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WIIS Events (National/International)

Women in Congress: Challenges and Opportunities

Date: March 6

Time: 9:00am-10:30am

Organization: WIIS Global and The Embassy of Liechtenstein

Location: Longworth House Office Building, Exact Location to be confirmed, Washington, DC

Women make up 24% of seats of the 116th Congress, cementing the legislature as the most gender-inclusive in US history. As these representatives begin their work on Capitol Hill, Women In International Security (WIIS) and the Embassy of Liechtenstein invite you to join us for an ongoing discussion on female political participation and the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda. We will hear from newly elected women representatives and a panel of experts about the challenges and opportunities facing women in politics. We will



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also discuss the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Act passed by the 115th Congress.

Invited Keynotes:

- Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger
- Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill (invited)

Invited Speakers:

- Gabrielle Bardall, International Foundation for Electoral Systems
- Gwen Young, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Sandra Pepera, National Democratic Institute

To register and for more information, check the [WIIS events page](#).

Events (National)

Women's Foreign Policy Group Annual Mentoring Fair

Date: February 21

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Organization: Women's Foreign Policy Group

Location: New York University New York, New York

WFPG's Annual Mentoring Fairs provide an opportunity for students and young professionals to meet with international affairs professionals and learn from their career experiences. Unlike a mentoring panel or career fair, mentors sit at tables according to their expertise and are joined by students who are interested in their fields for an informal discussion. The informal atmosphere encourages dialogue and enables students to ask questions and seek insight on the range of skills and experiences that will enhance their ability to enter and succeed in international careers. Mentors share their experiences from a variety of sectors including: the UN, Foreign Service, NGOs, international business, human rights, and national security. This event is not a job fair, but an opportunity for students to come and speak with you about what is happening in your field and the skills required to get involved, and to make contacts with people who can give them advice and guidance.

Visit this website to [learn more](#).

To [register](#), visit this website.

EU Strategy in an Age of Great Power Competition

Date: February 25

Time: 3:00pm-4:15pm

Organization: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Location: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace 1779 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC

Today, international relations is marked by growing great power competition between the United States, China, and Russia and a decline in multilateralism. How should the EU respond to these troubling developments? Should the EU seek to become a more unified geopolitical bloc to better compete against other powers? If so, can the EU pursue a distinctive great power strategy, a middle way between dreamy idealism and unprincipled pragmatism? Can it play a crucial stabilizing role in an increasingly unstable world?

In a new book, *European Strategy in the 21st Century New Future for Old Power*, Sven Biscop discusses what a European grand strategy in the twenty first century should look like. Andrea Kendall-Taylor and Benjamin Haddad will join Biscop in conversation, and Erik Brattberg will moderate.

To register, visit the [Event Page](#).

A Conversation on Global Security and Trade with H.E. Karin Olofsdotter, Ambassador of Sweden to the United States

Date: February 28

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Organization: Women's Foreign Policy Group

Location: Residence of the Ambassador of Sweden 3900 Nebraska Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20016

H.E. Karin Olofsdotter has served as Ambassador of Sweden to the US since September 1, 2017. Trade and economic growth remain top priorities for the Ambassador, along with defense cooperation, public diplomacy, and strong collaboration with the international community. Ambassador Olofsdotter brings extensive experience in trade promotion to her current post. Prior to assuming the role as Ambassador, she served as Director-General for Trade at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She has also

held the position of Deputy Director-General and Head of the Department for Promotion of Sweden, Trade and CSR.

An accomplished diplomat, Ambassador Olofsdotter's career in the Foreign Service started in 1994 with her first posting to the Embassy of Sweden in Moscow. In the years following, she worked in security policy and defense issues as well as in numerous leadership posts within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She has served as Ambassador of Sweden to Hungary, Deputy Chief of Mission in Washington, part of the Swedish delegation to NATO; at the Swedish EU Representation in Brussels, working with European security policy and defense issues. Ambassador Olofsdotter has a BA in psychology, economics and Russian and studied at UCLA Anderson School of Management and speaks Russian, French and English

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

Women's Economic Empowerment and the Peace Corps – A Conversation with Dr. Jody-Olsen, Peace Corps Director

Date: March 7

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Organization: Center for Strategic & International Studies

Location: CSIS Headquarters 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW Washington, DC

In celebration of International Women's Day, please join the Center for Strategic and International Studies for a Smart Women, Smart Power conversation with Dr. Jody Olsen, Peace Corps Director. She will discuss the importance of the Peace Corps as a development agency and its work on women's economic empowerment. Dr. Olsen was sworn into office as the 20th Director of the Peace Corps in March 2018. Prior to returning to the Peace Corps in 2018, she 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.

