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# WIIS Events (National/International)

## Trials of Spring: Women, War, and Peace Film Screening

### **Date:** April 10

### **Time:** 6:00-8:00pm

### **Organization:** WIIS, WCAPS, IFES, US National Committee for UN Women

### **Location:** Linder Family Commons

Elliot School of International Affairs

1957 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20052

Join us for a viewing of “The Trials of Spring,” part of the Women, War, and Peace 2 series releases. Analysis with an expert panel to follow. Film description as follows:

The promise of change spread like wildfire across the Middle East and North Africa in 2011 as men and women stood shoulder to shoulder chanting a simple yet galvanizing slogan: “bread, freedom and social justice for all.” Decades-old repressive regimes fell amid a swell of unity and optimism in the region.

But almost immediately following the fall of Hosni Mubarak in Egypt, women became targets of sexual and physical violence at public protests. The Trials of Springfollows the ensuing fight undertaken by three Egyptian women -- Hend Nafea, Khadiga Hennawi, and Mariam Kirollos -- to ensure that the goals of the Arab Spring include everyone. They are willing to risk everything in pursuit of their vision.

At the center of the film is the story of Hend Nafea. From a college activist to a central protest figure sexually assaulted by the military, she is determined to seek justice in the courts. Despite criticisms from her conservative family and a meandering bureaucracy, she remains resolute in her vision of freedom: “nation without torture is a dream that can come true” she says. The Trials of Spring offers razor-sharp insight into the disturbing and troubled story of Egypt after the Arab Spring, the human rights abuses that came to define it, and the bold women fighting for justice and freedom despite every effort to silence them.

Stay tuned for registration information [here](https://www.wiisglobal.org/)

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# Events (National)

## Book Talk: Putin’s World by Angela Stent

### **Date:** March 20

### **Time:** 5:00-7:00pm

### **Organization:** Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies

### **Location:** Mortara Center for International Studies

36th Street Northwest

Washington, DC 20007

On March 20, please join the Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies for a book talk with CERES Director Dr. Angela Stent. Dr. Stent will discuss her new book, “[Putin’s World: Russia Against the West and with the Rest](https://www.brookings.edu/books/putins-world-russia-against-the-west-and-with-the-rest/).” In this timely follow-up to “[The Limits of Partnership: U.S.-Russian Relations in the Twenty-First Century](https://press.princeton.edu/titles/10483.html)” (2014), she analyzes present-day Russian motives on the world stage. Dr. Stent will be in conversation with Dr. Andrew Kuchins, CERES Senior Fellow.

Dr. Stent's book talk will be followed by a reception. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

**Angela Stent** is director of the Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies and a professor of government and foreign service at Georgetown University. From 2004 to 2006, she served as national intelligence officer for Russia and Eurasia at the National Intelligence Council. She is the author of *The Limits of Partnership: US-Russian Relations in the Twenty-First Century*, for which she won the American Academy of Diplomacy’s Douglas Dillon prize for the best book on the practice of American diplomacy.

To register, click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-talk-putins-world-by-angela-stent-tickets-57201297621?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)

## Foreign Intervention Afflicts Africa After the Cold War

### **Date:** March 21

### **Time:** 7:00pm-8:30pm

### **Organization:** African Studies Program

### **Location:** Mortara Center for International Studies

Georgetown University

3600 N Street N.W.

Washington, DC 20057

Outsiders often perceive Africa as a continent in crisis, and many blame Africans for their plight. *Foreign Intervention in Africa after the Cold War* challenges this position, arguing that many current crises are the result of foreign political and military intervention during the Cold War and its aftermath. Focusing on the post– Cold War period (1991–2017), Schmidt explores the rationales used to justify foreign political and military intervention, the purpose of those interventions, and their consequences. She illustrates her points with case studies from across the continent and considers the impact of extra-continental powers, neighboring states, intergovernmental organizations, and international terrorist networks.

