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## WIIS Events and Opportunities

### **Transitions and Taking a Leap: Switching Sectors and Leveraging Your Contacts**

**Date:** August 10th

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

**Organization:** Women In International Security and Women’s Foreign Policy Group

This summer, Women's Foreign Policy Group (WFPG) and Women In International Security (WIIS) will co-host monthly virtual career development events. Throughout these events, participants will build upon important career development skills and connect with professionals in international affairs.

Our fourth webinar event entitled **Transitions and Taking a Leap: Switching Sectors and Leveraging Your Contacts** will be held on **August 10th**. There will be a **panel from 1:00 - 1:45 PM EDT** followed by **breakout sessions from 1:45 - 2:15 PM EDT**. Thinking about switching sectors or finding a new career path? What should you consider before you jump? How do you leverage your connections and network to find your next position? Join us for a conversation on mid-career transitions and advancing your career in international affairs.

This event is co-sponsored with Women's Foreign Policy Group (WFPG) and the Robertson Foundation for Government. Registration is free for WIIS and WFPG members. If you have any questions, please contact [info@wiisglobal.org](mailto:info@wiisglobal.org).

To learn more and to register for this event, click [here](#).

### **Mia Bloom**

**Date:** Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

**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)

### **Far-Right Extremist Mobilization Surges During U.S Unrest**

**Date:** August 27<sup>th</sup>

**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 18<sup>th</sup>

**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 14<sup>th</sup>- October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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 26<sup>th</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Organization:** Women Innovators and Leaders Network

JOIN US FOR THE WORLD'S LARGEST WOMEN IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP FORUM

VIRTUAL: OCTOBER 26-28, 2020

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.

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.

Learn more and register [here](#).

## Events (International)

### Counter Terror Expo (CTX) 2020

**Date:** September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 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

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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](#).

### **Giving Women's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – Food: Women's role in the struggle to feed the world**

**Date:** October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](#).