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## WIIS Events (National/International)

### Right Wing and Violent Extremism

**Date:** May 2

**Time:** 10:00am

**Organization:** Women In International Security and The Embassy of Lichtenstein

**Location:** Truman Center

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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, Director of the Prevention Project: Organizing Against Violent Extremism

Heidi Beirich, Southern Poverty Law Center Intelligence Project

Sarah Kenny, Program Assistant, Women In International Security

Sharon Wolchik, Professor, Elliot School of International Affairs

For more information see the [event page](#).

**WIIS May Happy Hour**

**Date:** May 15

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

**Organization:** WIIS Global

**Location:** TBA

Come join WIIS and our members for a happy hour on May 15. Enjoy some great drinks, conversation and Location will be announced in the coming days.

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**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

**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 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).

## Events (National)

### **The Condoleezza Rice Women Who Inspire Lecture Series: Ana Palacio, Foreign Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain**

**Date:** May 2

**Time:** 12:00pm-1:00pm

**Organization:** Johns Hopkins SAIS

**Location:** Kenney Auditorium, 1740 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC

Named in honor of former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, The Condoleezza Rice "Women Who Inspire" Lecture Series seeks to highlight how women are reshaping the world, confronting global challenges, and blazing trails across all walks of life that improve the human condition.

Ana Palacio is an international lawyer specializing in international and European Union law. From 1994 to 2002, she was a member of the European Parliament, where she

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chaired the Legal Affairs and Internal Market as well as the Citizens Rights, Justice and Home Affairs Committees. Ana Palacio served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain (2002-2004) and was a member of the Spanish Parliament (2004-2006) where she chaired the Joint Committee of the two Houses for European Union Affairs. She has been Senior Vice-President and General Counsel of the World Bank Group and Secretary General of ICSID (2006-2008). She has also been a member of the Executive Committee and Senior Vice-President for International Affairs of AREVA (2008-2009) and served on the Council of State of Spain (2012-2018).

Ana Palacio serves on various advisory and executive boards. She is a member of several think-tanks and organizations, such as the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Council of the United States, the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and the Elcano Royal Institute, among others.

Ana Palacio is a Visiting Professor at the Edmund E. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She maintains a monthly column at Project Syndicate and is a recurrent participant and speaker at international conferences and fora.

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## **New Survey Release: What do Afghans Think About Current Peace and Reconciliation Efforts?**

**Date:** May 2

**Time:** 2:00pm-4:00pm

**Organization:** Wilson Center

**Location:** 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wilson Center

Afghanistan is witnessing stepped-up efforts to promote peace and reconciliation. These include U.S. talks with the Taliban, an intra-Afghan dialogue with the Taliban, and a planned large gathering of Afghan politicians and other leaders to discuss potential paths toward peace. But what do Afghans really think about these efforts? This event marks the release of a new survey gauging public opinion on negotiations, ceasefires, the viability of a durable peace, and preferred political systems, among other issues. The survey, conducted by a group of experts focused on gender equality and women's empowerment in Afghanistan, aims to give Afghans feeling excluded from the reconciliation process an opportunity to express their views. Fazel Rahim, who oversaw the survey, will highlight the survey's key findings. An expert panel will then discuss broader prospects for peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan.

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## **Columbia at a Critical Juncture for Peace: A Conversation with the Peace Commission of Columbia's House of Representatives**

**Date:** May 3

**Time:** 9:00am-11:00am

**Organization:** United States Institute of Peace

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

The United Nations Security Council recently acknowledged that peace in Colombia is at a “critical juncture,” as the implementation of the 2016 peace agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) is facing uncertainty and the peace process with the National Liberation Army (ELN) has been suspended in the aftermath of their January terrorist attack in Bogotá.

Under President Iván Duque’s administration, Colombia has made progress implementing the FARC peace accord. But noteworthy challenges remain, including the upcoming closure of the ex-combatant reintegration sites and the limited advancements in coca crop substitution and rural land reform.

Though the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) has continued to investigate FARC kidnappings and military extrajudicial killings, among other things, its neutrality has been questioned and congressional debates linger over the court’s legal framework.

