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Training: Leadership lessons from women building peace

Date: September 22nd

Time: 8 PM -9:30 PM

Organization: WIIS Brussels

Do you want to develop your leadership skills? Are you curious to know what it takes to be a successful woman leader? Are you interested in becoming a leader for social change?

WIIS Brussels is excited to invite you to the upcoming online ‘Leadership lessons from women building peace’ training with the distinguished Jane Morrice, peacebuilder, politician, journalist, and WIIS Advisory Committee Member on Tuesday, 22 September 2020 from 20:00-21:30.

Sign up now and learn from an inspiring woman leader who dedicated her life to bringing peace to Northern Ireland and has blazed a trail for women in public life.

Sign up now by emailing us at info@wiis-brussels.org. Please note that this event is for members only. If you’re not a member yet, join our community and [become a new member of WIIS Brussels](#). Once you’ve signed up, you will receive a Zoom link to join the event. Please do not share this link with others.

About Jane Morrice

Jane Morrice is a [Northern Irish](#) politician and journalist who helped architect the Good Friday Agreement. She is the former Deputy Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly, former Head of the European Commission Office in Northern Ireland and former reporter for [BBC Belfast](#). Morrice was Vice President of the [European Economic and Social Committee](#) (EESC) from 2013-2015 and again from 2019 until 2020 when [Brexit](#) forced the United Kingdom out of the European Union. Morrice served two terms as Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Equality Commission and was a prominent member of the [Northern Ireland Women's Coalition](#) until it ceased to exist in 2006.

Learn more [here](#).

Peace and Security During Uncertain Times (Virtual Conference)

Date: October 5th -8th , 7:00 – 8:00PM and October 9th 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Organization: WIIS University of Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh chapter of Women In International Security (WIIS) proudly announces “Peace and Security During Uncertain Times,” a week-long, virtual conference occurring October 5th - 9th, 2020.

Our world, at present, is more tumultuous than ever. COVID-19 has exposed inequities in global health systems, including disproportionate burdens on women, migrants and refugees, and other marginalized and vulnerable populations. Climate change persists, and experts predict that rising temperatures will increase the risk of violence and armed conflict globally. The proliferation of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction pose an evolving threat to U.S. national security, which Cold War-era foreign policy tools and institutions are questionably equipped to address.

Monday - Thursday, a panel will present a facilitated discussion exploring these challenges and propose courses of action that may assist our country in moving forward. On Friday, students will present their research.

This conference is free and open to all.

View the conference schedule [here](#).

Register [here](#).

Events (Online)

Arab American Women in Government

Dates: September 17th

Time: 7 pm – 8 pm

Organization: Inara Strategies LLC

Arab Americans are a lesser-known community, despite the high proportion our countries of origin take up on news cycles. We are Christian, we are Muslim. We span the gender identification spectrum. We are athletes, we are academics. We are artists, and we are business-people. We are first-generation immigrants and refugees, and we have been Americans for many generations. We are cultural diplomacy leaders, and we are experts at counter terrorism.

As all eyes are on the 2020 presidential election, we thought it would be an important moment for our voices to be included in the conversation of what it means to SERVE. To serve our American government, together, through the ups and downs of elections cycles,

during leadership changes as Administrations change political parties, as experts in our fields, as women, as proud Arab Americans.

Below, you will find the biographies of the five women highlighted in this conversation. **Please note, this conversation is off-the-record.** Thank you for respecting the panelists' professionalism, career-standing, and the Arab-American community's important place in government by not sharing messages received from this panel publicly.

Speaker Bios (alphabetical order by last name):

Maha Armush

Maha Angelina Armush is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. During her fourteen-year tenure, she has served in Jordan, Egypt, and Brazil. She has also spent four years serving in Washington, DC, as a refugee resettlement officer helping to bring vulnerable refugees from around the world to the United States. During that time, in 2014 she spent five months in Turkey as Syrian Humanitarian Advisor.

Maha has spent more than 15 years living in the Middle East and embraces her Arab-American identity not only in her work, but also in her personal life. She was MC and program coordinator for Washington's "Syria Fest" in 2018, and is featured in the "Patriots and Peacemakers" exhibit at the Arab American National Museum. Maha has a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of Maryland College Park as well as a Graduate Diploma in Middle East Studies from the American University in Cairo and a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies and Spanish from the University of Miami in Florida.

