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## WIIS Events (National/International)

### Right Wing & Violent extremism

**Date:** May 2

**Time:** 10:00

**Organization:** Women In International Security, The Embassy of Liechtenstein

**Location:** International Center for Research on Women, 1120 20<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC

Join WIIS and the Embassy of Liechtenstein on Thursday, May 2nd at 10:00 AM for a policy roundtable on right-wing and religious violent extremism. In this roundtable, we will explore the relationship between the global rise in right-wing/violent extremism and authoritarianism/populism. Furthermore, we will also explore the role of gender and gender norms in explaining the movement.

#### **Panelists:**

Dr. Cynthia Miller-Idriss, Associate Professor, American University  
Eric Rosand (TBC), Director of the Prevention Project: Organizing Against Violent Extremism

Heidi Beirich, Southern Poverty Law Center Intelligence Project (TBC)

Sarah Kenny, Program Assistant, Women In International Security

Sharon Wolchik, Professor, Elliot School of International Affairs (TBC)

Register [here](#).

### Mission Critical: Inclusive Leadership for the Security Sector

**Date:** June 18-20

**Organization:** WIIS.de, German Marshall Fund of the United States, European Organization of Military Organizations, Deutscher.Soldat e.V.

**Location:** Berlin, Germany

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The fifth edition of Mission Critical: Inclusive Leadership for the Security Sector will accelerate the transfer of knowledge among security professionals in Berlin, Germany, from June 18 to 20, 2019. Rapid demographic change and emerging security challenges make it essential for security organizations on both sides of the Atlantic to strengthen diversity and inclusion expertise in order to succeed in our missions. Mission Critical provides a leadership development and exchange opportunity for key personnel and stakeholders to gain new strategies for diversity and inclusion in security contexts. Formats include VIP keynotes, interactive dialogues, and break-out working groups. Please see the thematic agenda here, with speaker highlights forthcoming.

As a key focus area of GMF's commitment to advancing inclusive leadership, Mission Critical will convene 100 active participants from Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, representing Ministries of Defense, Interior and Foreign Affairs, Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agencies, the Private and Non-Profit sectors.

Participants are asked to make travel and hotel arrangements independently. We recommend reserving your room at the Arcotel John F. where we have secured a room block, valid until April 8.

For more information, please reach out to Lora Jane Berg at [LJBerg@gmfus.org](mailto:LJBerg@gmfus.org).

Register on the [event page](#).

## Events (National)

### **Future of Nuclear Arms Control Series: Is a Treaty-Based System Sustainable?**

**Date:** April 17

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

**Organization:** Stimson Center

**Location:** Stimson Center, 1211 Connecticut Ave, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036

The Trump administration and the Kremlin have given notice of intent to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty. New START may be next on the chopping block. Where do we go from here? If the process of nuclear arms control as we

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have known it isn't sustainable, what might take its place? Stimson is convening a series of brainstorming sessions on our nuclear future and how best to shape it.

Featuring:

- Morton Halperin, Senior Adviser to the Open Society Foundation
- Michael Krepon, Co-founder of the Stimson Center
- Elizabeth Talerman, CEO of Nucleus Strategy
- Brian Finlay, President and CEO of the Stimson Center (Moderator)

Register on the [event page](#).

### **Red Sea rivalries: The Gulf, the Horn, and the new geopolitics of the Red Sea**

**Date:** April 18

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

**Organization:** Brookings Institution

**Location:** Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC

The Red Sea has fast become an arena of new geopolitical intrigue, as engagement between Gulf and African states challenges old assumptions and erases boundaries. Expanding economic and strategic interests are driving unprecedented activity on both shores, while great powers pay increasing attention to the Bab al Mandab, a strategic chokepoint and gateway to one of the world's most heavily-trafficked trade waterways: the Red Sea. The emergence of the Red Sea as a common political and economic arena offers opportunities for development and integration, but it also poses considerable risks

As Gulf countries seek to expand their influence in the Horn of Africa, they risk exporting Middle Eastern rivalries to a region that has plenty of its own; and they aren't the only outside powers now paying attention. China recently established its first-ever overseas military base in Djibouti, just six miles from the only U.S. base in Africa. Amid historic changes in the Horn and a rapidly-changing landscape in the Red Sea, states with different cultures, models of government, and styles of diplomacy are shaping a new frontier where the rules of the game are yet to be written.

Register [here](#).

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## Ukraine's Future Leaders on the Frontlines of Change

**Date:** April 18

**Time:** 3:30 pm

**Organization:** The Atlantic Council

**Location:** Atlantic Council Headquarters  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower Elevators  
Washington, DC 20005

In the five years since the end of the Revolution of Dignity, Ukraine continues to ask the important question: How will the country ensure democratic values in its future development? Much of Ukraine's hope lies in its young leaders who will drive the country forward in the coming years. CDDRL has been fortunate to provide a year-long residency to some of these future leaders as part of the Center's Ukrainian Emerging Leaders Program.

This event will feature three Ukrainian leaders who are in residency with CDDRL's Ukrainian Emerging Leaders Program this year. They will be joined by CDDRL's Mosbacher Director Francis Fukuyama who will deliver an opening keynote address. They will discuss their own perspectives on opportunities and challenges to democracy, and development in their home country, as well as their objectives for strengthening trade policy, education reform, and anti-corruption efforts upon their return to Ukraine.

