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Mia Bloom

Date: Oct 22th

Time: 9 am -10:30 am

Organization: Women In International Security

The Center for a New American Security (CNAS) will launch

Location: University Club, Conference Room B, 123 University Pl, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

The WIIS University of Pittsburgh chapter will cohost terrorism expert Dr. Mia Bloom. Dr. Bloom will discuss her research on women, children, and terrorism, as well as her work as a female academic, opportunities for mentorship, and advice for women beginning careers in international security.

Dr. Bloom is a Professor of Communications and Middle East Studies at Georgia State University. She conducts ethnographic field research in Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia, and speaks eight languages. Bloom has published numerous books on terrorism, including *Bombshell: Women and Terror* (2011), and most recently *Small Arms: Children and Terror* (2019). She is regularly featured as an expert contributor on CNN, MSNBC, and Fox News for terrorism and national security issues. Dr. Bloom is a member of the UN terrorism research network (UNCTED) and the radicalization expert advisory board for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

More information [here](#).

Events (Online)

Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security UK Launch

Date: TODAY June 24th

Time: 2 pm – 5 pm

Organization: Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security - UK Branch

In the wake of the ongoing BLM protests across the world, this is a moment of societal reckoning - and our professional field is no different. We hope by providing a platform to build networks, offer support and lift up voices of color, things will start to change. As such, we are proud to share that the UK Branch of the Women of Color Advancing



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Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation will host a virtual launch on the 24th of June.

In preparation for the 20th anniversary of the UN Security Council's Resolution:1325 on the commitment on Women Peace and Security, we are delighted to host an interactive panel discussion with women of color from across Europe and the US.

The event address key questions about the changing landscape of Women, Peace, Security and Conflict Resolution in the current geopolitical contexts. Panelists will provide expertise from a range of backgrounds across grass roots levels to inter-governmental level.

Confirmed speakers:

Introduction

- Amb. Bonnie Jenkins, Founder and Executive Director, WCAPS
- Anuradha Damale, Director WCAPS UK and RA

Panel

- Dr Punam Yadav, Senior Research Fellow and Co-director of the Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction UCL, Centre for Gender and Disaster;
- Dr Warsan Cismaan Saalax, Chair of the British Somali Association and Clinical Psychologist interested in transcultural and community psychology particularly issues affecting the Somali and Arabic speaking communities;
- Hayley Ramsay-Jones, Director of SGI Office for UN Affairs, campaigner for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots;
- Linda Goler Blount, President and CEO, Black Women's Health Initiative (United States).

The discussion will be followed by an interactive Q&A session. Participants will have the opportunity to send questions to our panelists prior to the event.

Register [here](#).

Building Resilience in Western Kenya amidst COVID 19 pandemic

Date: June 25th

Time: 4:00am—5:30am EDT

Organization: WIIS Horn of Africa

WIIS-Talks - Online series bring together partners and other stakeholders to discuss topics relevant to peace and security.

Beyond posing a major threat to the health of persons, the COVID-19 pandemic has also brought out the inequalities within societies. In Kenya, curbing the pandemic has come with enormous challenges both economically and socially- challenging resilience of communities.

In Western Kenya, communities in the last few months have been faced with additional challenges posed by environmental factors such as heavy rains causing flooding and landslides, displacing many families from their homes.

Amidst the pandemic and the environmental challenges being faced, civil society have continued to build resilience through small scale interventions to address the adverse effects of the pandemic and floods, such as an increase in unemployment, increase in GBV cases and insecurity in the region.

As part of the WIIS-Talks online series, civil society organization leaders from Kisumu, Busia, and Kakamega will engage in a discussion on “Building resilience in Western Kenya amidst COVID-19 pandemic”.

This discussion will delve into the vulnerabilities of communities in the region, activities being carried out by CSOs, and possible approaches to explore whilst adhering to COVID-19 pandemic measures.

Discussants will include:

1. Mrs. Margaret Mbira, Women Concerns Centre in Kisumu,
2. Mrs. Maureen Ayodi Baridi kwa Baridi in Busia and
3. Edward Anyanda from Friends initiative peace agency in Kakamega.
4. Ms. Nancy Mothei – WIIS-HoA moderator

Register [here](#).

The Flow of US Guns and Violence Against Women in Mexico and Central America

Date: June 25th

Time: 1:00—2:30pm EDT

Organization: The Center for American Progress, Forum on the Arms Trade

Whether through illegal channels or through legal exports, the flow of U.S. guns has an impact on security and stability in Mexico and Central American countries. Often under-examined is how these [weapons](#) affect violence against women. In this webinar, experts will discuss how women in these countries face unique risks and challenges related to



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gun violence while also identifying policies and actions to address them.

