes missions more reflective of the countries carrying them out as well as the countries in which they take place, thereby enhancing the overall success of missions.

Find more information or to RSVP, click here

A Conversation with Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins

Date: December 12, 6:00pm-7:30pm **Organization:** WIIS NY, Concordia

Location: Midtown Manhattan (RSVP for details)

Event description:



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The global security landscape is evolving rapidly with the emergence of new technologies and shifts in demographics, climate, and access to resources. What are the most pressing threats to global peace and security, and how must approaches to threat reduction adapt? What are the challenges to diversifying the peace and security community, and what can be done to overcome them?

Please join Women In International Security's New York Chapter and Concordia as we discuss these questions and more with Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins, founder and president of Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation.

Find more information or to RSVP, click here

Events (National)

Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Understanding Masculinities

Date: Thursday December 6, 8:30am- Friday, December 7, 1:00pm

Organization: United States Institute for Peace

Location: USIP, 2301 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037

Event description:

Please save the date for the upcoming forum – Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Understanding Masculinities – on Thursday, December 6th and Friday, December 7th sponsored by the U.S. Civil Society Working Group on Women, Peace and Security and hosted at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) in Washington, DC. The forum will include a day-long, invitational workshop on Thursday, December 6th and a morning public event and luncheon on Friday, December 7th. You will receive a separate invitation for the public event.

The day-long workshop will bring together international and national civil society, scholars, policy shapers and members of the diplomatic community to examine how a more inclusive approach, specifically focusing on masculine gender norms and male identities, could advance the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda. A variety of structures will be used to engage all participants in conversation



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throughout the day in understanding our collective role in moving the WPS agenda forward in policy and practice. A detailed agenda including discussion topics and speakers for the workshop will be sent out in advance of the workshop. You are also invited to attend a luncheon program on Friday, December 7th to celebrate the commitment that each member organization has made to the U.S. Civil Society Working Group, and the impact the Working Group has had over the past eight years. We hope that you and one member of your organization's executive office will join us for a celebratory luncheon and discussion.

Please <u>RSVP here</u> by Friday, November 23rd for both the workshop of Thursday, December 6th and the luncheon on Friday, December 7th.

Facial Recognition: Coming to a Street Near You

Date: December 6, 3:30pm-5:00pm **Organization:** Brookings Institution

Location: Falk Auditorium, Brookings Institution

Event description:

Facial recognition technology raises issues that go to the heart of fundamental human rights protections, like privacy and freedom of expression. As this technology advances and is adopted at a global pace, we need to ensure that it is used in a way that reflects and respects the values of the world we want to live in.

On December 6, the Center for Technology Innovation at Brookings will host Microsoft President Brad Smith to discuss the challenges of facial recognition, especially around bias, privacy, and democratic freedoms. He will cover key questions such as: What type of regulation is needed? How can facial recognition advance public safety while protecting civil liberties? What role should the technology, public and private sectors play in addressing these challenges?

After the presentation, there will be a moderated discussion and questions from the audience. The event will also be webcast live.



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Future Directions for the Peace Corps

Date: December 10, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Organization: CSIS

Location: CSIS Headquarters

Event description:

For over 50 years, more than 230,000 Americans have volunteered with the Peace Corps in 141 countries to develop sustainable solutions in the sectors of agriculture, health, community economic development, education, environment, and youth in development. Dr. Olsen's experience, global outlook, and passion for the Peace Corps are indicative of a prosperous future for the agency. Empowered by the use of technology and innovative service models, Dr. Olsen is leading a call to lifelong service and dedication to the three goals of the Peace Corps.

Dr. Jody K. Olsen was sworn in as the Director of the Peace Corps in March of 2018. Dr. Olsen began her career as a Peace Corps Volunteer, serving in Tunisia from 1966-1968. She has since served the agency in multiple leadership positions—as Acting Director in 2009; Deputy Director from 2002-2009; Chief of Staff from 1989-1992; Regional Director, North Africa, Near East, Asia, Pacific from 1981-1984; and Country Director in Togo from 1979-1981.

Prior to returning to the Peace Corps in 2018, Dr. Olsen served as Visiting Professor at the University of Maryland-Baltimore School of Social Work and Director of the University's Center for Global Education Initiatives. She also oversaw health research projects in Malawi while teaching courses on international social work, global social policy, and global women and children's health.

Please join us at CSIS for this armchair discussion featuring Dr. Jody K. Olsen and Mark L. Schneider on Monday, December 10th.

