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## WIIS Events and Opportunities

### **1325AndBeyond – New Perspectives for the Next Decade**

**Date:** October 29, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:15 pm EDT

**Organization:** Women In International Security (WIIS) Global and Heinrich Böll Stiftung

Join the WIIS & Heinrich Boll Stiftung 1325AndBeyond International Essay Competition winners as they discuss their policy recommendations and analysis of 1325 and what it means for the next decade.

#### **Moderator:**

Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat - President, WIIS

#### **Panelist:**

- Ana Laura Velasco Ugalde (Mexico) – First Prize - [UNSCR 1325 and the WPS agenda: A Feminist Response to Authoritarianism](#)
- Agathe Christien (France) – Second Prize - [Enhancing WPS in the 2020s: Lessons Learned and Strategies for Transformative Change](#)
- Annina Claessen (Sweden) – Second Prize - [Mobilizing a Forgotten Sector: A Case for a New Media Code of Ethics on Gender and Conflict](#)
- Paula Drummond (Brazil) - Third Prize - [1325 and Beyond: Moving Forward the WPS Agenda in Latin America](#)
- Tamyá Rebelo (Brazil) – Third Prize - [1325 and Beyond: Moving Forward the WPS Agenda in Latin America](#)
- Muhammad Ammar Hidayatulloh (Indonesia) – Third Prize - [WPS in Asean: Progress, Gaps and Way Forward](#)
- Esther Luigi (France) – Fourth Prize - [1325 and Beyond: Ways Forward for the United Nations Honorable Mentions](#)
- Karla Drpic (Croatia) - Honorable Mention- [How the Private Sector Can Advance UNSCR 1325 in the 2020s](#)
- Tabitha Mwangi (Kenya) - Honorable Mention - [UNSCR1325 and Beyond: Engagement of Women in Dialogue with Terrorist and Violent Extremist Groups](#)
- Gudlaug Olafsdottir (Sweden) - Honorable Mention - [Promoting Women’s Rights: Creating Conditions for Post-Conflict Peace](#)



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- Andrea Tuemmler (United States) - Honorable Mention - [Escaping the Closet: Women, Peace and Security was Already Queer](#)

Learn more about the 1325AndBeyond International Essay Contest [here](#) and read the published volume of winning essays [here](#).

Learn more and register for the event [here](#).

### **Diplomatic Toolbox: Multilateral Negotiations**

**Date:** November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm EDT

**Organization:** Women In International Security (WIIS) Global and the Women's Foreign Policy Group (WFPG)

This summer, the WFPG and WIIS will co-host monthly virtual career development events. Throughout these events, participants will build upon important career development skills and connect with professionals in international affairs. So find a quiet corner, grab your laptop and join us for our upcoming programs.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, we are facing a myriad of global challenges from pandemics and proxy wars to climate change and humanitarian disasters--all of which require cross-border, multilateral solutions. What makes for a successful multilateral negotiation? What role do diplomats play, and what are their responsibilities? How has diplomacy changed during the pandemic? Join us for a conversation with seasoned negotiators and authors Rebecca Webber Gaudiosi of the US, Jimena Leiva-Roesch of Guatemala, and Ye-Min Wu of Singapore as they walk us through their lessons learned.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **ICCT Live Briefing: 1325 Twenty Years on – The Evolution of the WPS Agenda After 9/11**

**Date:** November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 16:00 – 17:30 (CET/GMT +1)

**Organization:** Women In International Security Netherlands (WIIS NL), Leiden University's Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA), and the Chair of UN Studies in Peace and Justice

*On November 11, 2020, from 1600 to 1730 (CET / GMT +1), the International Centre for Counter Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT), [Women in International Security Netherlands](#)*



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*(WIIS NL), Leiden University's Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA), and the Chair of UN Studies in Peace and Justice are co-hosting an online Live Briefing via Zoom, followed by a Q&A session.*

October 31, 2020 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (UNSCR 1325) which globally launched the women peace and security (WPS) agenda across multiple security platforms. In the succeeding years, terrorism, violent extremism and the nature and intensity of international conflict has continued to impact women. At the same time, women have increasingly emerged as important actors within and beyond the WPS agenda, including as members of violent extremist groups.

In this webinar, our distinguished panel will assess how UNSCR 1325 has adapted and can continue to evolve to address the challenges of international peace and security.

The webinar will host a distinguished panel of speakers, who will provide a broad spectrum of views on this topic from their varied perspectives: legal, military, humanitarian and diplomatic including:

- **Ambassador Sahar Ghanem**, Yemeni Ambassador to Netherlands, Sweden and Norway
- **Lieutenant Colonel Ella van den Heuvel**, Gender Advisor to the Dutch Chief of Defence
- **Professor Jayne Huckerby**, Clinical Professor of Law at Duke University
- **Azadeh Moaveni**, Gender Project Director, International Crisis Group, author 'Guest House for Young Widows'

Register for the event [here](#).