Arab country of origin: Syria

Jennifer Atala

Jennifer Atala is the Founder of Inara Strategies LLC, a global consultancy applying a systems-level approach to design and implement projects and partnerships to catalyze economic growth and impact. She has led country-level initiatives in Palestine, Jordan and Israel and curated partnerships with Fortune 500 & 1000 companies for clients. Jennifer is a frequent speaker on Israel-Palestine, economic growth, tech innovation, and career development.

From 2015-2017, Jennifer implemented the USAID Compete Project in Palestine, managing investments across seven industries and building alliances with international agencies. In DC, she led investment process improvement work for IFC; managed a USAID OTI Afghanistan Program while serving on the State Department Libya Task

Force; and was a data scientist for the Department of Defense. In Egypt, Jennifer designed and led social impact initiatives for microfinance institutions, including behavior-driven loan products to combat Avian Flu in partnership with the UN. Earlier, she led civil rights advocacy efforts for the Arab American and Palestinian Israeli communities from Chicago, DC, and Israel-Palestine. Jennifer earned her M.A. from Johns Hopkins SAIS, B.A. from the University of Chicago, and is a Truman National Security Project Fellow.

Arab country of origin: Palestine

Reema S. Ali

Reema S. Shocair Ali is a national security analyst at Morrison & Foerster where she supports all areas of the national security group practice. From 2009-2017, she served in the Pentagon in multiple roles, including as Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary of the Navy, attorney advisor to the Department of the Navy General Counsel, and as an advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy. In 2010, Reema was selected to serve on the Secretary of the Navy's team for the President that developed a Gulf Coast recovery and restoration plan following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Previously, Reema was an associate in the Office of Cabinet Affairs, Executive Office of the President. Reema also clerked in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, teaching law and public policy at The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, and working for a Member of Congress. Reema was awarded the Distinguished Civilian Service Award from the Secretary of the Navy in 2017 and is a fellow of the Truman National Security Project.

Arab country of origin: Palestine & Syria

Nabeela Barbari

Nabeela Barbari is the Deputy Associate Director of Strategy and Resources within the Cybersecurity Division at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). In this role, she leads a team that develops strategy and oversees the budget and implementation of CISA's mission to strengthen the security and resilience of the cybersecurity ecosystem.

Prior to this, Nabeela was the Acting Associate Director of Plans and Programs at the National Risk Management Center at DHS/CISA. From 2016-2018 was a Senior Policy Advisor at the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties providing expertise to government officials and leading public engagements on national security policy, countering violent extremism, and civil rights matters. Nabeela also spent 8 years at the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection in a variety of roles related to counterterrorism

and public/private partnerships. Nabeela holds two Masters Degrees – one from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Security & Defense and the other from George Mason University, as well as a Bachelor's Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Arab country of origin: Palestine

Nadia Farra

Nadia Farra is the Senior Syria Desk Officer leading a team of six in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the U.S. State Department. For over five years she has advised U.S. government leaders on congressional relations, messaging, nonproliferation, sanctions, and political issues in regards to Syria. As part of this role, she helps shape and monitor U.S. efforts to de-escalate violence in Syria and progress towards an UN-led political solution to the crisis in Syria. Nadia entered the civil service in 2011 as a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) at USAID where she staffed former Administrator Raj Shah before serving on the Yemen Desk. Nadia earned a Master's degree in Public Administration with a focus on International Development from the Wagner School of Public Service at New York University and a Bachelor's degree in International Affairs with a Minor in Arabic from the University of Georgia.

Arab country of origin: Syria

Register [here](#).

Protecting Democracy: Foreign Interference, Voter Confidence, and Defensive Strategies in the 2020 Elections and Beyond

Date: September 17th

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Organization: Center for New American Security in partnership with the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law and the Annenberg Public Policy Center

The Center for a New American Security (CNAS), in partnership with the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL) and the Annenberg Public Policy Center (APPC), both of the University of Pennsylvania, presents a virtual symposium, Protecting Democracy: Foreign Interference, Voter Confidence, and Defensive Strategies in the 2020 Elections and Beyond. This symposium will be held on September 17, 2020 and will engage policymakers, practitioners, and analysts from both the public and private sector and academia.