Speakers:

- **Rukmani Bhatia** (Moderator), Center for American Progress
- **Giada Greco**, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- **Estefanía Vela Barba**, Intersecta
- **Ana Yancy Espinoza**, Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress
- **Cecilia Farfán-Méndez**, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies

Presentations will be in English with simultaneous translation in Spanish. This event is part of a [series](#) on Gun Violence in Mexico and Central America in which the Forum on the Arms Trade is one of many partners.

More information and registration [here](#).

Gender & Covid-19 in Canada

Date: June 26th

Time: 9:30am EST

Organization: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Join us for a live, interactive discussion with a feminist economist, Member of Parliament and labour activist about the gendered dimensions of the pandemic in Canada. Together, we will explore the ways that the Covid-19 crisis has impacted women, and share ideas for what a feminist recovery plan might look like. The webinar will feature NDP Member of Parliament Lindsay Mathyssen, Canada's social democratic Critic for Women and Gender Equality, Vicky Smallman, the National Director of Women's and Human Rights for the Canadian Labour Congress, and Katherine Scott, senior economist at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Questions can be asked live or emailed ahead of time to canada@fesdc.org

Learn more and register for event [here](#).

Where Do Iraq's Religious and Ethnic Minorities Stand Post-ISIS

Date: June 30th

Time: 9:00—10:45am EDT

Organization: United States Institute of Peace

Join USIP as we host Assistant Secretary Robert A. Destro from the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL), as well as a panel of experts, for a discussion on the current reality for Iraqi religious and ethnic minorities,

the international response in the aftermath of ISIS's military defeat, and the impact of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the new Iraqi government, and potential early elections. The event will also feature analysis from USIP based on its [Conflict and Stabilization Monitoring Framework](#).

Speakers

- Nancy Lindborg, *opening remarks*
President & CEO, United States Institute of Peace
- Robert A. Destro, *keynote speaker*
Assistant Secretary for the U.S. State Department Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
- William Warda
Member of the General Assembly and External Relations Committee, Alliance of Iraqi Minorities; and
Director of Public Relations, Hammurabi Human Rights Organization
- Susan Aref
Director and Founder, Women Empowerment Organization
- Osama Gharizi
Iraq Senior Program Advisor, United States Institute of Peace
- Lee Tucker, *moderator*
Senior Program Officer, Middle East, United States Institute of Peace

More information and registration [here](#).

After COVID-19: the impact of the corona virus on the future of peacekeeping

Date: June 29th

Time: 4:00pm CET

Organization: Chair of UN Studies in Peace and Justice

On Monday, 29 June at 4PM (CET), the Chair of UN Studies in Peace and Justice is hosting an online panel discussion with experienced peacekeepers and experts in the field. Moderated by Dr. Vanessa Newby, the panelists will reflect on the impact of COVID-19 on the future of peacekeeping and answer questions from the audience.

The Panel

Mr. Richard Gowan – UN Director at International Crisis Group

Mr. Adam Day – United Nations University – Centre for Policy Research (UNU-CPR)

Mr. Jeremy Drage – Coordinator of the MONUSCO COVID-19 task force / Chief of the Joint Operations Centre at MONUSCO

Ms. Sladjana Cemerikic - Policy Coordinator for Crisis Management and Peace Operations at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator

Dr. Vanessa Newby – Leiden University

More information and registration [here](#).

Diversity in International Security: Expanding Perspectives in Nuclear Policy and Health Security

Date: June 30th

Time: 2:00—3:30pm EDT

Organization: Nuclear Threat Initiative

Join us for a webinar co-sponsored by the Nuclear Threat Initiative, Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security, Out in National Security, and Gender Champions in Nuclear Policy, that will address diversity challenges in nuclear policy & health security and discuss the importance of improving diversity in these fields. It will also highlight initiatives and other steps being taken to promote diversity in nuclear policy and health security, and invite new ideas for how to promote diversity and generate action steps. The event will feature an introduction by NTI CEO Secretary Ernest Moniz and will include a panel featuring:

- Deborah Rosenblum, NTI Executive Vice President
- Bonnie Jenkins, Ambassador (ret.), Founder and Executive Director, Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security
- Jane Rhee, Executive Director, The Estee Lauder Companies; former Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State
- Shawn Skelly, Co-Founder, Out in National Security; Commissioner, National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service
- Loyce Pace, President and Executive Director, Global Health Council
- Laura S. H. Holgate, Ambassador (ret.), NTI Vice President; Co-Founder, Gender Champions in Nuclear Policy (GCNP)

More information and registration [here](#).

CNAS 2020 National Security Conference

Date: June 17th – July 22nd

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Organization: The Center for a New American Security

The Center for a New American Security (CNAS) will launch its America Competes Summer Series on June 17 as part of a broader campaign to renew American competitiveness at home and abroad across a range of vital national security arenas. The



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conference series will include interactive online sessions with innovative audience participation and engagement. This year's events will feature CNAS' expertise on sustaining U.S. military deterrence, securing U.S. technological advantages, advancing U.S. values while countering high-tech illiberalism, strengthening U.S. national security institutions, and bolstering U.S. economic power and leadership—all while showcasing next generation leaders and ideas. Each session will convene policymakers, practitioners, and analysts, as well as peers from the private sector, media, and academia. The conference's arc will feature cross-cutting initiatives and projects from the Center's seven research programs.