## Events (Online)

### **Carnegie Connects: The Good, Bad, and Ugly: How the World Sees the United States**

**Date:** October 29, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 – 9:50 am EDT

**Organization:** Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Critics make a strong case that the United States has never been less respected or admired abroad than it is today. President Trump's disruptive policies abroad and his mishandling



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of the pandemic at home have fundamentally undermined U.S. credibility in the eyes of both allies and adversaries in the short run, but will the damage last? And if Joe Biden wins in November, what will the world expect from U.S. leadership?

Join us as three veteran foreign correspondents, Christiane Amanpour, Steven Erlanger, and David Rennie, sit down with Aaron David Miller to discuss the United States and its role in world.

Learn more and register [here](#).

## Building Strategic Power through Exchanges

**Date:** October 29, 2020

**Time:** 11:30 am EDT

**Organization:** Women's Foreign Policy Group

The Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs will host an interactive virtual to provide international relations students, interns, and foreign affairs professionals with an in-depth understanding of the role of exchange programs in global power dynamics and strategic power and offer networking opportunities with foreign affairs related organizations.

A global threat or crisis can be addressed through diplomacy, military intervention, or communication between cities and people. Based on current appropriations, the United States spends nearly 500 times as much on the military as it does on broadcasting and exchange programs. Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen sent a letter to Congressional leadership in February 2020 urging the full funding of the International Affairs budget. He included a handwritten inscription that read “the more we cut the International Affairs Budget, the higher the risk for longer and deadlier military operations.”

During this pandemic, we have seen a greater need for cooperation among governments and institutions. That comprehensive, cooperative response utilizes the full range of tools at the government’s disposal and is sometimes called Smart Power or Strategic Power.

The U.S. Department of State has numerous international exchange programs that help achieve U.S. foreign policy goals. Its premier professional exchange, the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), celebrates its 80th year in 2020. Members of this panel will discuss the benefits of using hard and soft power in tandem to create an integrated strategy. Panelists will focus on the impact of exchange programs to enhance our public diplomacy efforts on complex global issues. Giles Scott Smith, author and educator will focus on the historic impact of the IVLP as an effective tool to build the



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strategic alliances that can enhance contextual intelligence. Ambassador Barbara Stephenson, Vice Provost for Global Affairs at the University of North Carolina will share her thoughts on the ability of the U.S. government to use IVLP and other exchange programs to ensure that our key partners have an in-depth understanding of the United States. Colonel Chris Wade will discuss how exchanges can build relationships that foster the necessary connections to ensure effective military collaboration on the global stage.

Learn more [here](#):

### **Restoration & Resiliency: Advocacy for Mental Health & Wellbeing for Youth**

**Date:** October 29, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:30 pm EDT

**Organization:** Young Professionals in Foreign Policy

The [UN75 dialogues](#) are part of a broad global discussion about the future of the international community **initiated by Secretary-General António Guterres** on the occasion of the UN's 75th anniversary.

This **UN75 dialogue organized by YFPF** brings together professional experts and youth leaders for an intergenerational panel to address the critical issue of advocating for mental health and wellbeing for young people in the United States.

The Covid-19 pandemic has precipitated the worst global health and economic crisis in modern history. The critical responses and containment measures implemented by governments around the world have helped to limit the spread of the virus and mitigate damage to the economy, but more work is needed. Women and youth have been disproportionately disadvantaged by the disruptions to employment, society, and education systems. Socioeconomic inequalities have been amplified and access to essential support systems interrupted.

During a crucial time for personal and professional development, the majority of American youth have been forced away from schools and become isolated from their social groups. Many young people attempting to enter employment or in the early stages of their careers may face prolonged obstacles in their career progression and financial sustainability due to the current economic crisis. A latent pandemic of mental illness may well be on its way. The intense strain that has been placed on the mental and physical wellbeing of youth during the Covid-19 pandemic demands attention and intervention.

Advocating for mental health and wellbeing for youth can take many forms. From embedding Contemplative Studies curricula in universities, to implementing mindfulness practices in local communities, to proposing policy change at the G20 level, actions are



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being taken to ensure that the next generation of Americans can adopt restorative routines and build resiliency during these unprecedented times.

Join us to find out what you can do to create a positive impact!