Please visit the [CSIS Webpage to register](#).

Events (International)

Educating Girls: Why “Agenda 2030” should be called “Gender 2030”

Date: February 27

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Organization: Friends of Europe

Location: Friends of Europe Square de Meeûs 5-6 1000 Brussels, Belgium

This event is part of our Development Policy Forum (DPF), which brings together a number of important development actors, including the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the United Nations and the World Bank. Reflecting the growing role of the private sector in development, the DPF has now welcomed Coca-Cola and Eni to the forum. The DPF contributes to the global and European conversation on inclusive development. Through its activities and publications, the DPF reflects the rapidly-changing global debate on growth and development and seeks to encourage a multi-stakeholdered, fresh, up-to-date thinking on the multiple challenges facing the development community.

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

Panel Discussion | Teenage girls in India: Aspirations and reality

Date: February 28

Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Organization: Brookings India

Location: Brookings India No. 6, second floor, Dr. Jose P. Rizal Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021

The TAG (Teen Age Girls) Survey is carried out by Naandi Foundation, under the aegis of Project Nanhi Kali. Project Nanhi Kali supports girl children from under privileged families to complete ten years of basic schooling with dignity and with safety. The TAG Report 2018 presents data from the TAG Survey on a number of aspects of the lives of teenage girls in India today. These include current schooling and health status, aspirations about education, livelihoods and marriage. At this panel discussion we will take a closer look at the key findings of the TAG Survey, exploring differences by geography and economic status and strive to understand what worked well in the case of

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positive indicators. The session will also focus on aspirations of adolescent girls and its link to female labour force participation.

Please RSVP by emailing psharma@brookingsindia.org.

Security and Defense 2019

Date: March 7-8

Time: 9:30am-1:30pm

Organization: Chatham House

Location: Chatham House, 10 St. James's Square, London, SW1Y 4LE

The implications for the international security landscape of current political uncertainties and upheavals remain unclear. Arrangements for European and UK security cooperation post-Brexit have yet to be agreed, and the Trump administration continues to stress the need for greater burden sharing among NATO allies, highlighting the fault lines in current frameworks for multilateral security cooperation. Meanwhile, Russia and China are asserting their interests and influence in an increasingly volatile geopolitical landscape while technological developments are changing the nature of warfare and the capability requirements for effective deterrence.

What factors are driving these new patterns in diplomacy, and what do they mean for international security? What is the status of regional and global alignment over defense goals and norms, and what are the implications for future cooperation? What will the response be as powers attempt to reposition and restructure? What is now required for nations to effectively defend themselves? The annual Chatham House Security and Defense conference will discuss:

- Drivers and new patterns in diplomacy
- European unity or a divided continent?
- Repositioning, restructuring and regional responses
- Political transitions and the UK's emerging position
- Fit-for-purpose deterrence for full-spectrum warfare
- The rise of populism and international security



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The Chatham House Rule

To enable as open a debate as possible, this conference will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

Member Publications

Women in Peacemaking and Peacebuilding in Northern Uganda by Sidonia Angom

“The book analyses the two decades of the brutal civil war of northern Uganda. The author modified Lederach's peacebuilding framework to include peacemaking to bring out the argument that women and men make significant contributions to the peace processes and point out women's position as top leadership actors. The book uncovers the under-emphasized role of women in peacemaking and building.”

Purchase [here](#)

Invisible Martyrs: Inside the Secret World of Female Islamic Radicals by Farhana Qazi

“Farhana Qazi draws on her background as a pioneering counterterrorism professional and a devout Muslim to offer an insider's view of what drives girls and women to join radical Islamic movements, and identifies what America and the world community can do to keep them from making this terrible choice.”

Purchase [here](#)