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Events (National)

A Conversation with Rose Gottemoeller

Date: December 5th, 2019 **Time**: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Organization: WIIS & The Embassy of Liechtenstein

Location: Stimson Center, 1211 Connecticut Avenue Northwest, #8th floor

Washington, DC 20036

Women In International Security and the Embassy of Liechtenstein hope you will join us for a conversation with Rose Gottemoeller on international security challenges in the 21st Century. Gottemoeller was the Deputy Secretary General of NATO from October 2016-October 2019. Previously, she was the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security at the US State Department and the chief US negotiator of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with the Russian Federation. We look forward to seeing you at this valuable and insightful conversation!

Register here.

The Kelleher Fellowship for International Security Studies

Date: Rolling Application

Time:

Organization: University of Maryland School of Public Policy **Location:** University of Maryland School of Public Policy

Apply to the UMD School of Public Policy and become eligible for the Kelleher Fellowship. The Kelleher Fellowship supports graduate students at the UMD School of Public Policy. Professor Catherine M. Kelleher, who founded WIIS and the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM) at UMD, has been a champion for women in the field of international security policy.

Learn more about the fellowship and CISSM:

https://go.umd.edu/KelleherFellowship

https://cissm.umd.edu

Apply to the School of Public Policy:

https://spp.umd.edu/admissions

The Future of US Foreign Aid: A Discussion with Dr. Jessica Trisko Darden

Date: December 3rd 2019



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Time: 5:30pm- 7:00pm

Organization: American University School of International Service

Location: School of International Service, American University, Abramson Family Founder's

Room - Terrace Level 4400 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest Washington, DC 20016

The United States is the world's leading foreign aid donor. Yet there has been little inquiry into how such assistance affects the politics and societies of recipient nations. Dr. Jessica Trisko Darden's new book Aiding and Abetting: U.S. Foreign Assistance and State Violence challenges long-standing ideas about aid and its consequences. Drawing on four decades of data on U.S. economic and military aid, she highlights key patterns in the relationship between assistance and violence and persuasively demonstrates that many of the foreign aid policy challenges the U.S. faced in the Cold War era, such as the propping up of dictators friendly to U.S. interests, remain salient today. Historical case studies of Indonesia, El Salvador, and South Korea illustrate how aid can uphold human freedoms or propagate human rights abuses. Aiding and Abetting encourages both advocates and critics of foreign assistance to reconsider its political and social consequences by focusing international aid efforts on the expansion of human freedom. Moderator:

Christopher Preble, Ph.D. is Vice President for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies at the Cato Institute. Dr. Preble is the author of four books including *Peace*, *War*, *and Liberty: Understanding U.S. Foreign Policy* and The *Power Problem: How American Military Dominance Makes Us Less Safe*, *Less Prosperous*, *and Less Free*. He is also editor of multiple volumes on U.S. foreign policy and military strategy. Dr. Preble is a former commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy.

Panelists:

<u>Lana Baydas, Ph.D.</u> is a human rights expert. She has worked as both an academic and a practitioner in the fields of human rights, gender equality, and international development for the last seventeen years, holding posts at headquarters and in field operations with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the United Nations, Crisis Action, and the International Committee of the Red Cross. Dr. Baydas has extensive experience in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Patrick W. Quirk, Ph.D. is an AU-SIS alumnus, and currently Senior Director of the International Republican Institute's (IRI) Center for Global Impact. He is also a Nonresident Fellow in the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution. Before joining IRI, Dr. Quirk served on the U.S. Secretary of State's Policy Planning staff as the lead advisor for fragile states, conflict and stabilization, and foreign assistance. Prior to Policy Planning, he served in the State Department's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations as Senior Advisor for Policy and Strategy and worked as an international development practitioner.