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **Online Event: U.S. Foreign Assistance and the Global Covid-19 Response**

**Date:** October 30, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 – 10:00 am EDT

**Organization:** Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

#### *A Discussion on the Role of Foreign Aid in Responding to the Global Pandemic and the Ensuing Crisis in the Developing World*

The outbreak of the deadly coronavirus has caused widespread challenges throughout the world, claimed over 1.1 million lives, and continues to send shocks to societies and economies worldwide. Developing nations are being hit particularly hard during the pandemic due to a lack of adequate healthcare, sanitation, water, and economic contingency resources. Many developing countries were facing strenuous economic and political circumstances before Covid-19 that are being further exacerbated by the pandemic. In such crisis times, there is a need for traditional donor countries to rise to the occasion and rethink the purpose of their foreign aid programs. They need to strategically expand developmental assistance to not only contain political and economic degradation but also provide countries the tools to rebuild economies that are resilient to future crises.

As the health and economic crises continue to evolve and new information on treatment emerges, both donor and aid recipient countries need to rapidly adapt to such changes to sustain an effective response. One way aid can be utilized to ensure proper recovery from the pandemic caused recession is to ramp up services such as contact tracing, testing, and (once there is a vaccine) vaccine delivery. Currently, multiple governments and privately-owned and pharmaceutical companies are racing to get the first Covid-19 vaccine out as fast as scientifically possible. With a “rush order” in place, it is expected that the winning vaccine candidate will not be widely available to the public until 12-18 months after its delivery. Moreover, it has been estimated that once a vaccine does become available, it would take 8,000 Boeing 747 freighters to reach almost all population centers across the world. Given the challenges involved and in the absence of a vaccine, the wait time should be spent by the development community most importantly on what needs to be done now (masks, diagnostic and contact tracing) to minimize the impact of the pandemic and on making sure we have the logistics plans to deliver the vaccine if and when it is available.



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## FEATURING

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[John Parker](#)

Director of Environment and Natural Resources, Tetra Tech

Learn more and register [here](#).

## Perspectives from Women Peace Negotiators

**Date:** October 30, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 – 7:30 am PDT

**Organization:** Georgetown Institute For Women, Peace and Security

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*A virtual discussion with women peace negotiators to commemorate the 20th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325.*

### About this Event:

Only 13 percent of peace negotiators are women. What is it like to be one of them? Join women peace negotiators from Colombia, the Philippines, and Northern Ireland to hear their stories and reflections on the difference that women make at the peace table. This event commemorates the 20th anniversary of UNSCR 1325 and celebrates a new season of the Seeking Peace podcast, which amplifies stories of women peace builders.

### Featuring:

- **Dr. Monica McWilliams**, Signatory to the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland and Co-founder of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition
- **Ms. Miriam Coronel-Ferrer**, Chief Negotiator of the Philippines Government in the Mindanao Peace Talks
- **Ms. Elena Ambrosi**, Member of the Colombian Government's Negotiating Team in Havana and Former Thematic Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace
- Moderated by **Ambassador Melanne Verwee**, Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security

Learn more and register [here](#).





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## **Evaluating Iraq's New White Paper on Economic Reform**

**Date:** October 30, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm EDT

**Organization:** Atlantic Council

Please join the Atlantic Council's [Iraq Initiative](#) on **Friday, October 30** from **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EDT** for a conversation evaluating the long-awaited “White Paper” the government of Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi has recently issued to address Iraq's economic woes. The discussion will feature Asmaa Yaseen, economics modeling and forecasting analyst at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Alia Moubayed, managing director at Jefferies International, Ahmed Tabaqchali, chief information officer at Asia Frontier Capital, and Harry Istepanian, senior fellow at the Iraq Energy Institute, and moderated by [Abbas Kadhim](#), director of the Iraq Initiative at the Atlantic Council.

The Iraqi government's 95-page White Paper was formally approved by Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi's cabinet on October 13. With more than 200 actionable reform measures, the document offers an ambitious three-year plan for how Iraq's financial predicament can be reversed.

Learn more and register [here](#).

## **How Will the 2020 Presidential Election Shape U.S. Policy in the Middle East?**

**Date:** November 2, 2020

**Time:** 4:00 – 5:15 pm AST

**Organization:** The Brookings Institution

In the lead-up to the 2020 presidential election, the United States faces unprecedented domestic and international challenges. Domestically, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage unabated, having already caused over 200,000 fatalities and an economic crisis rivalling the Great Depression. The country is also grappling with sharp social and political polarization, as demonstrated by ongoing protests against police brutality and racism, as well as the controversy over who will replace the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court. Internationally, great power competition is ramping up, even as the global economy struggles to absorb the double hit of COVID-19 and falling oil prices.



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The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region continues to grapple with its own challenges, not only the economic impact of COVID-19 and lower oil prices, but also ongoing conflicts, failure of governance, as well as rising tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean. Amid this turmoil, the Trump administration has pursued inconsistent policies in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, upending long-standing norms to mixed success.

