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# WIIS Opportunities and Events

**1325 and Beyond Essay Competition – WIIS & Heinrich Böll Stiftung**

**Deadline:** April 15, 2020



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## **Description:**

In the run up to the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325 (2000)) Women In International Security (WIIS) and the Heinrich Böll Foundation Washington, DC are launching an international graduate student essay competition 1325AndBeyond.

The essay contest is intended to highlight innovative and imaginative ideas and strategies to achieve the objectives of 1325 in the 2020s. We hope they will provide important input for the 20th anniversary deliberations of UNSCR 1325.

The 1325AndBeyond competition aims to highlight innovative and imaginative strategies to achieve the objectives of 1325 in the next decade—the 2020s. The top five essays will be recognized and will receive a monetary award.

First place winner \$1,325; Second place winner \$1,000; Third place winner \$750; Fourth and fifth place \$250.

## **Essay Focus**

Essays must focus on the future—the next decade, specifically. The question is how best to move the objectives of UNSCR 1325 and the WPS agenda forward in the 2020s, given the successes and failures of the last two decades.

Essays must contain specific and practical (realistic) recommendations for civil society, states, and/or international organizations.

Essays can focus on only one international actor (e.g. civil society, a particular state or group of states, the United Nations, a regional organization) or on a multitude of international actors.

## **Essay Eligibility**

Essay submissions are open to young professionals with an MA or higher academic degree, and students currently enrolled in a MA, PhD, JD or corresponding graduate program at a university or equivalent academic institution in 2020. Recent graduates, as well as individuals who will be enrolled in a graduate program within the next academic year, will also be considered. All genders are encouraged to apply.

## **Essay Requirements**

Essays must be the individuals' own original pieces of work, not previously published; Essays must be written in the English language and be between 1,500 and 2,000 words;



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Submissions must also include: (1) a 250-word summary; (2) a bibliography; (3) a brief biography; and (4) a copy of school/university enrollment; Optional – a photo.

The biography should include: a) full name of student; b) name of the school or university and program in which the student is enrolled; c) student contact information (email and phone number)

The summary, bibliography, and biography do not count toward the maximum word count of 2,000 words;

Citations should be included as endnotes and follow the Chicago Manual of Style;

Essays must be typed (single spaced) in 12-point Times New Roman and submitted in both Word and PDF format;

Essays and other submission requirements must be submitted by April 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 at midnight EST to the online submission form.

Evaluation Criteria

An international jury of scholars and practitioners will evaluate the essays. Essays will be judged on clarity and clear elaboration of arguments as well as the innovative and original nature of policy-recommendations. Winners will be announced on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Apply [here](#).

## Combating Corruption in Environmental Crimes

**Date:** April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 10:30 AM EDT

Join Women In International Security (WIIS) and the Embassy of Liechtenstein for a conversation on Combating Corruption in Environmental Crimes!

This unique and critical discussion will engage with the evolving frontline of environmental crime, and the role of women and gender in combating corruption. The diverse expertise of the speakers will contribute to a range of perspectives on this complex topic.

Speakers:

Lt. Col. Faye Cuevas

Regional Desk Officer Africa, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Intelligence Policy, Plans & Strategy, U.S. Air Force

Jessica Graham

President, JG Global Advisory

Lisa Handy

Director of Forest Campaign, Environmental Investigation Agency

Dr. Louise Shelley



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Director, GMU Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC)

Sally Yozell

Senior Fellow and Director, Environmental Security program, Stimson Center

Moderator:

Chantal de Jonge Oudraat

President, Women In International Security

Space is limited and registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please reach out to [info@wiisglobal.org](mailto:info@wiisglobal.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Register [here](#).

## Events (Online)

### **The First-Ever State of the World's Nursing Report: Unlocking Gender Dimensions**

**Date:** April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:30 am

**Organization:** Wilson Center

Please join the Wilson Center and global health experts for a discussion on gender, the findings and recommendations found in the SoWN Report, and the unique role nurses play during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife. Globally, 27.9 million nurses work at the front lines of health care systems and currently work side-by-side with other first responders to battle the spread of COVID-19.

The health sector uniquely employs more women than any other sector—in fact, approximately 90 percent of nurses are women. As such, nursing remains a highly gendered profession with associated biases. In April, the International Council of Nurses, the Nursing Now Campaign, and WHO will launch the first-ever State of the World Nursing (SoWN) Report to provide a global picture of the nursing workforce and unlock policy and investment opportunities in nursing, the health workforce, and the gender equity agenda.