<u>Jessica Trisko Darden, Ph.D.</u> is an assistant professor at American University's School of International Service. She is also a Visiting Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and a Non-Resident Fellow with George Washington University's Program on Extremism. Dr. Trisko Darden's research examines the relationship between U.S. foreign assistance and political



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violence and conflict in the developing world. She is the co-author of *Insurgent Women: Female Combatants in Civil Wars*.

Entry is free. RSVP here.

Held in the Abramson Family Founders Room, Terrace Level, SIS Building. American University. Co-Sponsored by the <u>American University Alumni Association</u> and the <u>Office of Research</u> at the <u>School of International Service</u>.

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Voices from the Border: Voices of the Remain in Mexico Policy

Date: December 4th, 2019 **Time:** 12:00pm-1:30pm

Organization: Refugees International

Location: 1800 M St NW, 1800 M Street Northwest, Suite 405, Washington, DC 20036

Since late January 2019, the "Remain in Mexico" has forced asylum seekers to wait in Mexico while their cases are adjudicated in U.S. immigration courts. Families returned to Mexico through the policy face the threat of violence and persecution, lack access to food and shelters, and have great difficulty finding attorneys, whose engagement can be critical to gaining asylum. The Department of Homeland Security has also separated families, sending some members to Mexico and keeping others in the United States.

Yael Schacher of Refugees International and Ursela Ojeda of the Women's Refugee Commission, who have both made numerous trips to the border to witness the effects of the policy, will moderate a conversation with advocates and asylum seekers who have experienced this cruel policy firsthand. Refugees International President Eric Schwartz will introduce. Contact Anahita Padmanabhan at anahita@refugeesinternational.org or 202-540-7029 for more details.

Paulina Olvera Cáñez is a founder of Espacio Migrante, a shelter and community center catering to migrants in Tijuana, Mexico where families subject to the Remain in Mexico policy have sought refuge.

Taylor Levy is an immigration attorney in El Paso, Texas, where she focuses her work on asylum-seeking families who have been returned to Mexico under the Remain in Mexico policy. Fatima and Cassandra, a mother and daughter from Nicaragua who sought asylum but were detained and separated because of the Remain in Mexico policy, will join by video.

Moderators



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Yael Schacher is Senior U.S. Advocate at Refugees International where she focuses on asylum, refugee admissions, temporary protected status, humanitarian visas, and immigration policies that have protection implications.

Ursela Ojeda is a Policy Advisor for the Migrant Rights and Justice Program at the Women's Refugee Commission where she works on monitoring CBP custody conditions and access to asylum at the U.S. southern border. Register here.

Launch of the WPS Index Second Edition at Georgetown

Date: December 5th, 2019 **Time:** 10:00am-11:00am

Organization: Georgetown Institute for Women Peace and Security

Location: Mortara Center for International Studies, 36th Street Northwest, Washington, DC

20007

The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security invites you to join an event to launch the second edition of the global WPS Index

About this Event

The inaugural WPS Index, launched in 2017, was the most comprehensive ranking to date of women's well being around the globe, measuring three key dimensions of women's well-being—inclusion, justice, and security. The second edition includes several major innovations, including expanded coverage to 167 countries and assessment of data at the subnational level. Trends over time reveal important drivers of progress as well as major areas of concern.

Join the discussion as we share insights and discuss how the results can support transformative change in advance of the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.

Featuring:

Ambassador Melanne Verveer, Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security

Dr. Joel Hellman, Dean, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

Dr. Jeni Klugman, Managing Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security

Register here.

Politico Women Rule Summit 2019

Date: December 10th 2019

Time: 8:00am

Organization: Politico

Location: 1331 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington D.C. 20004



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POLITICO invites you to join us for a full day of empowering discussions, high-impact networking and real talk with transformative women at our Women Rule Summit on **December 10.**

Changing culture means changing leadership and today we've reached a tipping point. More women are in elected office, leading corporations and rising to the top. On the eve of 2020, how do women continue to harness this momentum and propel this generational shift forward?