**Elizabeth Schmidt** is a professor of history at Loyola University Maryland. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin and has written extensively about US involvement in apartheid South Africa, women under colonialism in Zimbabwe, the nationalist movement in Guinea, and foreign intervention in Africa from the Cold War to the war on terror. Her books include: *Foreign Intervention in Africa after the Cold War: Sovereignty, Responsibility, and the War on Terror*(Athens: Ohio University Press, 2018); *Foreign Intervention in Africa: From the Cold War to the War on Terror* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013); *Cold War and Decolonization in Guinea, 1946-1958* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2007); *Mobilizing the Masses: Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in the Nationalist Movement in Guinea, 1939-1958*(Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2005); *Peasants, Traders, and Wives: Shona Women in the History of Zimbabwe, 1870-1939*(Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 1992); and *Decoding Corporate Camouflage: U.S. Business Support for Apartheid*(Washington, DC: Institute for Policy Studies, 1980).

To register, click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foreign-intervention-in-africa-after-the-cold-war-a-book-discussion-tickets-57133932129?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)

## Brave Girl Rising

### **Date:** March 21

### **Time:** 12:30-2:00pm

### **Organization:**

### **Location:** The Miliken Institute School of Public Health

950 New Hampshire Avenue Northwest

Main Auditorium (GWSPH 100)

Washington, DC 20052

**The Milken Institute School of Public Health in partnership with the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, Out for Public Health, Public Health Student Association, Global Health Network, and GlobeMed, invites you to the debut screening of*Brave Girl Rising.***

The film was made in collaboration with Girl Rising, the non-profit behind the global campaign for girl's education and empowerment, and International Rescue Committee. *Brave Girl Rising*was filmed in one of the largest refugee camps in the world, and tells how a courageous girl, inspired by the magical dreams of her mother and the sisterhood of her friends, succeeds in getting the education she deserves.

Directed by Academy Award nominee Richard Robbins and Martha Adams, written by poet laureate Warsan Shire, and voiced by Tessa Thompson and Golden Globe winner David Oyelowo, this short film is a testament to how hope and love can propel us beyond even the bleakest of circumstances.

The screening will include a discussion with officials from Girl Rising, International Rescue Committee, and Citi. Panelists for the event include Christina Lowery, CEO of Girl Rising, Kristin Solheim, Director of Federal Government Affairs at Citi, and Helena Minchew, Women’s Protection and Empowerment Advocacy and Technical Officer at IRC. Prior to the discussion, there will be a reception with drinks and light bites on the second floor.

View the trailer for the film here: https://girlrising.org/brave

To register, click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brave-girl-rising-film-premiere-tickets-57526703920)

## Diverse Diplomacy Leaders series with Raj Wadhwani and Ana Escrogima

### **Date:** March 22

### **Time:** 2:00-3:30

### **Organization:** Institute for the Study of Diplomacy

### **Location:** McGhee Library ICC Building

Room 301

3700 O St. NW

Washington, DC 20057

Join us to listen to Raj Wadhwani, Deputy Director in the Office of Arabian Penninsula Affairs, and Ana Escrogima, Office Director for Regional and Multilateral Affairs, in the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau of the U.S. Department of State, share their insights on diversity and inclusion at the State Department and advice for diverse candidates considering a career in foreign policy.  
  
Raj Wadhwani currently serves as Deputy Director in the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau of the US Department of State. A former Rusk Fellow at Georgetown's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, he previously served as Political and Economic Section Chief at the US Consulate General in Mumbai. His other Foreign Service assignments include Baghdad, as Deputy Spokesman/Information Officer; in Washington as Desk Officer for Economic Affairs in the Office of Iranian Affairs; as Political Officer and Vice Consul in Amman; as Vice Consul in the US Embassy in Riyadh; and as Provincial Action Officer on the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Baghdad. Ana Escrogima is a 16-year veteran Foreign Service Officer, serving currently as the Office Director for Regional and Multilateral Affairs in the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau of the U.S. Department of State. She was previously the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Yemen Affairs Unit in Saudi Arabia, which was established in 2015 after the closure the U.S. Embassy in Sana’a. A former Rusk Fellow at Georgetown's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Ana has extensive experience abroad and in Washington, DC, in primarily political and public affairs positions, having served previously in Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Syria, and the United Arab Emirates. She graduated from Brown University with a B.A. in International Relations and Affairs and French; and holds a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University.