Interactive Sessions

JUNE 17

[Future Scenarios: America and the Post-Pandemic World](#)

JUNE 24

[The Pitch: A Competition of New Ideas](#)

JULY 15

[Closing the Deal: National Security and Investment Scrutiny](#)

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[Is Seeing Still Believing? Synthetic Media and Illiberal Uses of Technology](#)

JULY 22

[A Deadly Game: East China Sea Crisis 2030](#)

Featured Speakers

Richard Fontaine – Chief Executive Officer, CNAS

Ely Ratner – Executive Vice President and Director of Studies, CNAS

Andrea Kendall-Taylor – Director and Senior Fellow, CNAS Transatlantic Security Program

Elizabeth Rosenberg – Director and Senior Fellow, CNAS Energy, Economics, and Security Program

Susanna V. Blume – Director and Senior Fellow, CNAS Defense Program

Loren DeJonge Schulman – Deputy Director of Studies and Leon E. Panetta Senior Fellow, CNAS

Carrie Cordero – Robert M. Gates Senior Fellow, CNAS

Chris Dougherty – Senior Fellow, CNAS Defense Program

Kara Frederick – Fellow, CNAS Technology and National Security Program

Register [here](#).

Visions of Feminist Peace

Dates: September 14th- October 2nd 2020

Organization: London School of Economics



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To mark the 40th anniversary of the launch of CEDAW, the 20th anniversary of the Security Council's Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda, and 25 years since the Declaration and Platform for Action at the conclusion of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, the AHRC-funded Feminist International Law of Peace and Security (FILPS) project is organising a series of virtual events in collaboration with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to build on visions of a feminist peace. Women's activism inspired and shaped CEDAW, the WPS agenda, and the Beijing Platform for Action. Notwithstanding differences, women have shared two ambitions: to achieve gender equality and sustainable peace, in the knowledge that neither could be achieved without the other. Likewise, research unearthed by feminist historians shows how these two ambitions have long been at the core of women activists' aspirations, including those who gathered in 1915 in The Hague.

Women's tireless activism through political institutions and local communities, through protest, advocacy, litigation and scholarship, has been instrumental in securing the progressive development of policy and law, at national and international levels. Across the world, women's and feminist groups are using legal and policy tools creatively to advance equal rights. Yet transformative change remains slow. Women are still fighting for equality in all spheres of life. Peace remains an elusive goal. Women, and even more so minority women, continue to be excluded and marginalised from mainstream conflict prevention efforts to peacebuilding measures.

Through a programme of digital outputs, Visions of Feminist Peace brings together academics, advocates, practitioners, activists, artists, and students to showcase the plurality of peace visions, experiences, and discontents. The programme – featuring webinars, performances and interviews – aims to contribute to the development of interdisciplinary, inclusive, intergenerational feminist visions of peace. Using digital technologies to connect with people across the world, the programme will promote knowledge and experience exchange and hopes to build solidarity within a global community.

The Visions of Feminist Peace programme is among a range of virtual programmatic activities that the LSE Centre for Women, Peace and Security is developing to mark the 20th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, and the global women, peace and security agenda.

More information and registration [here](#).



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Events (International)

Counter Terror Expo (CTX) 2020

Date: September 8th-10th, 2020 (New date)

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
- Protecting Infrastructure
- Policing and Specialist Operations

Why You Can't Afford To Miss CTX 2020:

- 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](#).

Giving Women's 9th Annual Conference – Food: Women's role in the struggle to feed the world

Date: October 29th, 2020

Organization: Giving Women

Location: Hôtel Métropole Genève, 34 Quai du Général-Guisan, 1204 Genève, Switzerland

Over the last 10 years, Giving Women has organised a yearly conference, which examines a theme that affects vulnerable girls and women globally.

The Giving Women Annual conference has become an important platform for



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convening UN organisations, Civil Society, NGOs, business, academia, and private individuals to INFORM, REFLECT AND ACT on what we need to do together to bring dignity and agency to the lives of girls and women globally.

Our 9th Annual Conference will look at the issue of food security and the key role women play in providing food for their families, their communities and the world.

All people should be free from hunger and malnutrition, yet there are millions of women throughout the world who struggle to provide basic nutrition for the healthy development of themselves and their families.

Giving Women has invited a group of experts who will explain what malnutrition looks like on a global scale, what are the big organisations doing to address this and how can a reworked supply chain provide nourishing food for all.

The Right to Food: Article 25 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

The right to food is a human right. It protects the right of all human beings to live in dignity, free from hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition.

Join us on **29 October 2020** to learn the truth about food, malnutrition globally and how together we can ensure that everyone's right to nutrition is met.

Meet our [speakers](#). Register [here](#).