For the full list of confirmed speakers, Ambassadors, Marketplace, agenda and more download the POLITICO Live app. The app is available for download from the **Google Play** or **Apple App** Store.

Register Here.

Safe from the Start: Fighting to End Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies

Date: December 4th 2019 **Time:** 4:30pm-7:30pm

Organization: CARE, IRC, and Coalition to End Violence Against Women

Location: Rayburn House Office Building, 45 Independence Avenue Southwest, Room 2359,

Washington, DC 20515

Please join CARE, the International Rescue Committee, and the Coalition to End Violence Against Women and Girls at Safe from the Start: Fighting to End Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies. This event is a part of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), an annual global "moment" from November 25th to December 10th to raise awareness of GBV and to galvanize action.

The event will feature a panel in conjunction with Congresswoman Grace Meng, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, Amany Qaddour, *Regional Director, Syria Relief and Development*, Gayatri Patel, *Director of Gender Advocacy, CARE*, and Helena Minchew, *Women's Protection and Empowerment and Gender Equality Advocacy Advisor, International Rescue Committee*. The panel will be from 4:30 to 5:30 followed by a reception with refreshments. Please RSVP here.

Is Maritime Security in the Gulf a Flashpoint or Starting Point?

Date: December 4th, 2019 **Time:** 12:30pm- 2:00pm

Organization: Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington **Location:** The **Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington**

1050 Connecticut Avenue Northwest

Suite 1060

Washington, DC 20036



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The recent attacks on oil tankers near the Strait of Hormuz were a potent reminder of the need for the Gulf Arab countries as well as their neighbors and international partners to address an issue of fundamental importance to the region: maritime security.

Until recently, most Gulf Arab countries paid scant attention to maritime security, despite its centrality to their economies. However, the situation has changed considerably in the last decade, as a result of a realization that their lack of military readiness in the Gulf waters and Indian Ocean is a substantial vulnerability. Regional ambitions and a desire to participate in international security initiatives also have served as catalysts for Gulf Arab states' action. Yet, even as tensions in and around the Gulf have grown so has a perception that maritime security may provide a sorely needed starting point for discussions between Gulf Arab states and Iran. How do recent events in the Gulf of Oman and elsewhere around the Arabian Peninsula figure into the broader context of regional maritime security? Do the Gulf Arab states share the same threat perceptions and agree on the remedies? What role can international partners play in helping to ensure freedom of navigation in these waterways, which are crucial to global commerce?

A light lunch will be served.

Follow the conversation on Twitter: #GulfSecurity.

Speakers:

Nick Childs, Senior Fellow, International Institute for Strategic Studies

Vice Admiral John W. Miller, Consultant and Policy Advisor Becca Wasser, Senior Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation Emma Soubrier, Visiting Scholar, AGSIW (Moderator)

"Facing The Dragon" Screening at Atlantic Plumbing

Date: December 9th 2019 **Time:** 5:45pm-7:45pm

Organization: EU Delegation

Location: Atlantic Plumbing, 2112 8th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20001

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, the Delegation of the European Union and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands invite you to the screening of "Facing the Dragon," a documentary by Sedika Mojadidi.In "Facing the Dragon," two women refuse to be silenced and underestimated in male-dominated Afghanistan. Nilofar Ibrahimi, one of the few female members of the parliament, and journalist Shakila Ibrahimhhail have to survive in a country where "patriarchy is over the top." Both do so with incredible strength and independence, but their choices take large personal tolls.

 $Trailer: \underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVSRq1KWpfo}\\$

The screening will be at 6 p.m. Monday, December 9, at Landmark Theatres Atlantic Plumbing Cinema, 807 V Street NW, between 8th & 9th streets, Washington D.C., 20001. The documentary will be introduced by representatives of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Delegation of the European Union.



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The international community observes Human Rights Day every year on December 10. It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. With the screening of the documentary we aim to draw attention to human rights and situations in which these are at stake. Register here.