The Brookings Doha Center and Arab Barometer invite you to attend a webinar on the potential impact of the 2020 U.S. elections on the MENA region. The discussion will address the following questions: How will the results of the U.S. election affect the country's policies in the MENA region, and vice versa? How does the Arab public view the U.S. and what does a continuation of a Trump presidency mean versus a Biden presidency in the eyes of ordinary citizens in the region? How might the Trump administration's efforts to promote Israeli normalization and sanction Iran impact voter opinions? And in what ways would a Biden administration be likely to build upon or break away from the current U.S. policies in the region?

Learn more and register [here](#).

## **Putin's Offset: The Kremlin's Geopolitical Adaptations Since 2014**

**Date:** November 5, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 – 10:00 am EST

**Organization:** The German Marshall Fund of the United States

This event derives from the publishing of a report titled [“Putin's Offset: The Kremlin's Geopolitical Adaptations Since 2014”](#) by [Nataliya Bugayova, Institute for the Study of War](#). It will feature a moderated panel discussion focusing on Putin's evolving ways and the strategies for the West to counter him.

The West has had some success in countering the Kremlin since Russia's illegal occupation of Crimea, but Vladimir Putin has found ways to offset external pressures on Russia without relinquishing his gains and goals. Although Putin has done well in coveting his power, his hand remains weak as the gap widens between his means and aims. This growing gap provides the West with an opportunity to counter the Russian challenge by limiting the amplifiers of Putin's power—narratives and coalitions. Nataliya Bugayova's report details how Putin often gains by shaping others' perceptions of Russia while, in reality, Putin's power is limited. What is the trajectory of Putin's efforts, and

what can the U.S. do to counter the Russian challenge? We invite you to access the report prior to the event [here](#).

### *Introduction*

- **Kimberly Kagan**, President, Institute for the Study of War

### *Speakers*

- **Nataliya Bugayova**, Non-Resident National Security Fellow, Institute for the Study of War; Director of Intelligence, Tecsonomy
- **Ben Hodges**, Pershing Chair in Strategic Studies, Center for European Policy Analysis
- **Teija Tiilikainen**, Director, European Center of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats
- **Oksana Syroid**, Co-Chair of Lviv Security Forum; Leader of Samopomich Union political party

### *Moderator*

- **Bruno Lété**, Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **Donor Tracking Webinar featuring Oxfam Canada and Promundo: Financing, Advocacy, and Research to end Gender-Based Violence**

**Date:** November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 am ET

**Organization:** Oxfam Canada and Promundo

The Donor Tracker team invites you to the second installment in our series of gender equality webinars, this time with a focus on ending gender-based violence (GBV). Mayssam Zaaroura of Oxfam Canada and Giovanna Lauro of Promundo join the Donor Tracker's Kalila Jaeger and Zoe Johnson for a deep dive into the world of donor finance, advocacy, and research to combat GBV.

Which donors are at the forefront of the fight against GBV and which donors are falling short in meeting their rhetorical commitments? What do programs to end GBV actually look like? Are economic or rights-based arguments more effective in advocacy to donor governments? Which types of programmatic strategies are most useful for counteracting GBV's different manifestations around the globe? What should donor countries be doing



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to address GBV in their own countries? For the answers to these questions and the chance to ask your own, register now to participate in our November 12 webinar.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### Connect Virtually with top Washington, DC International Relations Schools

**Date:** November 19, December 15

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm EDT, 12:00 – 1:00 pm EDT

**Organization:** American University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, and Johns Hopkins University

Whether you are an undergraduate student, a recent graduate, a working professional, or are just interested in living in and around the DMV area, there is no better time to consider pursuing a graduate degree in International Affairs than now. DC4 - the four flagship schools of International Affairs in Washington, D.C. - invite you to join us for the following information sessions to learn more about graduate degrees options, how to put together a competitive application, as well as ways of financing your education.

Join representatives from American University: School of International Service, George Washington University: Elliot School, Georgetown University: Walsh School of Foreign Service, and Johns Hopkins University: School of Advanced International Studies for a Virtual Information Session!

Learn more about the November 19<sup>th</sup> event and register [here](#).

Learn more about the December 15<sup>th</sup> event and register [here](#).

## Events (International)

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

**Date:** October 29<sup>th</sup>

**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



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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](#).

### **Educating the Diaspora (WCAPS-UK/ WCAPS-Ghana Panel Series)**

**Organization:** Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS)-UK and WCAPS-Ghana

**Panel One:** October 21, 2020 6:00 PM

**Panel Two:** October 28, 2020 06:00 PM

**Panel Three:** November 11, 2020 06:00 PM

Panel #1 (October 21, 2020): Curricula: How colonialism affects higher education and other curricula

Panel #2 (October 28, 2020): Misconceptions of liberation and African leaders; leveraging/building spaces for people of Color

Panel #3 (November 11, 2020) Moving forward: how to find your voice in this space (The Year of the Return)

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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:

University in Nitra

Learn more [here](#).