To register, click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diverse-diplomacy-leaders-series-with-raj-wadhwani-and-ana-escrogima-tickets-58813718415?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)

## Priorities and Challenges for the Gulf: Peace, Security and Mitigating Conflict

### **Date:** March 26

### **Time:** 7:00pm-8:30pm

### **Organization:** Women’s Foreign Policy Group

### **Location:** The Cosmos Club 2121 Massachusetts Ave., NW Washington, DC

**Her Excellency Lolwah R M Al-Khater** was appointed as the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar in 2017. Before her appointment as the Spokesperson, HE Al-Khater joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Minister Plenipotentiary. She also served as the Director of Planning and Quality at Qatar Tourism Authority and as a Research Project Manager at Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. HE Al-Khater previously served as a part-time lecturer at Doha Institute for Graduate Studies and is a research assistant at The Oxford Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Forum at St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford. She is the author of Educational Outputs and Labor Market Needs: A study on Labor Market Issues and methods of Addressing Them, and co-editor of Policy-Making in a Transformative State: The Case of Qatar. HE Al-Khater holds a MS in Computing, a MA in Public Policy, and is a Dphil Candidate at the University of Oxford in the area of Oriental Studies looking at the question of Islam and Modernity in the context of the Arab Nahda. HE Al-Khater also serves on the board of at The Institute for Palestine Studies.

**Ambassador Anne Patterson (Moderator)**was the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and North African Affairs at the Department of State (2013-2017) before being appointed to the Dow Jones Special Committee in April 2018. She served as Ambassador to Egypt (2011-2013), to Pakistan (2007-2010), to Colombia (2000-2003) and to El Salvador (1997-2000). She recently retired with the rank of Career Ambassador after more than four decades in the Foreign Service. Ambassador Patterson also served as Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, among other assignments. She is currently a senior fellow at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale and a member of the Commission on National Defense Strategy.

Please direct any questions to 202-429-2692 or [programs@wfpg.org](mailto:programs@wfpg.org).

**To reserve tickets, click** [**here**](https://diievents.dii.eu/gpac-executive-program/register/)

## A Conversation with Swanee Hunt

### **Date:** March 25

### **Time:** 5:00pm

### **Organization:** Security Policy Studies, Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs, Leadership, Ethics and Practice (LEAP) Initiative and Institute for African Studies

**Location:** Room 113

1957 E St. NW

Washington, DC 20052

Ambassador Hunt is Founder of Inclusive Security and the Eleanor Roosevelt Lecturer in Public Policy at the JFK School of Government at Harvard. This discussion will be led by Dr. Shirley Graham, Director of GEIA. Reception to follow at 7pm.

To register, click [here](https://www.paperlesspost.com/flyer/go/PKNm6k2TaQGo7bSoaPXQ)

## Eurasia Young Professionals Spring Social

### **Date:** March 28

### **Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM

### **Organization:** Eurasian Research and Analysis (ERA) Institute

**Location:** Vapiano

1800 M Sreet Northwest

Washington, DC 20036

ERA Institute cordially invites all Eurasia young professionals to attend our signature Spring Social, which will take place on Thursday, March 28 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Vapiano (1800 M Street, NW). Come meet and mingle with young professionals working in nonprofit, academic, government, multilateral, and for-profit organizations. The event is free, but RSVPs are required no later than March 27. We look forward to welcoming back as well as meeting new guests at the Spring Social!

To register, click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eurasia-young-professionals-spring-social-tickets-58814411488?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)

## A New Vision for Gender and National Security

### **Date:** April 3

### **Time:** 9:00-12:00 PM

### **Organization:** Ploughshares

**Location:** Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

1779 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest

Root Room

Washington, DC 20036

A conference featuring women leaders with practical steps for smart, effective national security strategy

Keynote Address

#### Congresswoman Barbara Lee

Panelists

#### Marissa Conway, Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy

#### Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins, Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation

#### Ambassador Laura Holgate, Nuclear Threat Initiative

#### Heather Hurlburt, New America

#### Cecili Thompson Williams, Beyond the Bomb

To register, click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-new-vision-for-gender-and-national-security-tickets-58198937589?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)

## NATO Engages: The Alliance at 70

### **Date:**  April 3-4

### **Time**: All day

### **Organization**: The Brussels Summit Dialogue, the Munich Security Conference, the Atlantic Council, the German Marshall Fund of the United States

### **Location:** The Anthem

901 Wharf Street SW

Washington, DC 20024

This spring marks the 70th anniversary of the Washington Treaty, the founding document of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

On April 3-4, NATO’s founding date, Allied foreign ministers will convene in Washington, DC to commemorate achievements over the last seven decades, address the challenges facing the Alliance today, and highlight its enduring value and mission going forward.

