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Date: Oct 22nd

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)

Fragility Forum 2020

Date: June 8th – August 31st

Organization: The World Bank

The Fragility Forum 2020 is back – on your screen.

Starting the week of June 8, the Fragility Forum Virtual Series will provide an online alternative to share practical solutions and concrete approaches to maximize the collective impact of humanitarian, development, security and peacebuilding actors to help prevent conflict, build resilience, and sustain peace. The Virtual Series covers the topics initially planned for the Forum, in line with the newly published [World Bank Group](#)



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Strategy for Fragility, Conflict, and Violence, with an added focus on the implications of COVID-19 in fragile and conflict-affected settings. The Forum will use various formats such as podcasts, experts' interviews, workshops, trainings and live events.

- **Monday, August 17**

VIDEO – **How to Move from Fragility to Resilience?**

PODCAST – **PeaceLab Podcast: Transitions from Peacekeeping to Peacebuilding | Part 1: Lessons Learned & the Importance of International Coordination**

PODCAST – **Water and Peace: Podcast 3**

- **Wednesday, August 19 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. ET**

LIVE WORKSHOP – **Empowering Women Economically Through Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Entrepreneurship in Contexts Affected by Fragility, Conflict and Violence** - *Register here*

- **Wednesday, August 19 | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. ET**

LIVE WORKSHOP – **Local Dynamics for Sustainable Peace: The Case of Iraq** - *Register here*

- **Thursday, August 20 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. ET**

LIVE WORKSHOP – **When Conflict and COVID-19 Collide: Towards a Risk Analysis Framework** - *Register here*

Learn more [here](#).

The Kashmir Conflict: A Year of Tumult

Date: August 20th

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Organization: United States Institute of Peace

Assessing the Impact of India's Consolidation of Power in Jammu & Kashmir



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Last August, India shook up the regional status quo by altering the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir's constitutional status—splitting it into two separate union territories, overturning previous semi-autonomy provisions, and revoking statehood. The move has reverberated both domestically, as Indian paramilitary forces have been deployed and political leaders detained; as well as externally, as neighboring Pakistan has rejected the Indian move to consolidate control over the disputed territory. Recent reports have also highlighted alleged human rights violations in the past year.

Two new reports from the U.S. Institute of Peace look at the implications of India's Kashmir policy over the last year.

Join USIP for a conversation with the authors, focused on the tensions between India and Pakistan and prospects for resolving the bilateral dispute, as well as the domestic Kashmiri resistance and both the violent and non-violent movements within Kashmir that may challenge Indian attempts to reshape Kashmir's status.

Join the conversation on Twitter with #KashmirAYearOn.

Speakers:

Happymon Jacob

Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Sameer Lalwani

Director, Stimson Center South Asia Program

Tamanna Salikuddin, *moderator*

Director, South Asia Programs, United States Institute of Peace

Learn more and register [here](#).

Webinar Series: Preparing Women to Navigate the Political Appointments Process

Date: August 24th – October 2nd

Organization: The Leadership Council for Women in National Security

In a series of six webinars, LCWINS will demystify the political appointments process. Through our diverse array of speakers, we will prepare women interested in Senate-confirmed roles to put their names forward, support their candidacy effectively, and successfully navigate Senate confirmation. All who are interested are welcome to attend, but the sessions will focus on women's preparation for political appointment in senior roles.

See below for more information about our six sessions. We hope you will join us!

Webinar information will be updated as we confirm speakers and dates.

Before attending these webinars, we strongly recommend you read through everything available on the Partnership for Public Service Center for Presidential Transition's *Ready to Serve* website.

Learn more and register [here](#).

Gender Equality 100 Years After the 19th Amendment

Date: August 24th

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Organization: Brookings Institution

On August 26, 1920, the 19th amendment was adopted to the U.S. Constitution, granting some – though not all – American women the right to vote. 100 years later, relative equality at the ballot box has not been matched by equity in business, politics, the military, family life, and even retirement.

On August 24, as part of *19A: The Brookings Gender Equality Series*, Brookings will host a webinar to examine the state of gender equality today and what needs to be done to achieve full equality for women in our society.

