

WIIS Events Hotline

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WIIS Events and Opportunities

The WIIS Gender Scorecard: Spotlight on Nuclear Security Community

Date: October 8th

Time: 4:00 pm -5:30 pm **Organization**: WIIS Global

Join WIIS on **Thursday, October 8th at 4 pm EST** for *The WIIS Gender Scorecard:* Spotlight on the Nuclear Security Community event discussing the recently published WIIS Scorecard, with remarks from Dr. Emma Belcher, President of Ploughshares Fund, and Ambassador Laura Holgate, Vice President for Materials Risk Management at Nuclear Threat Initiative.

The WIIS Gender Scorecard: Spotlight on the Nuclear Security Community publication and event are part of a continued effort by WIIS to measure the gender disparities in US foreign policy and international security. The 2020 Scorecard provides baseline data on gender balances in international think tanks and journals, including think tanks and journals focused on arms control and nuclear security issues.

This event will highlight the findings of the Scorecard and discuss the status of women's leadership, as well as the gender gap, in national and international security, with a focus on the arms control and nuclear security community.

Remarks:

Dr. Emma Belcher, the new President of Ploughshares Fund **Ambassador Laura S.H. Holgate** (ret.), Vice President for Materials Risk Management at Nuclear Threat Initiative

Speakers:

Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, President, WIIS **Kayla McGill**, Program Manager & Fellow, WIIS **Zi Xue**, Program Assistant & Fellow, WIIS

Moderator:

Jana Wattenberg, PhD Candidate & WIIS Fellow

Register <u>here</u>.

Peace and Security During Uncertain Times (Virtual Conference)

Date: October $5^{th} - 8^{th}$, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm and October $9^{th} 1:00 \text{ pm} - 4:00 \text{ pm}$.



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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 <u>here</u>.

Register here.

Book Launch: The Gender & Security Agenda: Strategies for the 21st Century

Date: October 19th

Time: 12:00 pm -1:15 pm **Organization**: WIIS Global

Join the GWU Elliott School of International Affairs and Women In International Security (WIIS) for a virtual discussion about 'The Gender & Security Agenda: Strategies for the 21st Century'

Moderator:

• **Dr. Shirley Graham**, Director of the Gender Equality Initiative - GWU Elliott School

Panelists:

- Dr. Michael E. Brown, Professor of International Affairs & Political Science GWU Elliott School
- Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, President WIIS
- Dr. Anne Marie Goetz, Clinical Professor New York University



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- Dr. Ellen Haring, Senior Fellow WIIS
- **Dr. Rob Jenkins**, Professor of Political Science The City University of New York

WIIS MEMBERS AND EVENT ATTENDEES GET A 20% DISCOUNT ON 'THE GENDER & SECURITY AGENDA: STRATEGIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY'

Register <u>here</u>. We have the page for the book on the WIIS website <u>here</u>.

Events (Online)

Follow the Money: Understanding the Threat Covert Foreign Financing Poses to

Democracies

Dates: October 1st

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Organization: German Marshall Fund

Please join the **Alliance for Securing Democracy**_and the **European Centre of Excellence on Hybrid Threats in Helsinki**_for a virtual, interactive discussion on the threat malign financial activity poses to democracies across the transatlantic space. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with the panelists on these topics in a question-and-answer portion of the virtual event.

Authoritarian powers like China and Russia are covertly financing political actors to undermine democracies. Authoritarians use malign financial activity as a geopolitical tool to exploit the openness of Western institutions and economies. Democracies must act—both domestically and in concert with allies—to strengthen their institutions and improve transparency to shine a light on authoritarian efforts and mitigate this growing threat.

Panelists will discuss the vulnerabilities that authoritarian actors exploit and the steps that democracies should take to both prevent and respond to this behavior. The event will highlight the importance of transatlantic cooperation in countering financial threats and offer a deep dive into how each side of the Atlantic is actively attempting to address covert foreign money.

See ASD's latest report on covert foreign money <u>here</u>. See Hybrid CoE's latest working paper on hybrid threats in the financial system <u>here</u>. **Opening Remarks:**

Teija Tiilikainen, Director of the Hybrid Center of Excellence



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Speakers:

Ellen Weintraub, Commissioner on the U.S. Federal Election CommissionJosh Rudolph, Malign Finance Fellow at the Alliance for Securing Democracy Janne Jokinen, Senior Analyst at the Hybrid Center of Excellence

Moderator:

Amy Mackinnon, Staff Writer at Foreign Policy

Register here.