Human Rights Day Panel Discussion: The Impact of the Women's Suffrage Movement Today

Date: December 10th 2019 **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Organization: Law Library of Congress

Location: Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, First Floor, Room LJ-119, 10 First

Street Southeast, Washington, DC 20540

Join the Law Library of Congress as we commemorate Human Rights Day with a panel discussion focusing on understanding and recognition of a critical social, economic, or cultural human rights issue. This year's program will focus on the women's suffrage movement and how it impacts women's rights today.

The panel will be moderated by Colleen Shogan, the Assistant Deputy Librarian of Library Collections and Services and the Library's representative on Congressional Suffrage Centennial Commission, and the participants include Corrine McConnaughy Associate Professor of Political Science at George Washington University and author of The Woman Suffrage Movement in America: A Reassessment and Elaine Weiss, journalist and author of The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote.

The program is free and open to the public. Registration is required for entry but does not guarantee admission. Seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Request ADA accommodations five business days in advance at 202-707-6362 or ADA@loc.gov.

Support future free programming at the Library of Congress with your <u>donation</u>. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are my transportation/parking options for getting to and from the event?

The best way to arrive is by public transportation. The closest metro stations are Capitol South (Blue/Orange/Silver Line—a two-block walk) or Union Station (Red Line—a half-mile walk). Limited metered and two-hour zoned parking is available in surrounding neighborhoods. Public parking garages are also available, the largest residing at Union Station. For more details, please visit https://www.loc.gov/visit/directions/.

What can/can't I bring into the event?

All visitors must pass through airport-like security to enter the Library. All personal items will be scanned, including jackets, purses, briefcases, etc. Please allow plenty of time to pass through security. Note that the Library forbids certain items, and no provisions are made for checking or holding prohibited belongings. For more information, please

visit http://www.loc.gov/visit/guidelines-and-tips/.

Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?



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Yes, please bring your photo ID and ticket after registering. We will accept tickets in both print and/or electronic format.

Can I update my registration information?

Yes.

Is my registration fee or ticket transferable? Is it ok if the name on my ticket or registration doesn't match the person who attends?

Tickets are non-transferable and must match the name of the person attending.

How can I contact the organizer with any questions?

Please email lawoutreach@loc.gov.

Gender Equality in Rural Africa: From Commitments to Outcomes

Date: December 12th 2019 **Time**: 12:45pm-1:45pm

Organization: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Location: 1201 Eye St, NW, 12th Floor Conference Center, Washington, DC 20005

Gender equality has been recognized as an important goal in itself as well as important to achieving other development objectives, such as reducing hunger and poverty. This is true worldwide and especially so in rural Africa, where women play an important role in the agricultural sector. Gender-sensitive policies and programming are central to effectively advancing the Malabo Declaration's agricultural transformation agenda. But what is the progress in achieving gender equality? What are the major challenges, and what are the effective means of overcoming those challenges?

Seminar speakers will address these questions and discuss the findings and recommendations of the 2019 Annual Trends and Outlook Report, Gender Equality in Rural Africa: From Commitments to Outcomes. The report takes an in-depth look at gender in Africa by examining the intersections of gender and 1) context and institutions, 2) assets, 3) shocks and resilience, 4 livelihood strategies, 5) income and control of income, and 6) well-being.

The report is produced by the <u>Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System</u> (<u>ReSAKSS</u>), which provides data and analyses to inform the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). ReSAKSS is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Lunch will be available starting at 11:45am. Event begins promptly at 12:15pm.

Registration:

Eventbrite - Register for this FREE event <u>here</u> Find speaker list, event details, and register directly <u>here</u>:

CLOSEST METRO STATIONS



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6-Minute Walk = Metro Center (Red, Orange, Silver, Blue) and McPherson Square (Orange, Silver, Blue)



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Events (International)

Climate Law and Governance Day 2019

Date: December 6th 2019 **Time:** 8:30am-6:00pm

Organization: International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts **Location**: Faculty of Law, Autonomous University of Madrid, 1 Calle Kelsen, 28049

Madrid, Spain

Registration is now open for Climate Law and Governance Day 2019; a symposium during UNFCCC COP25.