RSVP here:

Cyber Strategy: The Evolving Character of Power and Coercion



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Date: December 11, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Organization: School of International Service, American University

Location: Abramson Family Founders Room, School of International Service, American

University

Event description:

Some pundits claim cyber weaponry is the most important military innovation in decades, a transformative new technology that promises a paralyzing first-strike advantage difficult for opponents to deter. Yet, what is cyber strategy? And how do actors use cyber capabilities to achieve a position of advantage against rival states?

Join the School of International Service as we discuss the emerging art of cyber strategy and its integration as part of a larger approach to coercion by states in the international system with <u>Benjamin Jensen</u> and <u>Brandon Valeriano</u>, authors of *Cyber Strategy: The Evolving Character of Power and Coercion*.

RSVP here:

Ann Mei Chang Book Talk: Lean Impact: How to Innovate for Radically Greater Social Good

Date: December 11, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Organization: Women's Foreign Policy Network

Location: GW Elliott School of International Affairs, Room 505

Event description:

Around the world, a new generation is looking beyond greater profits, for meaningful purpose. But, unlike business, few social interventions have achieved significant impact at scale. Inspired by the modern innovation practices popularized by bestseller *The Lean Startup* that have fueled technology breakthroughs touching every aspect of our lives, *LEAN IMPACT* turns our attention to a new goal--achieving radically greater social good.

Social change is far more complicated than building a new app. It requires more listening, more care, and more stakeholders. To make a lasting difference, solutions must be embraced by beneficiaries, address root causes, and include an



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engine that can accelerate growth to reach the scale of the needs. *Lean Impact* offers bold ideas to reach audacious goals through customer insight, rapid experimentation and iteration, and a relentless pursuit of impact.

Ann Mei Chang brings a unique perspective from across sectors, from her years as a Silicon Valley executive to her most recent experience as Chief Innovation Officer at USAID. She brings the book to life with inspiring stories from interviews spanning more than 200 organizations across the U.S. and around the world.

Join the Women's Foreign Policy Network and the Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs for this special conversation with Ann Mei Chang about her new book and her career in Silicon Valley and Washington.

RSVP here:

Jamestown's 12th Annual Terrorism Conference

Date: December 12, 9:00am-4:15pm **Organization:** Jamestown Foundation **Location:** The National Press Club

Event description:

The Jamestown Foundation is proud to announce its Twelfth Annual Terrorism Conference, to be held Wednesday, December 12th

Jamestown is honored to host some of the world's top terrorism experts at this year's conference, which will feature discussion about the most pressing terrorism-related threats to U.S. national security.

RSVP here:

Resilience in Conflict



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Date: December 12, 10:00am-12:00pm **Organization:** United States Institute of Peace

Location: Online only

Event description:

The world's most violent conflicts are being fought within its most youthful populations. In the five countries that suffered nearly 80 percent of recent deaths from violent extremism, half of all people were younger than 22. The youth in these countries are also some of their communities' most effective peacebuilders and best hopes for breaking cycles of violence. What does it take for these young leaders to overcome crisis, conflict, and displacement? Please join the U.S. Institute of Peace on December 12 for a streamed forum with thought leader and youth leader participants from USIP's <u>Youth Leaders'</u> Exchange with His Holiness the Dalai Lama as they share their expertise, discuss what it takes to build inner resilience and, crucially, examine how to strategically apply it to peacebuilding.

In the third year of the Exchange, USIP's Generation Change program brought 27 youth leaders from 12 countries to Dharamsala, India, where they enhanced their peacebuilding skills through trainings in conflict management, leadership, and prejudice awareness and reduction. They engaged His Holiness the Dalai Lama on issues ranging from cultivating inner peace, building bridges across social divides, human rights and the refugee crisis, and youth leadership. By the end of the program, the participants had learned from and inspired each other, and returned home ready to redouble their efforts to reduce violence in their communities.

This panel discussion took place at the Radio Free Asia studio in Dharamsala with participation of a live studio audience of youth leaders from around the world. The USIP Youth Leaders' Exchange with His Holiness the Dalai Lama is made possible in part by support from GHR Foundation, which shares USIP's belief in the critical importance of engaging youth as leaders. Please join us online for this conversation on leadership, resilience, and peacebuilding. Take part in the discussion on Twitter with #USIPYouthExchange.