Meanwhile, the killing of social leaders, the crisis in neighboring Venezuela, and the imminent decision regarding the extradition of former FARC negotiator Jesús Santrich loom heavily. For its part, the ELN has yet to embrace the unilateral concessions demanded of it by the government to reconsider future peace talks.

Following a December visit from Colombia’s Senate Peace Commission, please join the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Inter-American Dialogue and the Woodrow Wilson Center for a public conversation with five prominent members of the country’s House of Representatives Peace Commission. The ad hoc legislative bodies provide unique fora to foster political consensus around peace. Take part in the conversation on Twitter with #ColombiaPeaceForum.

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## **After Doha, What’s Next for Afghan Peace Talks?**

**Date:** May 3

**Time:** 1:00pm-2:30pm

**Organization:** United States Institute of Peace

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

Afghanistan has entered a pivotal but uncertain time. A peace process to end the 18-year war has gathered steam, with talks between the U.S. and Taliban appearing to make substantial progress on foreign troop presence and counterterrorism. Negotiations among Afghans on the country’s



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political future have not begun, however, and last week's conference in Doha that might have launched these discussions collapsed at the last minute. Diplomatic contacts continue, but the security situation throughout the country is dire as the Taliban gear up for what is likely to be another bloody fighting season.

During this moment of rapid developments, rare opportunity, and considerable uncertainty, join the U.S. Institute of Peace to hear a distinguished panel of experts examine what's next for the Afghan peace process.

Follow the conversation with #Afghanpeace.

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## **Feminisms in the Middle East and North Africa**

**Date:** May 6

**Time:** 4:30pm-6:00pm

**Organization:** Kennedy School, Harvard University

**Location:** Harvard University, Boston MA

Full Event Name Feminisms in the Middle East and North Africa A Conversation with Soha Bayoumi, Sherine Hafez, Hanan Hammad, and Valentine Moghadam. A seminar with Soha Bayoumi, Assistant Dean of Harvard College (moderator); Sherine Hafez (University of California, Riverside); Hanan Hammad (Texas Christian University); and Valentine Moghadam (Northeastern University).

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## **What Sci-fi Futures Can (and Can't) Teach Us About AI Policy**

**Date:** May 7

**Time:** 1:30pm-6:00pm

**Organization:** New America

**Location:** New America

Come to New America for a half-day mini-conference on the intersection of science fiction, futurism, and real-world AI policy!

Our anxieties about what we can do with AI versus what we should do are reaching a fever pitch. While companies scramble to define what "AI ethics" means for them and citizens see algorithmic



decision-making creeping into their daily experience, policymakers are facing tough choices about how to regulate this new computational wild west. Yet public dialogue about the future of AI seems to be stuck in a loop, repeating the same stories about killer robots, job-stealing AIs, and god-like super-machines. Is science fiction to blame for selling us simplistic visions of AI apocalypse? How can we make sure the stories we tell ourselves about intelligent machines will examine real-life challenges like data-based discrimination and privacy invasion, not just far-fetched threats like "Terminator" uprisings? What lessons can we learn about present-day policy conundrums from the rich history of AI in science fiction literature and film?

Join Future Tense and New America's Open Technology Institute for a lively afternoon of discussion on sci-fi and AI with policy and tech experts, futurists, and science fiction authors—including Malka Older (Infomocracy, Null States), whose political science fiction novels were just nominated for the prestigious Hugo award for best sci-fi series.

Reception to follow.  
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### **Dialogue on a roadmap to reducing child poverty**

**Date:** May 9

**Time:** 9:00am-11:00am

**Organization:** Brookings Institution

**Location:** Falk Auditorium, Brookings Institution

As of 2015, 9.6 million American children lived in households with incomes below the poverty line. A multitude of evidence suggests that a lack of adequate economic resources within families compromises children's abilities to develop, adversely affecting future outcomes for children and society as a whole. Recognizing this challenge to America's future, the U.S. Congress recently asked the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to conduct a comprehensive study of child poverty in the United States and to identify evidence-based programs and policies for halving the number of children living in poverty within 10 years. NASEM appointed a committee with expertise in economics, psychology, cognitive science, public policy, education, sociology, and pediatrics to conduct the study and issue a report.

