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Mia Bloom

Date: Oct 22nd

Time: 9 am -10:30 am

Organization: WIIS University of Pittsburgh

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)

North Korea from the Inside Out

Dates: September 3rd

Time: 10 am – 5:30 am

Organization: International Relations Council

The six-party talks were a series of multilateral negotiations held intermittently since 2003 and attended by China, Japan, North Korea, Russia, South Korea, and the United States. The talks stopped in 2009, when North Korea decided to forgo the process in 2009. In subsequent years, other participants, notably China, have called periodically for a resumption of the process. In post six-party talks there

have been more ad-hoc meetings especially between North Korea and United States and South Korea.

The North Korea: From the Inside Out colloquium will examine the regional security environment from the perspective of North Korea, and then from the remaining countries, which comprise the six party talks.

Schedule of Events

9 - 9:10 a.m. - Welcome by Mike Denning, John Kennedy, Matthew Hughes

9:10 - 10:20 a.m. - Opening Keynote: The North Korea Perspective, with 30 minute Q&A session

Jung Pak, Brookings

Evans Revere, Brookings

10:20 - 10:30 a.m. - Break

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Panel 1: South Korean and Japanese Perspectives

Moderator - Nazli Avdan, KU

South Korea Panel (10:30 - 11:15 a.m. - Including 15 minute Q&A) - Sue Mi Terry, CSIS, COL Kwunghwan Jung, KU

Japanese Panel (11:15 - 12 p.m. - Including 15 minute Q&A) - Jim Schoff, Carnegie, Victor Cha, Center for Strategic & International Studies

Inter-panel Discussion (12-12:30 p.m.)

12:30 - 1 p.m. - Lunch Break

1 - 3 p.m. - Panel 2: Chinese and Russian Perspectives

Chinese Panel (1-1:45 p.m. - Including 15 minute Q&A) - Weiqi Zhang, Suffolk, Jack Zhang, KU

Russian Panel (1:45 - 2:30 p.m. - Including 15 minute Q&A) - Mariya

Omelicheva, NDU, Jake Kipp, KU

Inter-panel Discussion (2:30 - 3 p.m.)

Moderator - Megan Greene, KU

3 - 3:10 p.m. - Break

3:10 - 4:30 p.m. - Closing Keynote: Implications to U.S. Strategy and Policy - Ambassador Christopher Hill & Gregory Treverton, ODNI

More information [here](#).

Human Trafficking, Cyber Security and COVID-19

Dates: September 3rd

Time: 9 am – 10:30 am

Organization: The Women's Fund Miami-Dade

While the traditional means of human trafficking remain in place, cyber technologies give traffickers the unprecedented ability to exploit a greater number of victims across geographic boundaries. As stay-at-home orders remain in place

for much of the U.S. during the pandemic, there is growing concern about increased use of cyber technologies to expand traffickers networks and reach. Join us on September 3rd to discuss issues and potential solutions associated with human trafficking and cyber technologies in times of COVID-19.

To attend, please **RSVP**. Once you RSVP, you will receive the link to the webinar through your email.

Keynote speaker:

Senator Lauren Book

Florida Senate

Founder and CEO

Lauren's Kids

Panel:

- Callahan Walsh, Child Advocate, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
- Sarah de Carvalho, It's a Penalty Campaign, CEO
- Dr. Brook Parker Bello, International Human Trafficking Prevention Champion, Founding Executive Director, More Too Life
- Detective Michel Ulloa, Special Victims Bureau/Sexual Crimes, Internet Crimes Against Children, Miami-Dade Police Department

Register [here](#).

The Violence Inside Us -- A book conversation with Senator Chris Murphy

Dates: September 3rd

Time: 2 pm – 3 pm

Organization: Brookings Institution

In many ways, the United States sets the pace for other nations to follow. Yet on the most important human concern—the need to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe from physical harm—America isn't a leader. In his new book, "The Violence Inside Us: A Brief History of an Ongoing American Tragedy," Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) explores the origins of our violent impulses, the roots of our obsession with firearms, and the mythologies that prevent us from confronting our national crisis. Senator Murphy comes to the conclusion that while America's relationship to violence is indeed unique, America is not inescapably violent. Even as he details the reasons we've tolerated so much bloodshed for so long, he explains that we have the power to change.

On September 3, Governance Studies at Brookings will host a webinar with David M. Rubenstein Fellow Rashawn Ray and Senator Murphy on his new book. The pair will

discuss the history of violence in America and its long-term impacts, as well as the concrete steps that must be taken to change the nation's narrative.