RSVP here:

Leadership in Global Health: Making 2019 the Year of the Woman



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Date: December 12, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Organization: CSIS

Location: CSIS Headquarters and livestream

Event description:

With the Time's Up and Me Too movements, 2018 has been dubbed the "Year of the Woman" – at least in the United States. But what about in global health? Approximately 75 percent of the global health workforce are women, but women hold only 25 percent of leadership positions. This disparity exists despite women being disproportionately affected by malnutrition, HIV incidence, and mortality due to childbirth. It is impossible to think that global health targets, such as the Sustainable Development Goals, will be attained without significant leadership from women at all levels. Changes are needed to ensure that women are empowered through leadership positions to affect policy and action in support of these goals. The Global Health Policy Center has invested considerable effort in these issues over the last 10 years, including through the Women's and Family Health Task Force and the CSIS Commission on Strengthening America's Health Security.

On the heels of the Women Leaders in Global Health conference, which took place November 8-9 in London, the CSIS Global Health Policy Center invites you to a public event on December 12 to explore issues in advancing the role of women in global health policy setting and decision-making. In addition to highlighting outcomes of the conference, the panel discussion will bring together experts to delve into critical obstacles and possible solutions through a diverse set of perspectives. The panel also will look ahead to 2019, which will see a High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage and replenishments of the major global health financing institutions, and try to answer the question of how to make 2019 the "Year of the Woman" in global health.

RSVP here:

Our Uncertain Nuclear Future: How do we Proceed if Treaties are Trashed?



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Date: December 12, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Organization: The Stimson Center **Location:** The Stimson Center

Event description:

Donald Trump's announcement of intent to withdraw from the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty constitutes another severe blow to a treaty-based system of nuclear arms and threat reduction. One last treaty governing formal, verifiable draw-downs of nuclear forces remains -- the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. Mr. Trump has vacillated wildly in his comments on the future of U.S. strategic forces, ranging from an expressed interest in deep cuts to significant arms build-ups. For now, he has declined Vladimir Putin's offer of extending New START. Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, might be expected to seek withdrawal from New START, and he might well succeed, rather than to leave the decision of its extension and further reductions to the winner of the next presidential election.

Please join us for a discussion of our nuclear future with Nina Tannenwald, Jon Wolfsthal and Lynn Rusten. Our speakers will address the following questions: What role will norms play in our nuclear future? What role will treaties play, with specific reference to New START? Will we be entering a future of "arms control without agreements"? If so, what might this look like? Stimson's Co-founder, Michael Krepon, will moderate our discussion.

RSVP here:

How should the transatlantic alliance counter Russian aggression?

Date: December 12, 10:00am-11:30am **Organization:** Brookings Institution

Location: Falk Auditorium, Brookings Institution

Event description:

The West is groping for a response to Russia's ongoing malfeasance, including its new attack on Ukraine in the Black Sea and its <u>just-revealed</u> effort to "muck around" in U.S. 2018 midterm elections. These are the latest in a long sequence of transgressions on the



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part of the Kremlin, ranging from the invasion of Georgia, to the violation of Crimea and Eastern Ukraine, to interference in the democratic processes of NATO member states, perhaps most dramatically seen in Putin's assault on the 2016 U.S. presidential election. As a result, on both sides of the Atlantic, democratic values and institutions—and the transatlantic alliance predicated upon them—are at risk. On Dec. 12, Governance Studies at Brookings will co-host an event with the bipartisan Transatlantic Democracy Working Group (TDWG), featuring an expert panel that will discuss the threats emanating from Russia and elsewhere to security, democracy, and the transatlantic alliance—and what the alliance can and should do about it. After the panel, speakers will take audience questions. This event will be webcast live.

RSVP here:

How Can U.S. Foreign Policymakers Do Better for the Middle Class?

Date: December 12, 9:30am-10:45am

Organization: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace **Location:** Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Event description:

Americans are increasingly skeptical that the U.S. role abroad benefits them economically at home. What will it take to bridge the divide between America's foreign policy and domestic imperatives? Join Susan Glasser for a conversation with two former White House chiefs of staff on how to make U.S. foreign policy work better for America's middle class.

This event will launch a new report, U.S. Foreign Policy for the Middle Class:

Perspectives from Ohio — the first in a series of state-level case studies from Carnegie's bipartisan task force on foreign policy for the middle class



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European Foreign Policy in an Age of Populism

Date: December 17, 6:30pm-8:00pm **Organization:** Johns Hopkins, SAIS **Location:** The Penthouse, SAIS

Event description:

Nathalie Tocci

Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy; Special Adviser to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini European and Eurasian Studies Series and Patrick McCarthy Memorial Series on Intellectuals and Politics. supported by the Patrick McCarthy Fund Nathalie Tocci is Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali, Honorary Professor at the University of Tübingen, and Special Adviser to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini, on whose behalf she wrote the *European Global Strategy*. Tocci is is now working on the implementation of the European Global Strategy, notably in the field of security and defence.

