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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.

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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 Spring follows the ensuing fight undertaken by three Egyptian women -- Hend Nafea, Khadiga Hennawi, and Mariam Kirolos -- 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.

#### Distinguished Panelists:

- Gini Reticker, Director of *The Trials of Spring*
- Eric Hodachok, Senior Program Manager, MENA, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
- Haleh Esfandiari (TBC), Former Director, Middle East Program, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars
- Lilia Labidi (TBC), Visiting Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars
- Scott Weiner, Adjunct Professor, Political Science, George Washington University

Hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 5:45 pm.

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

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



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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)

### **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.

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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 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, see the [event page](#).



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## National Democratic Institute Event: Men and Women as Allies

**Date:** April 4

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Organization:** National Democratic Institute

**Location:** International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Building; 620 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

How good are you at checking your privilege? Do you understand the power of unconscious bias? From the corporate sector to politics, equality is still seen primarily as a goal for women to achieve. If the #TimesUp, #MeToo and similar movements around the world are mobilizing for change in gender relations, men and particularly male leaders have to become champions of the effort, too. Join Alan Greig, co-founder of the Challenging Male Supremacy project and Caroline Hubbard, Senior Advisor at the National Democratic Institute, in a fun and interactive session and find out if you're champion material. Cocktails and snacks will be served.

In all sectors, including the political, barriers rooted in gender norms consistently prevent the full inclusion of women. NDI is engaging male political leaders as transformative agents of change for gender equality. A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) works in 70 countries around the world to promote the development and safeguard the integrity of open government, free speech and democratic processes and institutions. It works for democracy and makes democracy work.

Please [RSVP here](#).

## The “Consensual Straitjacket”: Four Decades of Women in Nuclear Security Panel + Networking Reception

**Date:** April 5

**Time:** 5:00pm – 7:30pm

**Organization:** New America

**Location:** 740 15th St NW #900, Washington, D.C. 20005

Please join us on Friday, April 5th to celebrate the launch of the report “[The ‘Consensual Straitjacket’: Four Decades of Women in Nuclear Security](#).”

Nearly two dozen women with decades of experience in nuclear, arms control, and non-proliferation policy told us that opening the doors to diversity makes better, more

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innovative policy. With specific policy outcomes and painful personal histories, they have much to teach us about building the security workforce and innovative thinking that the future demands. Again and again, they told us that building networks of peers, mentors and sponsors, through formal and informal interactions, was key to attracting and sustaining diverse talent and new thinking.

Join us to put that insight into action with leaders of today and tomorrow. From 5:00 - 6:30, Rose Gottemoeller, Michèle Flournoy and Bonnie Jenkins will open a discussion of personal experience and prospects for innovation and change in the nuclear security field. A networking reception will follow from 6:30 - 7:30, with some of the women featured in the report.

Featuring:

- Rose Gottemoeller - NATO Deputy Secretary General
- Michèle Flournoy - WestExec CEO, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
- Bonnie Jenkins - Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation (WCAPS) founder and president, former State Department Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation coordinator for threat reduction programs

Moderated by Heather Hurlburt, Director of the New Models of Policy Change project in New America's Political Reform program

Please register on the [event page](#).

## **Redefining U.S. national security: Interlinkages with American society and foreign policy**

**Date:** April 5

**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm

**Organization:** Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation (WCAPS) and Brookings Institution

**Location:** Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington, DC, 20036

President Donald Trump won the 2016 election largely by carrying Rust Belt states and doing especially well with a demographic skeptical of America's role in the world



regarding trade, investment, diplomacy, alliances, and immigration policy. His election has had consequences for U.S. foreign policy, from reducing foreign aid and pulling out of the Paris Climate Accord, to imposing highly restrictive immigration policies and questioning numerous alliances.

Yet, U.S. foreign policy remains in flux as President Trump's approach evolves, with the 2018 midterm elections demonstrating that many voters are not satisfied with the direction of the country. This situation provides a rich backdrop for debate, now and in the run-up to the 2020 political season, about how to best advance America's interests at home and abroad.

On April 5, Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation (WCAPS) and the Foreign Policy program at The Brookings Institution will host a discussion on the implications of this complex political environment in which domestic and foreign policy decisions influence each other. The discussion will outline how evidenced-based policy analysis and dialogue can inform a comprehensive U.S. policy.

Questions from the audience will follow.

Register on the [event page](#) or watch the event livestreamed on the [Facebook page of WCAPS](#).