RSVP for this webcast [here](#).



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## Women in Data Science Conference

**Date:** April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 – 17:00 CEST

**Organization:** Women in Data Science- Oslo

### About this Event

The conference schedule has been adjusted to reflect its online nature. Workshops have been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date. We will still run the speaker track via an online service. Connection details will be shared accordingly.

Our conference features exclusively female speakers doing outstanding work in the field of data science, but it is open to all, regardless of gender.

### Programme

Inspirational speakers from the industry (12:00 - 17:00)

We are excited to welcome NINE industry professionals to share their stories with us:

- Nina Walberg, Head of Data & Insights at Kolonial.no
- Ellie Dobson, Director of AI Engineering at Graphcore
- Astrid Sæbø, CFO at SAP
- Astrid Walle, AI Development Specialist at Rolls Royce
- Caroline Myrland, Machine Learning Engineer at Solv
- Aurélie Jallat, Data Scientist at Equinor
- Magali Børsum, CEO at Datatrotters
- Kristine Heiney, PhD candidate at Oslo Metropolitan University
- Ning Zhou, Senior Program Manager at Microsoft

### Sponsors

This event would not be possible without our sponsors and we are very grateful for their support of women and diversity in data science!

Platinum Sponsors and Partners: Graphcore and Tekna

### About WiDS

The Global Women in Data Science (WiDS) Conference aims to inspire and educate data scientists worldwide, regardless of gender, and support women in the field. This annual conference is held at Stanford University and 100+ locations worldwide, hosted by WiDS Ambassadors.

### What to expect?

Talks from local speakers from academia and the industry.



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## Who should attend?

The conference is open to everyone, **regardless of gender**, who is interested in engaging with and learning from the local data science community.

Learn more [here](#).

## Synthetic Biology and National Security: Risks and Opportunities (Part 2 of 2)

**Date:** April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

**Organization:** The Center for Strategic and International Studies

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) invites you to attend the second event in our *Synthetic Biology: The Ongoing Technology Revolution Series*. This two-part online event will focus on synthetic biology's implications for national security. Our discussion will explore how synthetic biology is shaping the fields of biosecurity and biodefense. We will also consider how the national security community can manage the risks and opportunities associated with this important, dual-use technology.

### *Synthetic Biology: The Ongoing Technology Revolution Series*

Emerging technologies—such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, 5G, and synthetic biology—drive security and economic competition and are increasingly shaping national strategies. To develop an effective strategy for synthetic biology, policy makers and the general public need a better understanding of synthetic biology's underlying capabilities, state of development, and diverse applications. Through a series of four symposia, CSIS will explore synthetic biology's wide-ranging applications—from advanced microelectronics and materials to nutrition and cosmetics—and opportunities to shape its future development in support of U.S. security and economic interests. This series will include targeted discussions on synthetic biology's:

- Present and future potential as a critical emerging technology;
- Economic and societal implications;
- National security opportunities and risks; and
- Implications for emerging technology policy.

CSIS hopes you will join the first event in our two-part online discussion about synthetic biology and national security, hosted on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned for the second part of our discussion on April 21<sup>st</sup> and watch past events [online](#). More speakers to be announced.

*This series of events is sponsored by Ginkgo Bioworks, Inc.*

Learn more [here](#).



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## **Gun Violence in Mexico and Central America: Facing the Challenges and the Path to Solutions**

**Date:** April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

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

**Organization:** Forum on the Arms Trade

The global burden of gun violence accounts for more than 250,000 deaths worldwide, and half of these deaths occur in just six countries – all in the Americas. This public health and humanitarian crisis has significant challenges, requiring multiple policy and program approaches for making our respective nations healthy and safe. This first webinar in a series currently being planned is intended to convene public health, humanitarian, arms control, policy, legal, human rights and other leaders to focus on challenges ahead and finding solutions.

This event is held in partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin's Office of Global Health, Consortium of Universities for Global Health, Giffords Law Center, Forum on the Arms Trade, Universidad Anáhuac, Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, Stop US Arms to Mexico, Brady, and the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University Law Center.

