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Events (National)

Unpacking Perceptions and Attitudes: Arabs on the Economy, Women's Leadership and Youth

Date: September 19th

Time: 10:00am-11:30am

Organization: Wilson Center, Arab Barometer

Location: 5th Floor, Woodrow Wilson Center

On September 19th, 2019, The Wilson Center will be hosting a panel discussion of the Arab Barometer's 2019 Surveys of the Arab world focused on perceptions and attitudes towards the economy, women's leadership and Arab youth.

The Arab Barometer, a nonpartisan research network that provides insights into the social, political, and economic attitudes and values of ordinary citizens across the Arab world, has been conducting rigorous, and nationally representative face-to-face public opinion surveys on probability samples of the adult populations across the Arab world since 2006. In 2019, the Arab Barometer has conducted 50 national surveys over five waves including more than 70,000 interviews in 15 Arab countries.

More information [here](#).

Women & War: Evolving the Narrative of Women's Contributions to Peace & Security

Date: September 19th

Time: 5:30 pm-8:30pm

Organization: The Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs

Location: Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20052

The exhibition was curated by GEIA Research Fellow, Jessica Smith. It is part of a GEIA series making visible women's participation and representation in formal/informal political spaces, articulating their visions for a gender equal and peaceful society. Each photograph in this exhibition was taken by a woman in Bosnia-Herzegovina who survived the war in former Yugoslavia from 1992-1995. These images and stories, which focus on women's resilience and contribution, offer a counter-narrative to portrayals of victimhood and gender-based violence often used to depict women's experiences of conflict. Using a technique called *photovoice*, this project put cameras in the hands of



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Bosnian women to give them ownership over the narratives that represent their experiences. The resulting exhibition features stories from 29 women who shared their first-hand accounts of forging a way forward in the aftermath of war, and the challenges and triumphs that have accompanied this journey.

We invite you to a special event on **Thursday, September 19th from 5:30 -8.30 in the Elliott School of International Affairs, Room 213**. Jessica will be sharing her experience using *photovoice* as a research and advocacy tool and discussing findings from the project that have implications for policy and practice focused on gender, peace and security.

Register [here](#).

Guest House for Young Widows: Among the Women of ISIS

Date: September 19th

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Organization: New America, Solid State Books

Location: Solid State Books, 600 H Street NE, Washington, DC

Among the many books trying to understand the terrifying rise of ISIS, none has given voice to the women in the organization; but women were essential to the establishment of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's caliphate. In *Guest House for Young Widows: Among the Women of ISIS*, Azadeh Moaveni's exquisite sensitivity and rigorous reporting makes these forgotten women indelible and illuminates the turbulent politics that set them on their paths.

Guest House for Young Widows charts the different ways women were recruited, inspired, or compelled to join the militants. Emma from Hamburg, Sharmeena and three high school friends from London, Nour, a religious dropout from Tunis: all found rebellion or community in political Islam and fell prey to sophisticated propaganda that promised them a cosmopolitan adventure and a chance to forge an ideal Islamic community where they could live devoutly without fear of stigma or repression. Join New America's Fellows Program and Solid State Books for a conversation with Azadeh Moaveni, author of *Guest House for Young Widows: Among the Women of ISIS*, and Robert L. McKenzie, Senior Fellow and Director, Muslim Diaspora Initiative at New America about the women who joined, endured, and, in some cases, escaped life in the Islamic State.

Register [here](#).



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Peninsula: Russia Resurrected: Its Power and Purpose in a New Global Order

Date: September 22nd

Time: 2:30pm-4:30pm

Organization: World Affairs, Peninsula Chapter

Location: Private Residence, Atherton, CA

If before 2014 Russia was widely dismissed by the international community as a regional power whose global influence had died with the Soviet Union, its recent muscle flexing abroad has shown that reports of its death as a global power have been greatly exaggerated. From its seizure of the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine in 2014 and military deployment in Syria in 2015 to cyber interventions in a number of democratic countries, most notably the alleged interference in the United States elections in 2016, Russia has reasserted itself as a major global power. This has taken many analysts and policy makers by surprise. But perhaps Russia's status as a "phoenix state" should not have been unanticipated.

A common argument has been that Russia has a weak hand but plays it well. Professor Stoner will describe how Russia's cards may not be as weak as we in the West think they are—that instead, the West might be playing bridge, while Russia plays poker. Too great an emphasis has been placed on traditional, realist means of power (like the strength of Russia's economy, its population, and its military) and this has led scholars and policy makers to discount Russia's ability to influence international politics.

Register [here](#). \$15 (members), \$20 (non-members), \$5 (students).