Youth Voice in Education Policymaking

Dates: October 2nd

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Organization: Center for American Progress

Panelists:

<u>Jamira Burley</u>, Activist and Social Impact Strategist
<u>Jamal Jones</u>, Co-Director, Baltimore Algebra Project
<u>Tylik McMillan</u>, National Director of Youth and College, National Action Network

Moderator:

Khalilah M. Harris, Managing Director for K-12 Education Policy, Center for American Progress

Policy changes should reflect the best interests of the communities they are serving. In education policy, it is important to shift focus to community- and youth-informed research to allow greater advocacy and support for students in and outside the school building.

Please join the Center for American Progress for a discussion about the concept of community-informed policymaking through the lens of youth leaders who are working to ensure that there are participatory forms of government and who are taking up the mantle to advocate for safe, supportive, and culturally responsive school environments.

RSVP <u>here</u>.

PONI Fall Virtual Conference Dates: October 5th – October 7th



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Organization: Center for Strategic and International Studies

Join us for a multi-day conference with presentations from emerging voices, a community engagement and networking activity, a crisis simulation war game, and a keynote by Brigadier General John R. Edwards, Director, Nuclear Enterprise Directorate, Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Visit our website for a full agenda and register today.

Register here.

Diplomacy Classroom: Combating Global Wildlife Trafficking

Dates: October 6th

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Organization: National Museum of American Diplomacy

Join us for a Diplomacy Classroom featuring the U.S. Department of State's Bureaus of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) and International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL). Diplomats Rowena Watson and Leslie Catherwood will explore the importance of combating global wildlife trafficking and how the State Department's efforts impact Americans at home.

We will discuss how this issue requires diplomats based in Washington, D.C. to work with our embassies, other U.S. government agencies and experts, foreign governments, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector to bolster conservation efforts and stop criminal networks.

RSVP 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



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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



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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.

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 <u>here</u>.

Women, Peace & Security: The Next 20 Years: FP Virtual Dialogue

Dates: October 8th

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Organization**: Foreign Policy

How can women's leadership shape the future of global security?



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As we mark the 20th anniversary of the U.N. Security Council's landmark resolution on Women, Peace & Security (UNSCR 1325), the world is facing a new set of security challenges, including transformative technology, climate change, global health threats, and political volatility, never envisioned 20 years ago.

In collaboration with Our Secure Future, Foreign Policy will gather exceptional leaders from across security, tech, and government for a forward-looking conversation illuminating the WPS policy framework: We will explore effective ways to apply the WPS lens toward a widespread set of global issues and how it can help us reframe the narrative around peacemaking and security.

Register <u>here</u>.

The Best and Worst States to Be a Women: Introducing the U.S. Women, Peace, and Security Index 2020

Dates: October 8th

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Organization: The Georgetown Institute for Women Peace and Security

Featuring:

Ms. Susan Goldberg, Editor-in-Chief, National Geographic

Ms. Tina Tchen, President and CEO, Times Up

Dr. C. Nicole Mason, President and CEO, Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR)

Ms. Debbie Walsh, Director of the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), Rutgers University

Ambassador Melanne Verveer, Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security

Dr. Jeni Klugman, Managing Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security

Georgetown University is launching The United States Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Index, a new and comprehensive measure of women's rights and opportunities in the United States that ranks all the 50 states and the District of Columbia. We capture three key dimensions of women's well-being and examine major racial disparities within states. This report builds on the global WPS Index, launched in 2017 and updated in 2019, that evaluates women's status and well-being across 167 countries around the world. The U.S. WPS Index will make its debut in National Geographic magazine on October 8.



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Join leading experts and activists who will share top-line findings from the report and discuss how the data can support transformative change and accelerate progress for women. Panelists will share insights into the trends in achievements and gaps of women's well-being across the United States. They will also reflect on how stakeholders can draw on the results to set priorities for action and inform more effective policy, practice, and partnerships.

RSVP here to receive the Zoom link. The event will also be livestreamed on Facebook.

US-Venezuela Defense Relations

Dates: October 8th

Time: 2:00 am – 3:00 am

Organization: START, University of Maryland

On Friday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET, William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies Assistant Professor Dr. Fabiana Perera will provide a virtual talk on "US-Venezuela Defense Relations."