On May 9, the Brookings Institution will host an event to discuss the subsequent report, "A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty." The event will feature comments from Greg Duncan, who served as Chair of the Committee on Building an Agenda to Reduce the Number of Children in Poverty by Half in 10 Years, as well as a panel discussion on the report, its recommendations, and barriers to implementation. A second panel will highlight national and state policy perspectives of the consensus study report.

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## Centering Civil Rights in the Privacy Debate

**Date:** May 9

**Time:** 3:00pm-4:30pm

**Organization:** New America

**Location:** New America

After 20 years of corporations failing to self-regulate on privacy, strong federal privacy legislation may finally be in sight. As privacy scandals continue to ravage the front page, and states continue to pass privacy legislation in the absence of federal action, Congress is under more and more pressure to pass privacy protections. Thus far, the conversation has focused disproportionately on transparency and preempting state laws like the California Consumer Privacy Act.

However, these discussions have left out a crucial issue: the use of data to discriminate against people of color. Exploiting personal information disproportionately harms marginalized communities. Privacy abuses enable voter suppression, digital redlining, discriminatory policing, retail discrimination, digital inequity, amplification of white supremacy, identity theft, and the endangerment of personal safety. Unfortunately, these harms have been largely ignored by Congress so far—over the course of several privacy hearings in both chambers over the past year, very few civil rights experts have testified.

It is vital that the privacy discussion center civil rights issues. Congress can address harms caused by discrimination, and it should prioritize addressing those harms when drafting legislation.

Join New America's Open Technology Institute and Color of Change in a discussion about the importance of focusing the privacy debate around civil rights, the harms marginalized communities experience, and how to solve them.

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## Rules in War- A Thing of the Past?

**Date:** May 10

**Time:** 10:30am-12:00pm

**Organization:** CSIS

**Location:** CSIS Headquarters

Rapid changes in warfare pose stark, complex challenges for international humanitarian law (IHL). Indeed, they raise fundamental questions about the relevance, normative power, and impact of IHL in today's dangerous world.



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Proliferating conflicts are increasingly intractable, lasting for years or decades, causing protracted human suffering on a mass scale. Battles waged in densely populated cities suddenly put huge numbers of vulnerable civilians at-risk. Non-state armed groups – ISIS, Al Qaeda, and others – wage asymmetric war. Security partnerships and proxy wars, often embedded in a new Cold War of intensified Great Power confrontation, magnify the scale of wars and have obscure chains of command. New technologies – “killer robots,” A.I., cyber weapons – are no less opaque and problematic. Meanwhile, the surge of deliberate, targeted violence against aid workers, health facilities and schools, often with utter impunity, disrupts humanitarian access, destroys critical infrastructure, and propels mass migration.

As the 70th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions approaches in August, how does this vitally important body of law relate to today’s – and tomorrow’s – realities, a world in which the liberal international order of the past seven decades seems to be fading?

Please join us for a keynote address and armchair conversation with Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Formerly serving as the Swiss Ambassador to the United Nations and Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs for the Swiss Foreign Ministry, Mr. Maurer has a wealth of diplomatic experience with humanitarian crises. He will speak to the continued relevance of IHL, including the centrality of humanitarian principles to gain access to vulnerable populations. He will also address a question of considerable import and timeliness: how are we to achieve a global reaffirmation of the Geneva Conventions, including the enlistment of powerful new advocates, in the face of populist nationalism, historic migration flows, and increasing state fragility?

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## Rules in War- A Thing of the Past?

**Date:** May 10

**Time:** 2:00pm-4:00pm

**Organization:** Stimson Center

**Location:** Stimson Center

Why and how do great powers participate in foreign wars covertly rather than overtly? In a new book, *Secret Wars: Covert Conflict in International Politics*, Austin Carson unpacks the politics of secrecy in war, revealing the incentives for keeping an intervention covert, including escalation control, and what happens when major powers collude in secret. In this book discussion, Carson, Sameer Lalwani, and Melanie Sisson will apply the lessons of *Secret Wars* to conflicts ranging from the Afghanistan war, the recurring India-Pakistan conflict, and U.S. competition with Russia and China.