### **Panel:**

- **Arturo Cervantes**, Carlos Peralta Chair of Public Health, Anáhuac University, Mexico
- **Jessica Molina**, whose husband was forcibly disappeared in Nuevo Laredo by Mexican Navy troops
- **John Lindsay-Poland**, Coordinator, Project to Stop US Arms to Mexico
- **Eugenio Weigend**, Associate Director for Gun Violence Prevention, Center for American Progress
- **Laura Carlsen**, Director, The Americas Program
- **Rachel Stohl**, Vice President, Stimson Center (moderator)

Register [Here](#)

## **Engaging Immigrant Communities Now: Changing Strategies for Changing Policies**

**Date:** April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

**Organization:** New America

Major changes in national immigration policies have impacted communities all over Chicago. The COVID-19 pandemic further complicates things. National immigration expert Cecilia Munoz and New America Chicago Fellow Meegan Dugan Bassett will lead a discussion about



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new strategies to help build equity and opportunity in immigrant communities given changes in national policies and current events.

The discussion will include the tension between sanctuary city policies and federal policy and how communities are navigating that challenge. We'll also discuss how current policies are impacting Chicago communities and how nonprofits and philanthropists can respond to community needs leading up to the census and election.

Hosted by New America, the University of Chicago, and The Chicago Community Trust

Participants:

- Jenna Adler
  - Therapist, Kovler Center Child Trauma Program - Heartland Alliance International
- Karina Ayala-Bermejo
  - CEO and President, Centro del Progreso Latino
- Cecilia Muñoz
  - Vice President of Public Interest Technology and Local Initiatives, New America
- Fred Tsao
  - Senior Policy Council, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

RSVP [here](#)

## **Launch of Report on Decision-Making on Belt and Road Projects: What Role for Sustainability?**

**Date:** April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 am-11:00 am

**Organization:** Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Chinese overseas investment associated with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has predominantly flowed into fossil fuels and other forms of high-carbon infrastructure across the developing countries. While a growing number of voluntary standards and networks seek to “green” the BRI, it is not yet clear how these will influence the decisions and incentives of key actors in China and recipient countries developing BRI-related projects. A new report from ISEP at Johns Hopkins University, the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford, and the ClimateWorks Foundation seeks to better understand how sustainability considerations do and do not enter into decision-making around BRI projects. The report is based on in-depth elite interviews with regulatory agencies, policy banks, NGOs, and state-owned enterprises in China, and seeks to unpack BRI’s decision-making processes by revealing divergent preferences, incentives, and bureaucratic capacity of various related actors. Policy recommendations on how to green the BRI are made based on these findings. The webinar will present the report’s key findings and provide a forum to discuss their implications with key stakeholders.





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Presenters:

Dr. Chuyu Liu, Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Johns Hopkins University

Dr. Thomas Hale, Associate Professor of Global Public Policy and Director for China Engagement, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

Dr. Johannes Urpelainen, the Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Professor of Energy, Resources and Environment at Johns Hopkins SAIS and the Founding Director of the Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy

Learn more and register [here](#).

## **CSIS Debate Series: Do Human Rights Protections Advance Counter-Terrorism Objectives?**

**Date:** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Organization:** The Center for Strategic and International Studies: Africa Program

Does democracy foster economic growth? Do human rights protections advance counterterrorism objectives? Does great power competition hurt or empower the continent? Does the U.S. even need a foreign policy for sub-Saharan Africa? Since the 1990s, there generally has been consensus about U.S. priorities and policies toward the region. While continuity has its merits, it also acts as a brake on creativity, innovation, and new thinking about U.S. interests in sub-Saharan Africa. The CSIS Africa Debate Series offers an opportunity to question and refine policy objectives to meet a changing political landscape.

Join the CSIS Africa Program online for our third debate on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am EDT. CSIS will pose the question, “Do human rights protections advance counterterrorism objectives?”. Experts will face off to identify the advantages and disadvantages of human rights protections in sub-Saharan Africa and to open a dialogue on a new framework for U.S. foreign policy toward Africa. Additional speaker information will be added as we get closer to the event date. Save the date, register, and [subscribe](#) to the CSIS Africa Program distribution list to receive updates on the Debate Series.

*This event is made possible through the generous support of Open Society Foundations.*

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## **Effective Policy Responses to Global Crises: Historical Lessons From Energy Shocks with Michaël Aklin**

**Date:** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 am-11:00 am

**Organization:** Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Countries regularly face difficult and yet unanticipated crises, such as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. How can governments respond to them effectively? In this webinar, we will explore historical cases of energy shocks, from the 1973 oil crisis to the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, to understand how governments respond and when they are likely to succeed in mitigating the crisis. Drawing on these lessons, we will discuss the long-term impacts of the coronavirus response and strategies for a more sustainable and resilient future.

Learn more and register [here](#).