Viewers can submit questions for speakers by emailing events@brookings.edu or via Twitter at [@BrookingsGov](https://twitter.com/BrookingsGov) or by using [#TheViolenceInsideUs](https://twitter.com/TheViolenceInsideUs).

Register [here](#).

Community Matters: Social Networks and Localization of Aid

Dates: September 8th

Time: 9 am – 9:45 am

Organization: Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

This event will be a Zoom Webinar and has a limited number of available spots for live participants. Please register for this event through the registration button and you will receive an email with the details to watch the event live. The recording of this event will be posted on this event page a day after the event concludes.

In protracted crises in which formal governance structures are weak to nonexistent, people depend heavily on local systems—both social and economic—often more than they depend on external aid. Consequently, more research is needed to understand the ways in which humanitarian assistance may either strengthen local support systems, or potentially undermine them. This topic is at the crux of a central challenge faced by humanitarian actors: how can assistance best support people's existing strategies for coping and recovery in crises? It is also critical to the question of the localization of humanitarian assistance, except that in this case the phenomenon being studied is not local humanitarian organizations but the actions of local community members and their social networks.

Please join us for a discussion on the importance of social networks in humanitarian response. The discussion will cover the key points of Mercy Corps and the Feinstein International Center's [Currency of Connections research initiative](#) which examined the role of social support networks in South Sudan and the findings' implications for the humanitarian community and beyond.

Register [here](#).

A Tale of Two Responses: Transatlantic Perspectives on the Pandemic

Dates: September 8th

Time: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Organization: The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Many are looking to countries that controlled their outbreaks to understand what went wrong and where to go from here.

This edition of The World Today, organized in partnership with the German Marshall Fund of the United States, brings together leading public health experts from Germany and the United States to compare their countries' responses.

What can the United States learn from European responses to the pandemic, and what factors affected public health outcomes the most? While many countries closed their borders and competed with one another for medical supplies, is there still hope for European and trans-Atlantic collaboration as the world works towards long-term recovery? Will the competition continue over a vaccine?

Join Penn's Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel and Dr. Lothar H. Wieler of the Robert Koch Institute, Germany's national public health institute, for a virtual conversation with Michael C. Horowitz of Perry World House and Karen Donfried of the German Marshall Fund. Sign up for this virtual event, and details of how to take part can be found in your order confirmation email.

Speakers

- **Ezekiel J. Emanuel** is the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, the Diane v.S. Levy and Robert M. Levy University Professor, and Chair of the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy at the University of Pennsylvania. From January 2009 to January 2011, he served as special advisor for health policy to the director of the Office of Management and Budget in the White House. From 1997 to 2011, he was chair of the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health. He is also a breast oncologist.
- **Prof. Lothar H. Wieler** is president of the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin, Germany's national Public Health institute. A veterinarian by training, Lothar Wieler has focused his research on zoonotic diseases, i.e. infections that are passed between animals and humans, and account for many of the newly (re-)emerging infectious diseases. Lothar Wieler is executive board member of the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI). He is also a member of the scientific advisory board of the Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness (GloPID-R) and the WHO Europe Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR). Since 2010, he is also an elected member of the German National Academy of Sciences. Prof. Wieler is also a member of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Infectious Hazards (STAG-IH) of the World Health Organization

- **Karen Donfried** is president of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening transatlantic cooperation. Before assuming this position in April 2014, Donfried was special assistant to the president and senior director for European affairs on the National Security Council. Prior to that, she served on the National Intelligence Council, the State Department's Policy Planning Staff, and at the Congressional Research Service. Donfried is a trustee of Wesleyan University, her undergraduate alma mater. She received her doctorate from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a Magister from the University of Munich.
- **Michael C. Horowitz** is Director of Perry World House and Richard Perry Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of *The Diffusion of Military Power: Causes and Consequences for International Politics*, and the co-author of *Why Leaders Fight*. He won the 2017 Karl Deutsch Award given by the International Studies Association for early career contributions to the fields of international relations and peace research. He has published in a wide array of peer reviewed journals and popular outlets. Professor Horowitz previously worked for the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy in the Department of Defense. He is affiliated with the Center for a New American Security, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the Foreign Policy Research Institute. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Professor Horowitz received his Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University and his B.A. in political science from Emory University.

Register [here](#).

China in Central Asia: COVID-19 and Beyond

Dates: September 8th

Time: 10 am – 11:00 am (UTC-4)

Organization: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Please join us for a discussion on China and Central Asia in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted trade flows, closed borders, and led to tremendous economic, public health, and social disruption. With anti-Chinese sentiment rising in recent years across Central Asia, this panel will analyze the impact of the pandemic on the Beijing's relationship with both Central Asian states and populations.