Climate Law and Governance Day (CLGD) brings together climate law experts, but also experts from other legal branches including public law, tort law, financial law, international economic law as well as governance experts, delegates and policy practitioners to exchange knowledge and experiences. This year, it is held alongside the UNFCCC CoP25 in Madrid, Spain.

EVENT DETAILS

Over a full day of dialogue, keynotes, and parallel roundtable/panel sessions, CLGD 2019 will:

- **Profile and share** innovative international, national, and local climate law and governance mechanisms, **challenges and best practices**.
- Catalyse knowledge exchange between delegates, legal practitioners and the legal academic community to co-generate new law and governance knowledge and approaches.
- Facilitate collaboration and a law and governance community of practice to support capacity development to implement the Paris Agreement and SDG 13.

The event will once again convene a diverse gathering of International experts and scholars, legal practitioners, judges, government authorities, and climate leaders from civil society and the private sector.

The themes for CLGD 2019 are:

 Advancing Paris Agreement Innovations – New Rules for Transparency, Markets & Non-Market Instruments, Finance, Loss and Damage, Compliance and Safeguards



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- 2. Scaling-up National & Regional Climate Legal Frameworks for Action Effective Climate Governance, Ecosystems-Based and Human Rights Responses, Human Mobility and Climate Justice
- 3. Local & Global Interlinkages & Engagement Climate in Regimes on Oceans, Biodiversity, Ozone, Civil Aviation, Trade and Investment, Peace and Security

Full programme details are in the process of being finalised, and will be available soon.

Register now!

If you have any questions about CLGD, or would like to discuss sponsoring the event or profiling your work please contact the CLGI Secretariat at climatelawgovernance@cisdl.org.

The Climate Law & Governance Initiative Secretariat is based in the University of Cambridge in the UK (CEENRG), McGill University in Canada (CISDL), the University of Chile in Chile (CDA) and the University of Nairobi (CASELAP), among other core partners.

**UPDATE: With the change in the location of COP25 to Madrid, the location of this event has been moved from the University of Chile Faculty of Law to the Autonomous University of Madrid Faculty of Law. We sincerely thank the Autonomous University of Madrid Faculty of Law for their generosity in providing this new venue, and the University of Chile, for their gracious hospitality in having offered to co-host Climate Law and Governance Day 2019 before the change in location. We note that the University of Chile will remain core partners and co-hosts in the new venue.

Óscar Lara-Estación Espacial Internacional: un logro único de la humanidad

Date: December 11th 2019 **Time:** 6:45pm-8:15pm

Location: IMMUNE Coding Institute, 89 Paseo de la Castellana, 28046 Madrid, Spain

En esta conferencia trataremos de entender el porqué de tanto esfuerzo en construir y mantener una estación espacial internacional.

Acerca de este evento

La Estación Espacial Internacional acaba de cumplir 20 años entre nosotros. El diseño y la operación continuada de esta estación durante tantos años es, probablemente, uno de los mayores hitos en la historia de la humanidad y no por una, sino por múltiples razones. Óscar Lara es Doctor Ingeniero Aeroespacial y jefe de proyectos en Iberespacio. Ha trabajado 9 años en proyectos en la Estación Espacial Internacional junto a ESA y NASA como líder de operaciones y fue miembro fundador de un proyecto de nano-satélites.



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Cómo encontrarnos

Ve a Paseo de la Castellana 89. Baja las escaleras hacia la Plaza de Pablo Ruiz Picasso. Verás un cartel grande de IMMUNE Coding Institute, a mano derecha de las escaleras. ¡Ahí estamos! Llámanos si tienes cualquier problema 911 011 640.