Sessions include two virtual keynote panels that are open to the public:

Patterns of Foreign Election Interference Since 2016

9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. ET

Featured speakers:

- Claire Finkelstein (moderator), Algernon Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy and Faculty Director of CERL, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
- James Clapper, former Director of National Intelligence and CERL Board Member
- Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Elizabeth Ware Packard Professor of Communication, University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication; Walter and Leonore Director of the university's APPC; and Program Director of the Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands

Voter Attitudes and Foreign Influence: Protecting the Vote

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET

Featured speakers:

- Carrie Cordero (moderator), Robert M. Gates Senior Fellow, CNAS
- Scott Bates, Deputy Secretary of State, Connecticut
- Vanita Gupta, President and CEO, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
- Bill Kristol, Director, Defending Democracy Together; Editor-at-Large, The Bulwark
- Laura Rosenberger, Director, Alliance for Securing Democracy, German Marshall Fund
- Additional panelists may be added to the program.

Questions? Please contact Katie Galgano at kgalgano@cnas.org.
Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

New START and Beyond

Date: September 17th

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

Organization: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

New START, the only nuclear arms agreement in force between the United States and Russia, is currently set to expire on the 5 February 2021. Less than five months before the current expiration of New START, this UNIDIR event will discuss what is required to build confidence in compliance with future arms control arrangements in a period of geostrategic tension. Speakers include:



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Rose Gottemoeller - Distinguished Lecturer, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University. Formerly Deputy Secretary General of NATO and Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security at the U.S. Department of State.

Evgeny Buzhinsky - Chairman of PIR Center. Formerly Head of the International Treaties Department of the Ministry of Defense of Russia. UNIDIR encourages the participation of representatives and experts specialized or interested in arms control issues.

Please note that the link to access the webinar will be provided by email only to registered participants one week prior each seminar.

Register [here](#).

A High Level Digital Summit: Women in Global Health Security

Dates: September 18th

Organization: Foreign Policy, Women in Global Health, Wagner Foundation

The COVID-19 crisis has been a stark reminder that global health is a fundamental security concern. The pandemic has exposed deep inequalities in health and social systems at global and national levels, including gender inequities, weakening our collective ability to tackle COVID-19 and generate improved health outcomes into the future. It is clear that the commitment made by governments to deliver Universal Health Coverage by 2030 is an essential prerequisite for global health security. Many lives will be lost to COVID-19 because gender disparities in the health workforce and wider society weaken our response. We can take steps now to build back better and bring the important conversation about equality and health into the international security arena. Foreign Policy, in partnership with [Women in Global Health](#) and the [Wagner Foundation](#), will host a high-level digital summit to coincide with the 2020 UN General Assembly to illuminate the need for gender-transformative policy within global health security. Gender responsive policies, which challenge fundamental inequities, will strengthen global recovery from COVID-19 and support a “gender triple-dividend” — achieving gender and social equality, improved health and wellbeing, and inclusive economic growth.

Join us to hear from leading global experts and pioneering leaders who have committed to gender strategies and have spearheaded integration of health into broader policy frameworks.

Register [here](#).

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

Dates: September 18th

Time: 12 pm – 1 pm

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](#)

FP Partner Event: The 10th Concordia Annual Summit

Dates: September 21st- October 25th 2020

Organization: Foreign Policy

The five-day Concordia Annual Summit will kick off the week of Sept. 21, with the goal of providing a nonpartisan platform for world leaders to share their vision in an open, transparent, and inclusive forum. The event program features a powerful lineup of speakers from around the world, including current and former heads of state, CEOs, NGO executives, and international change-makers. In addition, the summit presents a unique opportunity for registrants to join in interactive breakout sessions and networking with fellow global professionals.

Register [here](#).

Global China: Examining China's approach to global governance and norms

Dates: September 21st, 2020

Time: 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Organization: Brookings Institute

Over the last several years, the world has seen China taking on more responsibility and power in international institutions. China's growing activism has provided a glimpse into its ambitions to assert a greater role for itself on matters of global governance. China's growing activism also has raised key questions about the scale of Beijing's ambitions and the tools it would be willing to use to advance them.

On September 21, Foreign Policy at Brookings will host a webinar to address these and other questions concerning China's evolving approach to international institutions, rules, and norms. The event will launch the next tranche of Brookings papers released as part of its series "Global China: Assessing China's Growing Role in the World." From human rights to energy to trade, these papers present a range of arguments for observers of China and policymakers to consider as they evaluate China's role on the international stage.

Viewers can submit questions by emailing events@brookings.edu or by joining the conversation on Twitter with #GlobalChina.

Learn more [here](#).

Ecological Threats to Peace

Dates: September 22nd, 2020

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Organization: The United States Institute of Peace

Global warming, extreme weather events, and rising sea levels are already adversely affecting food and water security throughout the world—leaving the least resilient countries with an increased risk of political instability, social fragmentation, and economic collapse. A more accurate measurement of levels of exposure to tomorrow's ecological threats is key to helping these countries maintain peace today and can enable others to better prepare and adapt for the future.