This event is co-sponsored by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

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Beijing+25: Commemorating a Watershed Moment for Women's Rights -- A Conversation with Hillary Rodham Clinton and Madeleine Albright

Dates: September 10th

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

Organization: Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security

The UN Fourth World Conference on Women, hosted in Beijing in 1995, electrified a generation of activists, catalyzed the creation of new women's rights organizations, and transformed global policy. A watershed moment in the history of global women's rights, then-First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton captured the movement's call to action in a historic speech, insisting that "human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights, once and for all." Today, the Beijing Platform remains a progressive blueprint and power source of inspiration for advancing women's rights around the world.

Please join a special virtual commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the UN Fourth World Conference in Beijing to reflect on the progress since 1995, the challenges that remain, and promising ways forward to continue advancing women's rights and gender equality.

Register [here](#).

Transforming US Intelligence for Irregular War: Task Force 714 in Iraq

Dates: September 15th

Time: 5 pm – 6 pm

Organization: The Institute of World Politics

About the book: When Joint Special Operations Command deployed Task Force 714 to Iraq in 2003, it faced an adversary unlike any it had previously encountered: al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI). AQI's organization into multiple, independent networks and its application of Information Age technologies allowed it to wage war across a vast landscape. To meet this unique threat, TF 714 developed the intelligence capacity to operate inside those networks, and in the words of commander Gen. Stanley McChrystal, USA (Ret.) "claw the guts out of AQI."

In *Transforming US Intelligence for Irregular War*, Richard H. Shultz Jr. provides a broad discussion of the role of intelligence in combatting nonstate militants and revisits this moment of innovation during the Iraq War, showing how the defense and intelligence communities can adapt to new and evolving foes. Shultz tells the story of how TF 714 partnered with US intelligence agencies to dismantle AQI's

secret networks by eliminating many of its key leaders. He also reveals how TF 714 altered its methods and practices of intelligence collection, intelligence analysis, and covert paramilitary operations to suppress AQI's growing insurgency and, ultimately, destroy its networked infrastructure. TF 714 remains an exemplar of successful organizational learning and adaptation in the midst of modern warfare. By examining its innovations, Shultz makes a compelling case for intelligence leading the way in future campaigns against nonstate armed groups.

About the speaker: Richard H. Shultz, Jr. is the Lee E. Dirks Professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School, Tufts University. He teaches graduate-level courses on various aspects of international security affairs to include: the role of force in international politics; internal conflict and irregular war; special operations strategies for responding to irregular warfare challenges; origins, conduct, and termination of war; intelligence and national security; and crisis management.

At the Fletcher School he also is Director of the International Security Studies Program. The ISSP prepares U.S. and international graduate students for public and private sector careers in national and international security policy. Director responsibilities include management of courses and curriculum; conferences and workshops; senior-level speaker series; the military fellows program; crisis simulation exercises; fundraising.

He has held three chairs: The Olin Distinguished Professorship of National Security Studies at the U.S. Military Academy, Secretary of the Navy Senior Research Fellow at the U.S. Naval War College, and Brigadier General H. L. Oppenheimer Chair of War-fighting Strategy, U.S. Marine Corps. Currently, he is Senior Fellow at the U.S. Special Operations Command's Joint Special Operations University.

Previously, in Washington, he served as director of research for the National Strategy Information Center from 2004-2012. In 2010 he completed with Roy Godson a major study focused on Adapting America's Security Paradigm and Security Agenda to meet the challenges posed by 21st Century armed groups and the states that support them. He also completed a study on Armed Groups and Irregular Warfare: Adapting Professional Military Education, a curricular guide for military educational institutions, among other publications and reports. He has served as a security consultant to various U.S. government departments and agencies concerned with national security affairs. For the last ten years that has included as a senior fellow to the Special Operations Command's Joint Special Operations University. As a senior fellow, he deploys abroad as a member of

military education teams to teach courses on terrorism/counterterrorism, special operations integration, and asymmetric challenges to NATO to foreign military officers. This has included programs taught in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the UAE, Tunisia, Morocco, Mali, Kenya, Cameroon, each of the Baltic nations, and the NATO School in Germany. As a senior fellow, he also conducts unclassified research and prepares studies for publication in SOCOM/JSOU's monograph series. Other consultancies have included with other components of SOCOM and the Marine Corps.

Register [here](#).

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](#).

New START and Beyond

Dates: 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:

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](#).



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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



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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.

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



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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](#).

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](#).

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 JNIWL 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.



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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, 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.

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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 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

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[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

[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.

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](#).