The Gender and Racial Diversity of the Federal Government's Economists

Date: September 23rd

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Organization: Brookings Institution

Location: Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC

The lack of diversity in the field of economics – in addition to the lack of progress relative to other STEM fields – is drawing increasing attention in the profession, but nearly all the focus has been on economists at academic institutions, and little attention has been devoted to the diversity of the economists employed by the federal government, including the Federal Reserve System.



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On Monday, September 23, the Hutchins Center on Fiscal & Monetary Policy will host a conversation on why diversity among economists matters and how to recruit and retain more women and underrepresented minorities.

The event will open with remarks from Janet Yellen, former Chair of the Federal Reserve and current distinguished scholar in residence at Brookings, followed by the debut of a new Hutchins Center report on the current state of diversity among Ph.D. economists employed by the federal government and the Federal Reserve. That will be followed by a conversation among those leading efforts to promote diversity in the profession. The discussion will explore what we know about diversity within economics, as compared to other STEM fields; highlight strides the Federal Reserve has made in this area and share lessons learned; and make note of what has been and what still may be done to diversity the pathways of underrepresented groups in economics. Panelists include Amanda Bayer of Swarthmore, Judith Chevalier of Yale, Kaye Husbands Fealing of Georgia Tech, Ellen Meade of the Federal Reserve Board, Zina Sutch of the Office of Personnel Management and Susan Collins of the University of Michigan.

Register [here](#).

Building Power: Women's Leadership in the Fight for Justice, Democracy, and Fair Work

Date: September 24th

Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Organization: Open Society Foundations, the Ford Foundation, the Freedom Fund, Fundación Avina, C&A Foundation, Humanity United and AFL-CIO, Solidarity Center, and Global Labor Justice

Location: The Murphy Institute, 25 W 43rd Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY

Major trends and disruptions are altering the world around us. Threats to human rights and labor rights defenders, closing civic space, automation's impact on the future of work, and the conditions leading to the #MeToo movement are real challenges to ensuring a fair global economy that works for everyone. However, against these threats there are significant efforts underway to build power, set standards, and ultimately to ensure economic and social justice in communities across the world.

At the frontlines of this fight are determined women who are paving the way for reforms in law, policy, and practice. These leaders understand that to truly course correct we need to build power and work in collaboration. This event will both celebrate their



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achievements and reflect on what's worked—and what needs more support—in the fight for justice, democracy, and fair work for all.

Register [here](#).

“SDGs and Her” Awards Ceremony: Women Micro-Entrepreneurs Helping to Achieve the SDGs

Date: September 24th

Time: 8:00am-9:00pm

Organization: UN Women

Location: UN Women HQ, Conference Room 19th floor, Daily News Building, 220 E 42nd St, New York

The World Bank Group, in partnership with UNDP, UN Women, and the Wharton School Zicklin Center, is hosting an event to celebrate the 2018 winners of the "SDGs and Her" competition for women micro-entrepreneurs whose businesses help achieve the SDGs. The event features the two global winners: Tanzania-based WomenChoice Industries owned by **Lucy Odiwa**; and Mukuru Clean Stoves of Kenya, owned by **Charlot Magayi**. The winners were selected from a pool of over 1,200 contenders from 88 countries through a rigorous three-stage judging process. Partner organizations, representatives of UN Member States, and gender activists are participating at the event. *SDGs and Her* is an online competition for women entrepreneurs who support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through their business operations. More info can be found [here](#). Speakers include: **Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka** Executive Director of UN Women, **Mahmoud Mohieldin**, Senior Vice President, World Bank Group, and **Achim Steiner**, Administrator, UNDP.

Register [here](#).

Navigating Your Career: How to Succeed in Maritime Security

Date: September 25th

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Organization: Women In International Security-DC Chapter

Location: SAIS Room 500, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC 20036

Join WIIS DC in partnership with the International Law Society at SAIS at their event Navigating Your Career: How to Succeed in Maritime Security. This event focuses on pressing issues in the maritime security field and the careers relating to them. The panel



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will be held on September 25th in Room 500 of the Bernstein-Offit Building, 1717 Massachusetts Ave from 5 to 6 pm.

Register [here](#).

The Future of Afghanistan - Maintaining Peace (If it Comes)

Date: September 25th

Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm

Organization: Center For Strategic & International Studies

Location: 1616 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

Peace talks with the Taliban have dominated recent headlines. If a peace agreement is ever reached, it is worth looking to the future to see how that peace can be maintained and strengthened.

What would come next from economic development and governance perspectives? How do we move beyond foreign aid and security cooperation driven paradigms to one that focuses on private sector growth and new investments in promising sectors? Robust policies accepted at the national and local levels, good governance, women's empowerment, tangible demonstrations of continued security, and other changes would be critical to building upon any eventual peace agreement. And that peace agreement, if it ever comes, will only be worth the paper on which it was written should Afghanistan be unable to move into a new, more sustainable chapter in its history.