Previously she held research positions at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels, the Transatlantic Academy in Washington and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies in Florence.

Tocci's research interests include European foreign policy, conflict resolution, the Middle East and the Mediterranean

Her major publications include: Framing the EU's Global Strategy, Springer-Palgrave Macmillan, 2017 (author); The EU, Promoting Regional Integration, and Conflict Resolution, Springer-Palgrave Macmillan, 2017 (co-editor); Turkey and the European Union, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015 (co-author); Multilateralism in the 21st Century, Routledge, 2013 (co-editor), Turkey's European Future: Behind the Scenes of America's Influence on EU-Turkey Relations, New York University Press, 2011 (author); and The EU and Conflict Resolution, Routledge, 2007 (author).

Tocci is the 2008 winner of the Anna Lindh award for the study of European Foreign Policy.



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Building Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies Amid a World on Fire

Date: January 9, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Organization: United States Institute of Peace

Location: USIP

Event description:

Civil wars have been on the rise in recent years, causing immense suffering, from mass atrocities to famine, and historic numbers of displaced people. Violence is endemic in many urban centers, while the lives of large numbers of women and children are shaped by their experience of violence in situations of fragility. Through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, all governments have committed to fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. How can diverse communities working on prevention, peacebuilding, rights, and governance mobilize to implement this global framework for tackling violence and fragility?

As we approach the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, violent conflicts cause unacceptable levels of civilian casualties, atrocities and abuses in fragile states. Disparities run deep and are intensified by conflict and violence. The most unequal societies are often the most violent. Weak institutions, rampant corruption, and high levels of exclusion fuel insecurity and damage communities and economies. More than half of the world's poorest people are projected to live in fragile states by 2030. Sustainable Development Goal 16.1 promises to "significantly reduce all forms of violence" everywhere, but lethal violence is expected to rise by 2030 according to current trends. This is not inevitable. We have compelling evidence to show that conflict and violence can be prevented through multisectoral action to resolve disputes, strengthen institutions, tackle exclusion, and invest in human potential.

At a time of global peril, join the <u>Carnegie Mellon's Heinz College of Information</u>
<u>Systems and Public Policy</u>in Washington, <u>New York University's Center on International</u>
<u>Cooperation</u>, and the U.S. Institute of Peace for a lively panel discussion on how to mobilize behind a roadmap that will put peace at the heart of the 2030 Agenda. Take part in the conversation on Twitter with #SDG16.



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Events (International)

The Challenges of Engaging Europe's Breakaway States

Date: December 11, 6:00pm-7:30pm **Organization:** Carnegie Europe **Location:** Carnegie Europe, Brussels.

Event description:

For decades, three "de facto states"—Abkhazia, Transdniestria, and northern Cyprus—have endured in Europe. They are unrecognized internationally but are relatively stable



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and unlikely to collapse. The conflicts associated with them remain unresolved. Better engagement with these breakaway territories by international actors within a framework of nonrecognition should benefit all sides, yet it remains a big challenge.

Carnegie's Thomas de Waal will discuss his comprehensive report, Uncertain Ground: Engaging With Europe's De Facto States and Breakaway Territories, putting forward new ideas for policymakers in these conflict regions. Rebecca Bryant, Natalia Mirimanova, and Tomáš Valášek will join De Waal in a conversation about Abkhazia, Transdniestria, and Cyprus; the EU's role in these territories; and what lessons their experience has for the still-developing conflict in eastern Ukraine.

RSVP here:

Protecting Civilians: When is Incidental Harm Excessive

Date: Dec. 14, 10:00am-11:30am **Organization:** Chatham House

Location: Graduate Institute, Chemin Eugéne-Rigot 2, Geneva, SWI 1202

Event description:

There have been large numbers of civilian deaths in the armed conflicts in Yemen and Syria. Is international humanitarian law being ignored? This meeting coincides with the launch of a Chatham House research paper on the incidental harm side of the proportionality assessment which belligerents are legally required to make. The panel at the meeting will consider the types of harm that fall within the scope of proportionality assessments, what constitutes 'excessive' harm and measures that belligerents can take to give effect to the rule on proportionality.

For more information, or to RSVP, click here



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Member Publications

Guide to Women Leaders 2018

Author: Women's Foreign Policy Group

Description:

The WFPG's <u>Guide to Women Leaders</u> highlights women shaping foreign policy around the world and the role that they play as leaders, diplomats, and policymakers. The Guide provides an index of prominent women from across the international community, including heads of state and government, government ministers and diplomats, and leaders of international organizations and corporations. This free publication is available online and is distributed to our members and partners.

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