## **Events (National)**

### **Women In Global Development Leadership Forum**

**Date:** May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 7:45 am-7:00pm

**Organization:** Women Innovators & Leaders Networks

**Location:** 1825 Connecticut Avenue NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20009

Attending the Women in Global Development Leadership Forum is a life-changing experience. On May 6, 2020, 400 women and men will converge in Washington DC for the third edition of this unique global event.

When you attend, you can expect a full day of inspiring, interactive sessions with one singular focus: to increase the power and influence of women and diverse leaders in the global development sector.

Join us for a collaborative experience and participate in conversations that address some of the most significant challenges of our time.

### **2020 Forum theme: “Power, and Empowering Others”**

- Track 1: Skills to Lead at Every Level: Learn frameworks, expand your skills to achieve your goals. Learn to transform common business challenges into career-building opportunities for yourself, and others.



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- Track 2: Organizational Development for Greater Inclusion and Performance: Gain knowledge about the research, theory, and practice of developing leaders, and promoting diverse leadership across your organization for greater performance.
- Track 3: Sector-wide initiatives: What they are accomplishing and how you can be part of them.

Register [here](#).

## Events (International)

### **A Transatlantic Agenda for Cloud & Security**

**Date:** May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Organization:** The Atlantic Council

**Location:** Sofitel Victoria Warsaw Krolewska 11, 00-065 Warszawa, Poland

The transatlantic relationship on cybersecurity policy is experiencing new headwinds about the widening deployment of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and 5G. There has rarely before been a more important time for meaningful collaboration, between Poland and the United States, across the EU and US, and between the public and private sectors. Renewed alliances can provide the basis for a more vital and secure cyberspace and help manage novel threats to public safety and political stability.

The conference will feature cybersecurity experts from the United States, Poland, and the broader transatlantic community in a collection of exclusive talks, conversational panels, and keynote speeches. Cloud computing will feature prominently as experts from both sides of the Atlantic assemble to discuss issues of adoption by the private and public sector, new security responsibilities, and cloud's intersection with other emerging technologies including 5G.

The conference will convene stakeholders from across the cyber, innovation, defense and foreign policy communities to build a new agenda to address the digital and security challenges facing the transatlantic community.

Should you require special accommodations for a disability, please contact Simon Handler of the Cyber Statecraft Initiative at [shandler@atlanticcouncil.org](mailto:shandler@atlanticcouncil.org).

Register [here](#).

### **Counter Terror Expo (CTX) 2020**

**Date:** May 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Time:** TBA

**Organization:** Counter Terror Expo (CTX)

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



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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
- Protecting Infrastructure
- Policing and Specialist Operations

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- Hear from top tier international speakers and earn CPD accreditation for your conference attendance
- Benefit from free-to-attend educational sessions and interactive demo zones
- Join the largest gathering of senior security professionals from Law Enforcement, Government to the Private Sector
- Gain insight into the latest technologies and product

Register [here](#).

## **Behavioural Analysis 2020**

**Date:** June 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** TBA

**Organization:** Green Light

**Location:** Royal Air Force Museum, London

**\*\*A two-day conference exploring how hostile or criminal intent can be identified through the observation of behavioural indicators and the use of tactical risk analysis and non-racial profiling techniques\*\***

Green Light is delighted to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Behavioural Analysis conference. Following its launch in Cardiff in 2018, and an exciting 2<sup>nd</sup> edition in 2019 at Mall of America, Minneapolis, the conference will be landing in London in June 2020 and will take place at the Royal Air Force Museum.

The threat to sporting, music and other large-scale entertainment venues, transportation networks, retail parks, hotels, museums, tourist attractions and crowded spaces is becoming increasingly complex and diverse. Accordingly, the security industry needs to evolve to protect itself from terrorist, criminal and other forms of attack and those



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working in the industry must acquire the necessary skill sets to detect the subtle signs of negative intent and learn how to deal with the threat accordingly.

In line with previous events, the third edition of the conference will deliver practical insights into the behavioural analysis techniques used to identify individuals with negative intent. The conference will allow delegates to develop their knowledge of behavioural analysis by hearing presentations from the leading experts in the security industry.

After taking place at the Welsh national rugby stadium (the Principality Stadium) in 2018 and the largest retail and entertainment complex in the United States (Mall of America®) in 2019, Behavioural Analysis 2020 will take place in London at the Royal Air Force Museum. This venue offers an exciting backdrop for diverse and engaging presentations, extensive networking opportunities, and exhibition space for innovative and forward-thinking companies to display their solutions and products in a unique setting.

More info and registration [here](#).