### **Alternative Approaches to Incarceration Abroad**

**Date:** April 9

**Time:** 8:30am-5:00pm

**Organization:** United States Institute for Peace

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

The world's prisons now reportedly hold more than 10.74 million men, women, and children. Imprisonment for even minor crimes is often a default punishment in many jurisdictions, leading human rights organizations to express growing concerns about overcrowding, poor sanitation, inadequate health care, and violence in overburdened facilities. Alternatives to incarceration projects offer a promising means of addressing these growing challenges, and often provide minor offenders with the holistic support they need for rehabilitation and reintegration into their communities. Yet instituting these approaches in developed nations and fragile states alike can be difficult.

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Join the University of South Carolina's Rule of Law Collaborative and the United States Institute of Peace for a day-long symposium that explores the promises and challenges associated with instituting effective alternatives to incarceration programming. Experts will offer insights from their work domestically and abroad, covering key questions of the day such as how to handle reintegration of foreign fighters, and how to tailor support to meet the needs of vulnerable prison populations. Take part in the conversation on Twitter with #IncarcerationAlternatives.

To see the event agenda and register, see the [event page](#).

## Youth: The Missing Peace: Exploring Youth Inclusion in Peace and Security through a U.N.-mandated Progress Study

**Date:** April 11

**Time:** 10am-12pm

**Organization:** United States Institute for Peace

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

Long before the 2015 adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security, young people were working to prevent violence, transform conflict and build peace in their communities. However, research on these youth-led efforts is scarce—most literature reinforces a common narrative that youth are either perpetrators or victims of violence rather than agents of change. UNSCR 2250 sought to be a turning point, and its resulting progress study, “The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth and Peace and Security,” updates this outdated narrative and demonstrates young people’s positive role in sustaining peace.

Join USIP and the Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security for an interactive, intergenerational conversation with the study’s lead author, Graeme Simpson, as well as youth and peacebuilding experts and young peacebuilders from around the world.

The event will look at the two-year evidence gathering process—which engaged more than 4,000 young people around the world and has been heralded as “possibly the most participatory process ever undertaken by the U.N.”—to draw out key lessons and recommendations regarding what works in the field of youth, peace and security, and what prevents youth’s meaningful inclusion in peace and security efforts. The conversation will also look forward, with an eye toward sustaining UNSCR 2250’s momentum and cementing our commitment to the role of youth people in preventing conflict and contributing to sustainable peace.

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- Nancy Lindborg, welcoming remarks, President, U.S. Institute of Peace
- Aubrey Cox, Program Officer, Youth, U.S. Institute of Peace
- Giannina Raffo, Youth Peace Leader, Venezuela
- Graeme Simpson, Lead Author of the Progress Study and Director, Interpeace USA
- Noella Richard, moderator, Youth Team Leader, United Nations Development Program
- Saji Prellis, closing remarks, Director of Children & Youth Programs, Search for Common Ground

Register on the [event page](#).

## **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.

### Speakers

- Secretary Madeleine Albright, Chair, Albright Stonebridge Group

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- Stephen Hadley, Chair of the Board of Directors, U.S. Institute of Peace
  - Governor Tom Kean, Co-Chair, Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States
  - Nancy Lindborg, President, U.S. Institute of Peace

Register on the [event page](#).

## **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 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](#).

## **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](#).

## Events (International)

### Gender Inequality: Making Technology the Solution, Not the Problem

**Date:** April 11

**Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm

**Organization:** Chatham House

**Location:** 10 St James's Square | London | SW1Y 4LE

There is increasing evidence to suggest that technology is driving a digital gender divide across the world. For example, the Institute for Women's Policy Research have warned that women across the economic spectrum are more vulnerable than men to losing their jobs to automation. The UNESCO Institute for Statistics has noted that less than 30 per cent of the world's STEM researchers are women. And a number of experts have cautioned that artificial intelligence could unintentionally be bringing male-coded gender biases to bear on decision-making throughout the systems in which it is in use.

The panel will ask whether technology can help solve the gender inequality problem it is accused of perpetuating. In a solution-focused discussion, they will explore the ways in which society can bridge the existing digital gender divide. Do inclusion programmes and initiatives work? How can we mitigate abuse towards women on social media? In the world of AI, what projects are being developed with the potential to reduce rather than entrench gender biases? And can women leverage digital opportunities in the future world of work for their economic empowerment?

Speakers:

- Dr Urvashi Aneja, Associate Fellow, Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House; Founding Director, Tandem Research

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- Sherif Elsayed Ali, Director of Partnerships, AI for Good, Element AI; Co-Chair, Global Future Council on Human Rights and Technology; World Economic Forum
  - Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE, Co-Founder and CEO, STEMettes
- Further speakers to be announced.

This event is for Chatham House members. Log-in and register on the [event page](#).

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

**Date:** April 12

**Time:** All Day

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

**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
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](#).