Register [here](#).

Democracy Young Professionals in Development Network Resume Workshop

Date: September 25th

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Organization: Society for International Development-Washington Chapter

Location: 1129 20th St NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

Whether you're a student looking for an internship or an entry-level professional seeking employment, a polished and compelling resume is key to getting in the door. Join us for a Resume Workshop through our Young Professionals in Development Network (YPN), where you will have the opportunity to consult with several human resource representatives and recruiters from across the development industry. These individuals will have ample advice for those who attend. Work with those who know what makes a candidate stand out and learn how to improve your resume from the people who are



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looking at resumes like yours every day. Space is limited, so register today! Please note that this workshop will be geared towards entry-level professionals.

SID-Washington is a membership-driven knowledge organization bringing together people from diverse organizations, disciplines, and career stages in a neutral, independent forum to discuss important issues in international development -- a "global town square." This unique space cuts across all sectors of development covering humanitarian, stabilization, transition and long-term development. We work to enrich the exchange of knowledge and development innovation through unique programs, events, outreach and networking activities.

Register [here](#). Cost: \$20 (members), \$30 (non-members)

Philanthropy Power Mapping Training for the Pro- Immigrant and Refugee Movement

Date: September 27th

Time: 10:30am-3:30pm

Organization: National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy

Location: Thurgood Marshall Center Trust, 1816 12th St NW, Washington DC, 20009

Join us for this **FREE** training to help nonprofits and activists in the pro-immigrant and -refugee movements demystify the philanthropic sector. The training will take place on **Friday, September 27, 2019 from 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM ET in Washington, D.C.** at the Thurgood Marshall Center Trust. **It will simultaneously be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person.** Our goal is to provide an in-depth and interactive training where you'll learn how to both target and partner with funders effectively. Because we hope to train as many as possible in the pro-immigrant and -refugee movements, please share widely with your networks. Lunch, childcare and other accommodations will be provided. If you have any questions, you can email us at jrichmond@ncrp.org.

Register [here](#).

Drell Lecture: US National Security in an era of great power competition and technological disruption

Date: October 3rd

Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Organization: Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford



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Location: Hauck Auditorium, David & Joan Traitel Building, Hoover Institution, 435 Lasuen Mall, Stanford University

The world is experiencing an unprecedented period of geopolitical change and technological disruption. How should we rethink U.S. national security and defense in an era of intensifying great power competition? What principles should guide US policy and presidents in the future?

Speaker's Biography: Michèle Flournoy is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of WestExec Advisors, and former Co- Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), where she currently serves on the board.

Michèle served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from February 2009 to February 2012. She was the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense in the formulation of national security and defense policy, oversight of military plans and operations, and in National Security Council deliberations.

Michèle is a former member of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, the CIA Director's External Advisory Board, and the Defense Policy Board. She's currently a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Aspen Strategy Group, is a Senior Fellow at Harvard's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and sits on the Honorary Advisory Committee of The Leadership Council for Women in National Security. Michèle serves on the boards of Booz Allen Hamilton, Amida Technology Solutions, The Mission Continues, Spirit of America, CARE, the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation.

More information [here](#).

FP Her Power: Women's Voices. Global Impact.

Date: October 15th

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Organization: Foreign Policy, OAS, Inter-American Commission of Women, International Monetary Fund

Location: Hall of the Americas, Organization of American States Main Building, 200 17th Street NW, Washington, DC

Foreign Policy's inaugural global women's summit will bring together leading voices, unsung heroines and innovative trailblazers in international policy and business.

Highlighting female change agents, the program will explore gender equity as a catalyzing force for stronger democracies, economies and communities. Our sessions will



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feature inspiring stories by high-powered female leaders and provide tangible guideposts for combating the structural barriers that constrain the potential of women and girls around the world.

The summit will be co-hosted in partnership with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS) as well as the Inter American Task Force on Women's Leadership and the International Monetary Fund, bringing together a diverse network of agencies and organizations to advance decisive action and meaningful change for gender parity and women's leadership.

Register [here](#).

Events (International)

Gender, Religion and Power Conference

Date: September 21st

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

Organization: University of London Bedford Centre

Location: Birkbeck, University of London, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HX, United Kingdom

Both religion and power are salient research subjects within gender and women's history. These subjects have particularly attracted recent attention in discussions of hegemonic structures, as researchers have evaluated the effectiveness of using power as a means to evaluate relationships between and amongst men and women. Understandings of patriarchy, and its multitudinous nature have arisen. These two topics have also inspired conversation about agency of those who seem to willingly submit themselves to religion and power structures. This is a multidisciplinary conference which analyses the historical links between gender and religion, gender and power, or all three.

Register [here](#).