Venezuela is the only country in Latin America that was ever able to purchase F-16s from the United States. The purchase of the aircraft is a clear indicator of the strength of the defense relationship between the two countries in 1980's and 1990's. Since then the relationship has deteriorated considerably, allowing space for extraregional actors to play increasingly important roles in the security and defense sector of one of the region's largest oil producers. This talk will examine the defense relationship between the United States and Venezuela in the period from the Cold War to the present. It will highlight key inflection points in this relationship and challenges to be addressed in the event of a transition to democracy.

<u>Fabiana Sofia Perera</u> is an Assistant Professor at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies. Prior to joining the Perry Center, Fabiana was a Rosenthal Fellow at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Under Secretary for Policy, Western Hemisphere Affairs. Fabiana has experience working in the public and private sectors including at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and USAID. Fabiana holds an MA in Latin American Studies from Georgetown University and earned a PhD in Political Science from The George Washington University. For her doctorate, Fabiana completed fieldwork in Venezuela and Ecuador. Her research and analysis have appeared in numerous publications including *The Washington Post, CNN.com*, and *War on the Rocks*.

This event is free and open to the public, but <u>RSVPs</u> are required. If you have any questions, please email the START events team at <u>start-events@umd.edu</u>.



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Great Power and Great Responsibility in U.S. Arms Transfers

Date: October 13th

Time: 2:00 pm − 3:30 pm **Organization**: Stimson Center

International arms sales represent an enduring and prominent feature of U.S. foreign policy. Yet arms transfers come with inherent risks, and too often U.S. weapons contribute to global tensions, human rights violations, and civilian harm.

In recent years, Congress has relinquished its oversight responsibilities over who receives U.S. weapons and how they are used, often to devastating results. Join CIVIC and the Stimson Center for the launch of a new report on the ways in which Congress can reassert its oversight role and ensure that arms transfers better reflect American values and promote long-term U.S. interests.

Speakers:

- David Fite, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
- **Diana Ohlbaum**, Senior Strategist and Legislative Director for Foreign Policy, Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Annie Shiel, Senior Advisor for U.S. Policy & Advocacy, Center for Civilians in Conflict
- Rachel Stohl, Vice President, Stimson Center

RSVP here.

Women in Global Development Leadership Forum

Date: October 26th – October 28th, 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.



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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)

[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.



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19:45 - Drinks and snacks. *20:30* - End of event.

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NATO Night 2020. Brain Dead, or Alive & Kicking?

Date: October 8th

Organization: Jonge Atlantic **Time:** 7:00 pm – 11:00pm (CEST)

Location: Cursus- en vergadercentrum Domstad, 9 Koningsbergerstraat, 3531 AJ

Utrecht, Netherlands

Last year, we celebrated NATO's 70th anniversary. This year, the coronavirus thwarted our original plans. But don't worry: Jonge Atlantici is back to reflect on NATO's position in the world once again, all in compliance with the RIVM guidelines! Join us on Thursday, October 8, for the third edition of NATO Night!

The official celebration of NATO's 70th anniversary past December was not marked by business as usual. Ahead of the London summit, French President Emmanuel Macron heavily criticized the functioning of the alliance by declaring NATO "brain dead" in an inflammatory interview in The Economist. While NATO has faced internal challenges before, Macron's controversial comments have sparked a discussion about the purpose of the alliance and its future role in the world. Is NATO in dire need of life support?

At the same time, the alliance is still showing many signs of life: Defense budgets of member states are on the rise, the United States has increased its presence in Europe, and NATO is expanding, with the possible accession of North Macedonia.

Whether you think NATO is in good or bad shape, the challenges the alliance is facing are numerous and complex: Russia's conventional and hybrid warfare tactics are still viewed as NATO's biggest threat, unrest continues in the Middle-East, and there is a discussion on what the alliance's stance should be towards China. Furthermore, emerging technologies are changing the threat landscape, with the impact of cyber, space and climate issues increasing by the day. Next to this we have still to grasp the true impacts of COVID-19 on the international balance of power.

How should NATO address these threats and challenges? And is NATO still the right actor to face them in the future? In short: is NATO brain dead or alive and kicking? Join us at NATO Night 2020 for a full evening of interactive discussions, break-outs and networking opportunities in the field of international security and foreign affairs!



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This event is sponsored by NATO's Public Diplomacy Division and U.S. Embassy The Hague.

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.



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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)



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• Slovak Association of Interpreters and Translators EMT university involved:

University in Nitra

Learn more <u>here</u>.