Tina Tchen, CEO of TIME'S UP Foundation and former executive director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, will open the program with keynote remarks. Susan Ware, who serves as the honorary women's suffrage centennial historian at the Radcliffe Institute's Schlesinger Library at Harvard, will provide a brief historical overview of the women's suffrage movement. Then, Brookings experts Camille Busette, Elaine Kamarck, Isabel Sawhill, and Makada Henry-Nickie will convene a panel discussion to examine how gender equality has evolved since the amendment's passage and what public reforms could address gender-based inequalities that persist today.

Viewers can submit questions for speakers by emailing events@brookings.edu or via Twitter [@BrookingsInst](#) by using **#19A**.

Learn more and register [here](#).

Online Event: Combatting Malign Influence in 2020

Date: August 26th

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Organization: Center for Strategic and International Studies

The CSIS Defending Democratic Institutions Project (DDI) invites you to a conversation with **Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen** on the threat of foreign malign influence operations. With the election right around the corner, it is essential that we understand how disinformation operations have evolved from our nation's founding up to the present, and how the government is working to counter them.

Learn more and register [here](#).

Far-Right Extremist Mobilization Surges During U.S Unrest

Date: August 27th

Time: 1-2 PM EST

Organization: National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

The United States is experiencing significant turmoil right now, forced to confront three ongoing shocks: the public health crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, the pandemic's economic impact, and the fluid socio-political effects of the nationwide protests against systemic anti-Black racism. These shocks have clear geopolitical implications and are already manifesting in areas ranging from global public health to inspiring other movements for racial equity. But, also relevant to U.S. national security concerns, non-state extremist actors have inserted themselves into events associated with these shocks — namely the anti-lockdown and anti-racism protests — to exploit the socio-political discontent behind them and further their ideological agendas.

To assess the potential impact of these non-state extremist actors on the U.S. socio-political environment, former START researcher Alejandro Beutel and co-author Daryl Johnson produced an article entitled, "Far-Right Extremist Mobilization Surges During U.S. Unrest," at the Center for Global Policy, a Washington, D.C. think-tank. This talk will discuss the insights from the article, including surveying recent U.S. far-right actor mobilization, findings from the article's open source dataset mapping far-left and far-right presence around the nationwide anti-racism protests, a forecast of future short-term extremist trends before during and immediately after the 2020 U.S. national elections, and policy recommendations before concluding.

More information and registration [here](#)

Tortured Logic: Why Some Americans Support the Use of Torture in Counterterrorism

Dates: September 18th



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Organization: National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

Experts in the intelligence community say that torture is ineffective. Yet much of the public appears unconvinced: surveys show that nearly half of Americans think that torture can be acceptable for counterterrorism purposes. Why do people persist in supporting torture—and can they be persuaded to change their minds?

In *Tortured Logic*, Erin M. Kearns and Joseph K. Young draw upon a novel series of group experiments to understand how and why the average citizen might come to support the use of torture techniques. They find evidence that when torture is depicted as effective in the media, people are more likely to approve of it. Their analysis weighs variables such as the ethnicity of the interrogator and the suspect; the salience of one's own mortality; and framing by experts. Kearns and Young also examine who changes their opinions about torture and how, demonstrating that only some individuals have fixed views while others have more malleable beliefs. They argue that efforts to reduce support for torture should focus on convincing those with fluid views that torture is ineffective. The book features interviews with experienced interrogators and professionals working in the field to contextualize its findings. Bringing empirical rigor to a fraught topic, *Tortured Logic* has important implications for understanding public perceptions of counterterrorism strategy.

More information and registration [here](#)

Visions of Feminist Peace

Dates: September 14th- October 2nd 2020

Organization: London School of Economics

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.



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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](#).

Women in Global Development Leadership Forum

Date: October 26th – October 28th, 2020

Organization: Women Innovators and Leaders Network

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Attending the Women in Global Development Leadership Forum is a life-changing experience.

On October 26-28th, 2020, 400 women and men will converge for the third edition of this unique global event.

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

Learn more and register [here](#).

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.

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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 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](#).