The new Ecological Threat Register (ETR), produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace, synthesizes and visualizes data on environmental indicators to estimate which countries, regions, and areas are most vulnerable to environment-induced conflict. In

particular, the ETR underscores that 141 countries are vulnerable to ecological threats, and that approximately 1.2 billion people could be displaced globally by ecological disasters in the next 30 years.

Join USIP and the Institute for Economics and Peace for a look at the inaugural Ecological Threat Register, as experts explore the nexus between conflict and climate change and consider strategies for boosting resilience to climate-induced insecurity. Take part in the conversation on Twitter with #EcoThreat2020.

Speakers

- Sagal Abshir, Non-Resident Fellow, Center on International Cooperation, New York University
- Michael Collins, Executive Director, Institute for Economics & Peace
- Dr. Joseph Hewitt, Vice President for Policy, Learning and Strategy, U.S. Institute of Peace
- Tyler Beckelman, moderator, Director, International Partnerships, U.S. Institute of Peace

Register [here](#).

The Perils of Polarization in Southeast Asia

Dates: September 23rd , 2020

Time: 10:00 – 11:15 AM

Organization: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Rising levels of political polarization are hurting democracy in many Southeast Asian countries. The coronavirus pandemic is only ratcheting up political pressures further. Drawing on a new Carnegie Endowment report, "[Political Polarization in South and Southeast Asia: Old Divisions, New Dangers](#)," this event will examine two critical cases—Indonesia and Thailand—to gain a regional understanding of why polarization is increasing, its political effects, and how political and civic actors can take steps to address it.

This event is being held in collaboration with Freedom House.

To submit a question for the event, please use the [YouTube chat](#) or tweet at us [@CarnegieDCG](#).

Learn more [here](#).



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The Quest for Europe and Eurasia's Energy Security and Independence: Why it Matters to America

Dates: September 30th, 2020

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Organization: The Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES)

Despite challenges in the Europe and Eurasia energy sector—including widespread corruption, Russian interference, and potential economic and social stressors resulting from Europe's decarbonization policies—the region is transitioning from the centralized administration of yesterday's energy industry to new, competitive wholesale energy markets that attract private capital, enable technology transfer and strengthen the Euro-Atlantic alliance.

For nearly 30 years, the United States Agency for International Development and the United States Energy Association have partnered to enhance the region's energy security through the Energy Technology and Governance Program (ETAG). Pioneering a new development assistance paradigm, ETAG has grown the engineering skills and institutional capacity within the region's energy sector, making progress toward the shared vision for energy security and energy independence.

Leaders of this development assistance work will explain that shared vision and why the US is invested in achieving it, share some success stories, and discuss the remaining challenges to achieving energy security and independence.

Dr. Steven S. Burns, P.E., is Chief of Energy and Infrastructure in the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia at the U.S. Agency for International Development. He manages and supports over \$150 million in technical assistance programs and projects in ten countries of the former Soviet Union and Southeastern Europe, closely collaborating counterparts in EU member states as well as with the U.S. State Department and the Department of Energy. He plays a leading role in regional U.S. assistance policy and program development with respect to energy sector reform and anti-corruption; identifying, protecting, and upgrading critical infrastructure; developing alternatives for energy supply diversification; and promoting energy efficiency. He initiated several ground-breaking assistance programs that have become models for global deployment in areas such as improving energy sector cyber security, natural gas system planning, and disaster response capabilities of electric utilities. He holds a B.S. from Carnegie Mellon University in Mechanical Engineering and Engineering and Public Policy; an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts; and a Ph.D. in Engineering Management from the George Washington University.



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William Polen is Senior Director at the United States Energy Association, where for nearly 30 years he has directed the Energy Technology and Governance Program in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development. A frequent traveler in the Balkans, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, Mr. Polen possess an extensive network of professional energy contacts in the Europe and Eurasia region, where he promotes energy sector reform, infrastructure development and the formation of competitive markets. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Delaware and Master of Arts from the American University.

RSVP [here](#).

Free Speech Project: So Long Internet, Hello Internets

Dates: September 30, 2020

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Organization: New America

Silicon Valley and its disciples long maintained that cyberspace transcended outmoded national boundaries, allowing people and ideas to connect like never before, with or without the consent of their analog sovereigns. By 2010, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was touting the universality of internet freedom as a tenet of US foreign policy when she said: “we stand for a single internet where all of humanity has equal access to knowledge and ideas.”