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Austin Carson is a professor of political science at the University of Chicago.

Sameer Lalwani is a senior fellow and director of the South Asia program at the Stimson Center.

Melanie Sisson is a senior fellow and director of the defense strategy and planning program at the Stimson Center.

The event will be livestreamed and light refreshments will be served.  
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## **The Future of Conflict: Carnegie Junior Fellows Conference 2019**

**Date:** June 12

**Time:** 11:30am-5:00pm

**Organization:** Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

**Location:** Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

As renewed rivalries set in among great powers and instability grows around the world, it is more difficult than ever to predict the nature of future conflicts. How will future wars between states be fought? How likely is great power conflict? How does growing violence within states impact the international system? And how does the potent combination of new technologies, resurgent authoritarianism and populism, and the changing role of international organizations affect these dynamics?

Join us for a conference that will bring together experts and young professionals to discuss the future of conflict. This conference is geared toward young professionals. Interested attendees should fill out the application form below. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on May 5, 2019. The conference will take place on June 12, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and a reception will follow.

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## **2019 National Security Conference: Sharpening America's Edge**

**Date:** June 14

**Time:** 9:30am-4:30pm

**Organization:** Center for a New American Security

**Location:** Washington Hilton

This year's CNAS National Security Conference will explore the United States' efforts to sharpen its strategic edge in an era of heightened global competition. From sustaining America's military

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advantage, to countering high-tech illiberalism, to designing new ways to project U.S. economic power, each session will offer new ideas to elevate the national security debate.

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## Events (International)

### **Zelenskiy at the helm- What to expect from Ukraine's New President?**

**Date:** May 15

**Time:** 3:30pm-5:00pm

**Organization:** European Policy Centre

**Location:** European Policy Centre, Brussels

For more information click [here](#).

### **The Armed Conflict Survey 2019 Launch**

**Date:** May 15

**Time:** 9:30am-10:30am

**Organization:** International Institute for Strategic Studies

**Location:** Arundel House, London, UK

The Armed Conflict Survey is the comprehensive reference on active conflicts worldwide, providing evidence-based analysis of key political, military and humanitarian developments and their impact. This year's edition includes 33 conflict reports across six regions in 2018 and four essays on global trends in conflict, such as the security impact of climate change, the manipulation of humanitarian aid by warring parties, the complex relation between forced displacement and war, and the distinctive dynamics of conflict in

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cities. This year's Armed Conflict Survey has been redesigned to provide a systematic overview of each armed conflict, from historical roots to future trends, detailed information on warring parties and their strategies and tactics, as well as 70 maps, infographics and tables.

By tracing the global, regional and local trends driving conflict, the Armed Conflict Survey brings clarity and insight to the complex drivers of armed conflict today.

Dr Francesca Grandi is the Editor of the Armed Conflict Survey and Senior Fellow for Conflict, Security and Development. She has extensive expertise on conflict analysis, conflict prevention and post-conflict reconciliation.

Virginia Comolli leads the Conflict, Security and Development Programme, the Institute's repository of analytical work related to armed conflicts, as well as fragility and insecurity in their multiple forms. She has extensive expertise on Sub-Saharan Africa, organised crime and extremism.

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## **IISS Shangri-La Dialogue 2019**

**Date:** May 31-June 2

**Organization:** International Institute for Strategic Studies

**Location:** Shangri-la Hotel, Singapore

The IISS Shangri-La Dialogue is Asia's premier defence summit. It's a unique meeting where ministers debate the region's most pressing security challenges, engage in important bilateral talks and come up with fresh solutions together.

Since its launch in 2002 the Dialogue has built confidence and fostered practical security cooperation, by facilitating easy communication and fruitful contact among the region's most important defence and security policymakers.

Each year's agenda is intentionally wide-ranging, reflecting the many defence and security challenges facing a large and diverse region.

Past speakers have included prime ministers and senior ministers from China, India, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Australia and other regional powers, as well as the United States.



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Since its launch in 2002, the Dialogue has become a venue for proposing and advancing initiatives on important security issues.

The 2019 summit will take place on 31 May to 2 June. This page will be regularly updated with Dialogue news.

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