Building on the success of NATO Engages: The Brussels Summit Dialogue, the Munich Security Conference, together with the Atlantic Council, the German Marshall Fund of the United States and other partners will organize the NATO Ministerial’s leading outreach event.

This town hall-style scene-setting event, hosted at [the Anthem](https://www.theanthemdc.com/) located on DC’s southwest waterfront, will encourage a broader public conversation about the importance of NATO, honor and celebrate its achievements; and discuss NATO’s future at this crucial time for the transatlantic community.

This event is by invitation only

## UMD Executive Cybersecurity Summit

### **Date:**  April 4-5

### **Time**: All day

### **Organization**: University of Maryland

### **Location:** The Hotel at the University of Maryland, College Park

The Summit will be an intensive two-day experience with keynote addresses from government officials, industry leaders, and academic experts including Rick Ledgett, Deborah Plunkett, Jim Rosenthal, Dana Priest, and Curt Dukes. The summit offers a unique, interactive learning opportunity that combines the latest research with practical relevance. It will be led by renowned University of Maryland faculty, senior policymakers, and cybersecurity experts. These experts will brief you on the evolving cyber threat landscape, threat detection, risk management and more so that you will be able to maneuver your organization appropriately to keep ahead of cyber threats.

To register or for more information, click [here](http://magic.umd.edu/forum.html)

## Paving the Way for Women In International Security

### **Date:** April 25

### **Time:** 8:30am-6:00pm

### **Organization:** World Bank Group and UNDSS

### **Location:** Preston Auditorium

1818 H Street NW

Washington, DC

A forum for present and future women leaders in international security

Opening Remarks

* Naureen Fink: Senior Policy Advisor, Strategic Threats, UK Mission to the United Nations

Keynote Speakers

* Dr. Marie Richards: Faculty Advisor, National War College

Stay tuned for registration information [here](https://www.wiisglobal.org/)

# Events (International)

## 2019 EU Election Executive Program A Behind the Scenes View

### **Date:** April 12, 2019

### **Time:** All Day

### **Organization:** Global Public Affairs Club (GPAC) + POLITICOPRO

### **Location:** Brussels

Before the 2019 EU election, [**the GPAC**](http://tr.diiconferences.com/r5.aspx?GV1=JKYG03I000000012RS002Z5MU001ROII0&mpvrs=00034BA4018698F78) and [**POLITICO**](http://tr.diiconferences.com/r5.aspx?GV1=JKYG03I000000012RS002Z5MV001ROII0&mpvrs=00034BA4018698F78)[**PRO**](http://tr.diiconferences.com/r5.aspx?GV1=JKYG03I000000012RS002Z5MW001ROII0&mpvrs=00034BA4018698F78) have decided to organize [**an exceptional event**](http://tr.diiconferences.com/r5.aspx?GV1=JKYG03I000000012RS002Z5MX001ROII0&mpvrs=00034BA4018698F78) which will provide a full day Executive Program on**12 April** to anticipate scenarios and benchmark key strategies for the upcoming election.

1. Gain insights into the **EU decision-making process**, and the role of industry interests
2. **Explore** the projected **EU Parliament composition** and the expected impacts on committees and policy areas
3. **Identify the new policy makers**you need to engage with following the EU elections
4. **Anticipate EU election risks and opportunities**that will impact your public affairs practices

To register, click [here](https://diievents.dii.eu/gpac-executive-program/register/)

# Member Publications

## *Removing Obstacles to Women’s Participation at the Peace Table and In Politics* by Pearl Karuhanga and Grace Ndirangu

See these Next Gen scholars’ policy brief on the WIIS website [here](https://www.wiisglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/13th-WIIS-Policy-Brief-FINAL-3-5-19-v3-1.pdf)