But subsequent years have not been kind to the idea of one universal internet impervious to national agendas, as both US rivals and allies alike have found ways to reassert control over the creation, storage, and transmission of online data to advance their perceived interests, turning the internet into a series of ever more discrete cyber subdivisions at a time when our own administration no longer appears as committed to the original goal of a single internet.

Join Future Tense to consider the splintering of the internet over time, and how it might be affected by recent developments.

Speakers:

Anne-Marie Slaughter, @SlaughterAM

CEO, New America

Author of Nonsense: The Power of Not Knowing

Rebecca MacKinnon, @rmack

Director, Ranking Digital Rights

Madhulika Srikumar, @madhumachi
Cravath International Fellow, Digital Freedom Fund
2019 India-U.S. Fellow, New America

Moderator:

Joshua Keating, @joshuakeating
Senior Editor, Slate

Follow the conversation online using #DividedInternet and by following @FutureTenseNow. The Free Speech Project is in partnership with the Tech, Law & Security Program at American University Washington College of Law.

Learn more [here](#).

Will COVID-19 Curtail Eurasian Integration?

Dates: October 6th

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Organization: Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies

Three momentous developments -- the rise of China, collapse of the USSR, and enlargement of the EU – accelerated the economic interdependence of Eurasia at the turn of the twenty-first century, according to Kent Calder, author of *Super Continent: The Logic of Eurasian Integration*, Stanford University Press, 2019.

COVID-19 has now jolted the world's largest land mass. The pandemic created an unprecedented global economic shock as borders closed, supply chains fragmented, and protectionist barriers rose. The long-term impacts are uncertain. However, business as usual is unlikely to mark the new normal.

Against this backdrop, a panel of experts from China, Germany, Kazakhstan, and the US will explore the impact of COVID-19 on transcontinental connectivity from the perspective of key countries and regions in the Belt and Road Initiative: Germany, Hungary, Greece, Russia and Central Asia. How might the pandemic impact European-Eurasian integration and Chinese influence? Does it represent a critical juncture that will curtail economic interdependence?

Moderated by:

Professor Kent E. Calder, Director of the Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Panelists:

From the Periphery to the Center: Greece, Hungary, and the Belt and Road Initiative, Ms. Yun Han, Doctoral Candidate, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

The EU Connectivity Strategy and Central Asia: High Stakes and Ways Forward, Dr. Nargis Kassenova, Senior Fellow, Program on Central Asia, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University

Post COVID, How Central is Central Asia?, Professor Marsha McGraw Olive, World Bank manager, ret., and adjunct faculty, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Germany, Russia and Eurasia's integration: similar dilemma, different logic, a difficult rapprochement, Dr. Jacopo Maria Pepe, Research Fellow, SWP-German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Register [here](#).

The Growing Political Power of Women of Color

Dates: October 7th

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Organization: Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy is a program of TWU's Jane Nelson Institute for Women's Leadership. The JNWL is dedicated to preparing women to take on successful roles in business and public service to ensure women have the education to establish careers as successful C-suite executives, the skills for building entrepreneurial businesses and the framework needed to run for public office.

Increased attention has been drawn to the growing political power of women of color in the United States. This is in part due to their significant strides at attaining electoral office. Beyond office holding, political participation rates for women of color have also increased dramatically, exceeding increases for their male counterparts. As a result,



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women of color are poised to dramatically influence American politics by gaining more political authority and voting power.

Christina Bejarano, Ph.D., is a nationally recognized author, speaker, and advisor on Latina electoral politics in the U.S. She studies the conditions under which racial/ethnic minorities and women successfully compete for U.S. electoral office, which is reflected in her book on Latina political candidates--*The Latina Advantage: Gender, Race, and Political Success* (University of Texas Press, 2013). Her work also focuses on how racial/ethnic minorities and women can shape or influence the current electoral environment, which is reflected in her second book--*The Latino Gender Gap in U.S. Politics* (Routledge Press, 2014).

Bejarano has given talks to various campaign and leadership training programs to share her research on Latina politics. She served as a guest expert analyst for Presidential Gender Watch in 2016 and Gender Watch in the 2018 election, helping to track and analyze the gender dynamics in both elections. Bejarano also served on the national advisory council for LatinasRepresent, a joint initiative working to increase Latina political leadership and representation.

Register [here](#).