## Insurgent Women: Female Combatants in Civil Wars

**Date:** April 22

**Time:** 5:30-7:00 pm

**Organization:** American University

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

Why do women go to war? Despite the reality that female combatants exist the world over, we still know relatively little about who these women are, what motivates them to take up arms, how they are utilized by armed groups, and what happens to them when war ends.

In *Insurgent Women: Female Combatants in Civil Wars*, Jessica Trisko Darden, Alexis Henshaw, and Ora Szekeley use three case studies to explore variation in women's participation in nonstate armed groups in a range of contemporary political and social



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contexts: the civil war in Ukraine, the conflicts involving Kurdish groups in the Middle East, and the civil war in Colombia.

Register [here](#).

## **A New Approach to Preventing Extremism in Fragile States: Final Report of the Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States**

**Date:** April 23

**Time:** 9:30am-12:45pm

**Organization:** United States Institute for Peace

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

Since 9/11, the United States has successfully prevented another mass-casualty attack on its soil. But despite trillions of dollars spent and tens of thousands of lives lost, terrorism is spreading. We need to adopt a new prevention paradigm, one that not only responds to terrorism but also prevents the underlying causes of extremism and violence in fragile states.

Congress charged the U.S. Institute of Peace, an independent, bipartisan leader in reducing and preventing conflict, with convening The Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States. The Task Force has developed a proposal for a new cost-effective, evidence-based, and coordinated preventive approach. Modest U.S. investments—if they are strategic, coordinated, well-timed, and sustained—can empower communities over time to better resist extremism on their own and motivate international donors to support this cause. Join us as we wrestle with the challenge of supporting fragile states to build resiliency, sustain progress and prevent future threats and instability. Take part in the conversation on Twitter with [#PreventExtremism](#).

Register [here](#).

## **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

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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](#).

### China's Belt and Road Initiative at Year Six

**Date:** April 25

**Time:** 1:30pm – 4:45pm

**Organization:** U.S. Institute of Peace

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

China will host its second Belt and Road Forum in Beijing on April 26-27, two years after hosting its inaugural forum that was attended by dozens of world leaders and put a spotlight on Beijing's massive signature initiative and its global leadership ambitions. Now in its sixth year, China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)—which Chinese President Xi Jinping has called the “project of the century”—has been welcomed by countries seeking Chinese investment and loans. But it has also raised significant concerns about the sustainability of and intentions behind the initiative. Join the U.S. Institute of Peace for a conference that will look at the impact of China's signature connectivity initiative on peace and security.

Six years after its inception in 2013, BRI has become a major global force. But it has also sparked a reexamination of the unique model that differentiates BRI from other infrastructure connectivity initiatives, in ways both positive and negative.

China portrays BRI as an effort to expand regional connectivity by building infrastructure, creating digital linkages, and facilitating trade flows. Beijing has dedicated hundreds of billions of dollars to the scheme, which is meant to help fill a yawning infrastructure gap in Asia and beyond. Critics, especially in Washington, believe that BRI's primary purpose is to expand Chinese influence at the expense of its partners.

This conference will feature two panels: The first will discuss cross-regional trends and concerns about BRI, alternatives to the Chinese model of investment and development,





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and strategies for increasing the sustainability of international development efforts. The second panel will examine the on-the-ground impact of BRI in South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Africa and implications for conflict dynamics in these regions.

RSVP [here](#).

### **Building National Security Diversity in the 2020 Campaign**

**Date:** April 29

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

**Organization:** National Security Action, Inclusv, Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security, Foreign Policy for America, Third Way, Center for American Progress Action Fund

**Location:** AFL-CIO Headquarters, 815 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC

National Security Action and our partners Inclusv, Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Foreign Policy for America, and Third Way invite you to join us for a panel and reception to discuss how the diverse network of national security talent can get involved in the 2020 Presidential campaigns on Monday, April 29 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the AFL-CIO Headquarters (815 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20005)

Our panelists will share their experiences of successfully transitioning from the campaign trail to the national security community and back again. We will talk about the many ways people can find ways to support their preferred candidates, full-time or volunteering. We are inviting representatives from all the Presidential primary campaigns to attend.

Register [here](#).

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## Events (International)

### Panel: Turkey and Hungary in the Future of Europe

**Date:** April 17

**Time:** 4:00pm-5:30pm

**Organization:** SETA Istanbul

**Location:** Defterdar Mah. Savaklar Caddesi. No: 41-43

On 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, SETA and National University of Public Service will organize a panel titled “Turkey and Hungary in the Future of Europe” in Istanbul. The panel will draw attention to the past and future of Turkish-Hungarian relations, opportunities in bilateral relations, geopolitics of Hungary in its region, and the current course of relations between Hungary and the European Union.

The panel will be opened by the **Consul General of Hungary in Istanbul Mr. Balázs Hendrich**, who **will deliver a keynote speech about the Turkish-Hungarian relations**. Zeliha Elicaçık, Researcher at SETA European Studies, will moderate the panel. The panellists include Enes Bayraklı, the Coordinator of SETA Brussels Office, Zoltan Egeresi and András Hettyey, Members of Faculty at National University of Public Service.

English-Turkish simultaneous translation will be provided.

For more information and to register, visit the event website [here](#).

### Cyber 2019

**Date:** June 20-21

**Time:** All Day

**Organization:** Chatham House

**Location:** Brussels

Before the 2019 EU election, **the GPAC** and **POLITICOPRO** have decided to organize **an exceptional event** 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



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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](#)

## 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](#).