Guatemala, cultura i natura al cor d'Amèrica

Date: December 4th 2019 **Time:** 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Organization: de Baraka Club de Viatges

Location: Baraka Club de Viatges, Carrer d'Entença 218, 08029 Barcelona, Spain

Xerrada a càrrec d'Àngel Morillas, historiador i coordinador del Patrimoni UNESCO Acerca de este evento

ATENCIÓ! Aquesta xerrada ha canviat de data i es fa finalment el 17 de desembre! Un viatge cap a la història, la natura i el Patrimoni d'un país que té molt per oferir als viatgers: des de les ruines de les antigues civilitzacions de centreamèrica fins a la biodiversitat dels seus boscos selvàtics. Guatemala atresora també els vestigis de l'època colonial, que avui ens ajuden a comprendre la seva història. Descobrirem els seus secrets amb l'acompanyament del nostre expert en Patrimoni UNESCO, Àngel Morillas.

Àngel Morillas

Historiador i professor d'història de l'art i coordinador per Espanya del projecte internacional sobre Patrimoni Mundial de la UNESCO, és participant actiu en les designacions de candidatures. És també professor acadèmic, activitat que li confereix una destresa especial a l'hora de divulgar l'ampli coneixement que té sobre la història i el Patrimoni. És membre d'ICOMOS, el consell internacional de monuments i llocs protegits, i de l'ICOMUNESCO, consell internacional de museus. Exerceix com a consultor i orientador, amb les institucions oficials, sobre possible candidatures a ser declarades Patrimoni Mundial, revisant també els protocols d'actuació sobre les ja declarades.

Xerrada cultural, organitzada per <u>Te de Tertúlia</u> i <u>Baraka Club de Viatges</u>. Register here.



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Russian power in Kyrgyzstan - Soft or Seductive?

Date: December 5th 2019 **Time:** 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Organization: School of Security Studies

Location: War Studies Meeting Room K6.07, King's College London, Strand, London,

WC2R 2LS, United Kingdom

Stefanie Ortmann joined the department of International Relations at Sussex in 2009. She completed her PhD in IR at the London School of Economics in 2008 and before Sussex has taught at the American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, and at Royal Holloway, University of London.

Her interests concern the effects of the myth of the state in international relations, in particular the return of the concept of Great Power in contemporary world politics and the re-emergence of geopolitics as a way of framing world politics. Her geographic area of research is Russia and the former Soviet space (in particular relations between Russia and Central Asia).

Drawing on this geographical focus, she approaches these questions from a critical perspective, highlighting the Eurocentric nature of the discipline and questioning the universalism of "the international". Her theoretical commitments are located in hermeneutic and linguistic approaches to International Relations, drawing on anthropological theories of the state, Koselleckian conceptual history and Critical Geopolitics.

Her most recent publication is: 'Beyond spheres of influence: the myth of the state and Russia's seductive power in Kyrgyzstan'. Geopolitics, 23 (2). pp. 404-435.

The 6th Global China Dialogue (GCD VI): Governance for World Peace

Date: December 6th 2019 **Time**: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Organization: Global China Institute, Centre for Applied Linguistics, University College

London, China Media Centre of the University of Westminster

Location: The Wolfson Auditorium, The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace,

London, SW1Y 5AH, United Kingdom

The GCDs were conceived in 2014 as a series of seven annual events that would ideally culminate in proposals for the reform of global governance. The sixth GCD (GCD VI) will be held in London on the 6th December 2019, and will be the last of the series to take place in the UK.



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The theme of the Dialogue will be Governance for World Peace. It will highlight crucial settings for the international cooperation that is required for reform to take place, based on the resolution of long-standing conflicts. Keeping to the format of previous GCDs, GCD VI will have four panel sessions in one day, allowing short presentations and ample time for Q & A.