Women in Global Development Leadership Forum

Date: October 26th – October 28th, 2020

Organization: Women Innovators and Leaders Network

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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)

China's Role in the United Nations: Revisionist, Reformist or Status Quo?

Date: September 22nd

Organization: Chatham House

Time: 12:00pm to 12:45pm (GMT)

China's relationship with the United Nations has deepened since the end of the Cold War, exemplified by the country's increased involvement in, and support for, UN initiatives and peacekeeping efforts. China is the second largest contributor to the United Nations budget and currently heads up four of the 15 UN specialized agencies. At the same time, the UN has undergone its own post-Cold War shift, increasingly promoting human protection.

These two trends raise important questions about China's role in the United Nations. The speakers will discuss the evolution of China's relationship with the UN and assess what kind of challenge, if any, it poses to the liberal dimensions of global order. How has the United Nations influenced Beijing in adopting global norms? Is China attempting to shape the UN from within? And should China be viewed as a revisionist, reformist or status quo power?

Courtney J. Fung, Associate Fellow, Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House

Rosemary Foot, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Chair: Champa Patel, Director, Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House

Learn more [here](#).

[WOMEN ONLY] Movie night about Women rights and Afghanistan

Date: October 1st

Organization: Powerhouse Romandie

Time: 6 pm – 8:30 pm (CEST)

Location: 10 Place de la Gare, 1003 Lausanne, Switzerland



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[Event in English. For women only.] Join us for a special documentary movie night at the Powerhouse Lausanne! We will show two short movies about life of women in Afghanistan:

18:00 - Welcome

18:30 - 'This is Kabul!' or 'Kabul Cards'.

A documentary movie about the daily life of 3 young afghan women in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, between 2011 to 2014. The movie talks about women daily challenges in a traditional and men dominated country. It also shows the positive and normal social life of afghan women beside many problems that has never been highlighted in international media. Directed by Sadaf Fetrat, Sahar Fetrat, and Nargis Azaryun. 25 minutes

19:00 - 'Don't believe my silent!'.

A 10 minutes documentary movie by Sahar Fetrat which speaks about street harassment against women. It shows one of the biggest difficulties of women in everyday life in Afghanistan and how some women try to speak about it and ready to stand up against it.

These 2 movies have been screened in many festivals in the world. In 2018, Amnesty Switzerland screened them in universities of Lausanne, Bern, Zurich and Geneva.

Sadaf Fetrat, one of the directors of 'Kabul Cards' movie will be present to speak about the movies and Afghan women life situation in Afghanistan.

19:15 - Discussion with Sadaf Fetrat.

19:45 - Drinks and snacks.

20:30 - End of event.

Register [here](#).

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

Date: October 29th

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.



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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](#).

Are we on the same wavelength? EU terminology used in Slovak media and its potential to reach out to more citizens

Date: March 11th, 2021

Organization: The European Commission

Location: Bratislava, Slovakia

Based on the success of previous editions, this year again the TEW will be organised in close cooperation with Saint Jerome Days taking place at Comenius University on 15 and 16 October 2020 (Saint Jerome Days are organised by the Slovak Association of Interpreters and Translators and bring speakers from the translation industry to discuss burning issues of translators' reality with graduate students and freelancers).

Diverse stakeholders in the audience will have an opportunity to learn and reflect on EU terminology and localisation of EU texts in the public domain, e.g. where and how it is created ('Brussels' or Slovakia?) and how media work with it in the rapid media environment. Last year's turnout at EU election in Slovakia (twice as high as at the previous elections but still the lowest across EU), serves as a proof of media's important role in building up the positive image of EU among Slovaks. The target audience of this one-day-event will be: journalists, media experts, freelancers, EU translators, academia, terminologists, linguists, translation students

Topics that will be covered:

- Translating and localising EC press release;
- Translating EU news for Slovak media (speaker from the News Agency of the Slovak Republic);
- EU communication with the media (Peter Stano, Lead Spokesperson for foreign affairs and security policy in VP/High Representative Josep Borell Fontellesteam);
- Terminology presentation on cybersecurity (JUDr. René Baran, National Security Authority);
- Reflection of EU terminology in media –what are the pitfalls?;
- Language used in/by the media (round table discussions in small groups)
- Practical workshop on localisation of a press release

Partners:

- Slovak Terminology Network (SK LD),
- Slovak Translation Unit, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU,
- Translation and Interpretation Departments of Comenius University in Bratislava (Saint Jerome Days)
- Slovak Association of Interpreters and Translators

EMT university involved:

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