The Protection of Children in Armed Conflict

Date: September 25th

Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm

Organization: Chatham House, British Red Cross



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

With more protracted and urbanized conflicts, the character of warfare is changing in a manner that is having a greater impact on children. Aside from physical harm, they face the trauma of family separation and displacement, are vulnerable to sexual abuse and recruitment as soldiers and suffer severe disruption to their education. This event will discuss how international humanitarian law applies to the protection of children. Are offences against children in armed conflict being prosecuted adequately? Are there better ways of ensuring compliance with the law?

This meeting is the second in a series of three commemorating the 70th anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions. This event, which is supported by the British Red Cross, will be followed by a drinks reception.

Register interest [here](#).

The Future of European Democracy- A Liberal and Democratic Conference

Date: September 28th

Time: 8:30am- 5:30pm

Organization: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe- Individual Members France and LibDems

Location: Hotel Novotel Toulouse Purpan Aeroport, 23 Impasse de Maubec, 31300 Toulouse, France

The aim of the day is to bring together knowledgeable European speakers to ensure a lively debate about the future of European society in the wake of the European Parliamentary Elections, BREXIT and the rise of populism.

The 4 sessions include

- The Meaning of Democracy for Britons in France,
- The Future of European Politics and Democracy
- European Security & Defense
- European Perspective on the Environment & Technology Investment.

Contributors include Tom Brake MP (UK), Olivier Cadic Senateur (FR), General Camporini (IT) and G.Boltz Airbus (FR).

The underlying theme is the opportunity to build pan European understanding following the successful Nice Conference of Autumn 2018.



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The event is organized by ALDE IM France and LibDems in France with the support of REM, MODEM, PR, UDI and FDP.

This event is open to everybody of whatever political viewpoint. The sessions will be in English and French.

Registration fee \$25. Register [here](#).

Environment, Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction Seminar

Date: October 11th

Time: 9:30am-2:00pm

Organization: UNEP

Location: Rhone Room at International Environment House 2, 7 - 9 Chemin de Balexert, 1219 Geneva, Switzerland

Men, women and people of other gender identities experience disasters differently. Therefore, it is imperative that disaster risk reduction strategies are gender sensitive, while being responsive to the context in which they are being implemented. This seminar aims to increase the awareness of civil society actors, policy makers, activists, NGOs and scholars about the gendered aspects of ecosystem approaches to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation or, 'Ecosystem based disaster risk reduction and adaptation' (Eco-DRR/EbA).

Register [here](#).

Emerging Technologies, Evolving Nuclear Postures, and Deteriorating Norms: Is the Global Nuclear Order Eroding?

Date: January 8-15, 2020

Time: TBA

Organization: International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts

Location: Andalo (Trento)-Italy

The global nuclear order is undergoing major transformations. Policy makers around the world are facing complex decisions and – more importantly - costly trade-offs if strategic stability is to exist and be sustainable among nuclear-armed states. A combination of dramatic and wide-ranging technological change, vigorous nuclear modernization, and the substantial waning of arms control is producing a more challenging and worrisome nuclear order. What nuclear order will arise as emerging technologies are folded into



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comprehensive modernization programs in an environment largely or wholly unregulated by arms control? What constitutes stable nuclear deterrence under such circumstances?

What emerging technologies are most destabilizing for nuclear strategic stability? Which ones might lead to escalation across the nuclear threshold? The 59th ISODARCO course will explore the technological, military, and arms control developments that are changing and challenging the global nuclear order.

Additional information [here](#).

International Offensive Security Conference

Date: February 14th – 15th, 2020

Time: 9:00am- 6:00pm

Organization: OffensiveCon Berlin

Location: Hilton Hotel, Berlin, Germany

Offensive Con Berlin is a highly technical international security conference focused on offensive security only. The aim of the offensivecon is to bring the community of hackers together for high quality and deep technical talks, engaging and renowned technical training. The talks at offensivecon are focused on offensive IT security topics such as vulnerability discovery, advanced exploitation techniques, and reverse engineering.

Register [here](#).

Counter Terror Expo (CTX) 2020

Date: May 19th – 21st, 2020

Time: TBA

Organization: Counter Terror Expo (CTX)

Location: ExCeL London, Royal Victoria Dock, 1 Western Gateway, London, E16 1XL, UK

The Counter Terror Expo (CTX) is the UK's leading networking event for security professionals from industry, infrastructure, government and policing. It's where they come to discover new ideas and technology to improve security and aid in the fight against terrorism. In partnership with its sister events the World Counter Terror Congress, Forensics Europe Expo and Ambition, CTX brings together the world of security, preparedness, resilience and response under one roof.

The key themes of CTX are:

- Protecting People



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- Protecting Infrastructure
- Policing and Specialist Operations

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