Each session will have a balanced panel of one or two Chinese and two or three participants from the rest of the world. The GCD VI panels include: Mediation and peace-making in civil conflicts Belt and Road and tension reduction between countries and cultures China's role in multilateral peacekeeping Civilizational values and the promotion of peace Each presentation or discussion clearly involves a very different scenario, and each will conform to the Chinese 'red line': no interference in the internal affairs of another country. However, any reform of global governance inevitably calls for understanding of the internal affairs of other countries. This conundrum will be at the heart of the debates in the GCDs. The theme of the seventh GCD (GCD VII) is Reforming Global Governance.

It will be co-organised with the Institute of Global Common Development, Tsinghua University, and will take place in Beijing in October 2020. Languages: English and Chinese

Arabic for Gender: Practical Views on Gendered Language in Human Rights

Date: December 13th 2019 **Time**: 5:30pm-7:00pm

Organization: AKU-ISMC's Governance Programme

Location: Aga Khan Centre (Atrium Conference Room, 1st floor) 10 Handyside Street

London N1C 4DN United Kingdom

Gender and its representation in language are of paramount current importance. This is also true for Arabic at a time of globally changing norms on violence against women and against LGBTQ people. The language that communicates the realities of gender for Arabic-speaking stakeholders, including translations from and to Arabic, are central to policy responses and to the development of educational materials. However, the language itself, and how to understand it, is often taken for granted. Arabic is a gendered language, and some of the debates regarding gender-free formulations, like those discussions surrounding French, German, Spanish, Persian, and Turkish, have started in Arab practitioner, but not academic, circles. The problem of gendered formulations which prefer masculine forms poses a challenge for translation into English in particular, because English does not present grammatical gender in the same way as Arabic. English



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is the language of global governance and the language of human rights campaigning, and so the place of translation between Arabic and English needs to be considered in the policy context. Human rights stakeholders in the Middle East and North Africa, and women and LGBTQ people in particular, to some extent rely for political recognition on the mediation of their voices and narratives through non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and on gradual social change through education. The terminology and the sociology of this mediation will be examined in this workshop, in presentations and applied exercises looking at gender both in texts and in translators' experiences.

Invited Speakers: Prof Hilary Footitt, University of Reading.

Prof Hilary Footitt recently co-edited The Palgrave Handbook of Languages and Conflict (2019). She combines four areas of research: women in politics, war and liberation in France, UK language policy, and languages in zones of war, conflict and development. She has led projects on the militarised use of languages for surveillance, propaganda and exclusion, and on the use of languages in non-governmental organisations. She has also advised the UK government on its language policy for education. Hilary Footitt's previous publications include "Translation and War" in The Routledge Handbook of Translation and Politics (with Michael Kelly, 2018), "International Aid and Development: Hearing Multilingualism, Learning from Intercultural Encounters in the History of OxfamGB" in Language and Intercultural Communication (2017), and Women, Europe and the New Languages of Politics (2016).

Wassim Wagdy, UN interpreter and rights activist. Rothna Begum, Women's rights researcher for the Middle East and North Africa region, Human Rights Watch. Dina El Mamoun, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Oxfam-Yemen. Policy-makers (TBC). Organiser: This workshop is organised by AKU-ISMC's Governance Programme. The Governance Programme's research activities and events explore how Muslim-majority societies and minority communities develop political systems that promote public welfare, achieve legitimacy and recognise individual and collective rights. *Refreshments will be served after the discussion.

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



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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 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.

Women In Development Conference

Date: March 5th, 2020 **Time:** 9:00 am – 8:00 pm **Organization:** Global Series **Location:** County Hall, London

Women in Dev is a women-led, women-focused international development conference which will be held at etc. venues County Hall, London, on March 5th, 2020.



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In the run up to International Women's Day, we will bring together women from across the development arena and provide a platform for women-led conversations around some of the most significant challenges of our time, fostering an inclusive atmosphere in which to learn, grow, inspire and be inspired.

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Register Here: https://womenindev.com/

Counter Terror Expo (CTX) 2020

Date: May $19^{th} - 21^{st}$, 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.

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