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## WIIS Events and Opportunities

### Overcoming Stress & Trauma – Build Your Resiliency in the Age of COVID-19

**Date:** December 8, 2020

**Organization:** WIIS & WFPG

**Location:** Virtual

Are the stresses of today's reality affecting your professional life? Join us for a conversation with the creator of Mindfulness-Based Mind Fitness Training, Elizabeth Stanley. Learn how to use mindfulness skills that you can apply to your daily life and at work in order to build resilience. CARE USA Managing Director of Strategic Initiatives & Development Beth Solomon and Co-President of the NY Chapter of WIIS Min Kyriannis will also give brief opening and closing comments.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery: The Roles of Finance & Tech

**Date:** December 15, 2020

**Organization:** WIIS & The Embassy of Liechtenstein, Washington D.C.

**Location:** Virtual

Join WIIS and the Embassy of the Principality of Liechtenstein, Washington DC on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4 pm EST for a virtual policy roundtable discussion on efforts to combat human trafficking and modern slavery, with a focus on the roles of the financial and technology sectors.

Human trafficking and slavery are illegal in most states, yet the International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that there are 40.3 million people enslaved or victim of trafficking. Trafficking is one of the most profitable criminal activities with profits of up to \$150 billion a year. In 2018, Liechtenstein launched the Finance Against Slavery Initiative (FAST) to examine how the financial sector can be mobilized to abolish modern slavery and trafficking. That same year a coalition of technology companies launched a Tech Against Trafficking (TAT) Initiative.

In this roundtable, we will examine what progress has been made on both initiatives. We will also examine how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the illegal trade in humans, and innovative approaches and new policy initiatives to eliminate human trafficking and modern slavery. More Details on Panelists forthcoming.

Learn more and register [here](#).

## Events (Online)

### **An International Strategy to Better Protect the Global Financial System from Cyber Threats**

**Date:** November 18, 2020

**Organization:** GMF Digital

**Location:** Virtual

The global financial system is going through an unprecedented digital transformation, which is being accelerated by the coronavirus pandemic. Malicious actors are taking advantage of this transformation and pose a growing threat to financial stability and consumers worldwide.

On November 18, the Carnegie Endowment, in collaboration with the World Economic Forum, will release a first-of-its-kind, comprehensive blueprint to better protect the global financial system against cyber threats. Join us for a discussion with leading voices on this report's crucial recommendations.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **Virtual Panel Discussion with Congressman Jim Himes on Investment and Innovation in the Intelligence Community**

**Date:** November 18, 2020

**Organization:** CNAS

**Location:** Virtual

On Wednesday, November 18, 2020, join CNAS for a virtual discussion featuring Congressman Jim Himes and other panelists about the future of innovation and investment in the intelligence community (IC). Congressman Himes, Chairman of the Strategic Technologies and Advanced Research (STAR) Subcommittee of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, will discuss the Subcommittee's new report, *Rightly Scaled, Carefully Open, Indefinitely Agile: Reconfiguring to Win the Innovation Race in the Intelligence Community*. This report details the need for investment and innovation in the intelligence community in order to retain America's global competitiveness.

Learn more and register [here](#).

## **Impossible Choices: The Conundrum Facing African Governments in a Global Pandemic**

**Date:** November 18, 2020

**Organization:** CSIS

**Location:** Virtual

The CSIS Africa Program and the ONE Campaign invite you to an event exploring challenges faced by African governments during the Covid-19 pandemic. Through a simulated experience, panelists will navigate key issues in a fictional scenario, with reality reflected in presented policy choices. As an audience member, you have the opportunity to put yourself in the shoes of African finance ministers and the choices they face by voting live on decisions. A voting link will be available at the bottom of this page closer to the event date.

Nearly one year since the start of the pandemic, many developed countries have rolled out unprecedented stimulus packages to help mitigate the financial toll of the crisis. From contributing to salaries through various Covid-19 job retention programs to providing loans, tax relief, and cash grants to small businesses, many governments have pulled out all the stops to support their citizens and protect their economies. But unlike developed countries, African governments do not have financial reserves and liquidity readily available to keep their economies afloat and tackle the crisis. While facing substantial budget shortfalls due to the dramatic drop in commodity prices, market disruptions, the collapse of tourism—as well as falling remittances and flight of foreign capital—many are also struggling to navigate the growing debt crisis. They are facing difficult choices between fulfilling their legal obligations on upcoming debt repayments or using that money to tackle the impact of Covid-19.

What are some of the challenges and difficult choices facing African governments on a daily basis? While some steps have been taken by international creditors to support the world's poorest countries, progress remains slow. What more is needed, and what are the biggest challenges?

Join ONE and CSIS as we explore these key issues.

Learn more and register [here](#).

## **Rebalancing Counterterrorism Policy and Humanitarian Action**

**Date:** November 18, 2020

**Organization:** CSIS

**Location:** Virtual

A balance between counterterrorism efforts and humanitarian action remains elusive. Restrictions on assistance activities from international counterterrorism provisions of the UN Security Council and other donor countries are an impediment to effective humanitarian action. Agencies operating in areas with a sustained presence of designated groups feel vulnerable to criminal and civil liability, despite provisions seeking to exempt humanitarian assistance, which are often insufficient to ensure principled aid delivery.

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Humanitarian Agenda is pleased to host Dr. Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, and Dr. Stephen Tankel, Associate Professor at American University, for a discussion on rebalancing counterterrorism and humanitarian imperatives. Dr. Ní Aoláin will include a brief overview of the findings from her latest report to the UN General Assembly on this issue.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **#Tech2021: Ideas for Digital Democracy**

**Date:** November 19, 2020

**Organization:** GMF Digital

**Location:** Virtual

GMF Digital will host Rep. Will Hurt, Toomas Ilves, and others for a special event to mark the publication of #Tech2023, a collection of turnkey policy proposals for the next administration to unlock an innovative and equitable digital democracy.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **Special Event: Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, and Intelligence in the Biden Administration**

**Date:** November 23, 2020

**Organization:** CNAS

**Location:** Virtual

The Biden administration is set to enter office facing a daunting set of intelligence, law enforcement, and homeland security challenges. From international cyber threats to domestic terrorism to managing the intelligence community, the world is looking ahead to see how President-elect Biden's team will prioritize its efforts – and the degree to which Congress will work with it.

To discuss these challenges and their implications for American security, CNAS CEO Richard Fontaine will host a conversation with Sec. Jeh Johnson, Member of

the CNAS Board of Directors and former Secretary of Homeland Security, on November 23, 2020.

Mr. Fontaine and Sec. Johnson will be joined by Susan M. Gordon, former Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, and Carrie Cordero, CNAS Robert M. Gates Senior Fellow, for an interactive panel discussion featuring live polling and Q&A from the online audience.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **Aspen Cyber Summit**

**Date:** December 1 - 3, 2020

**Organization:** Aspen Institute

**Location:** Virtual

The Aspen Cyber Summit is a unique annual gathering, bringing together top leaders from business, government, academia, and public interest to determine how they can best collaborate to combat urgent cyber threats. An event of the Aspen Institute, the nonpartisan summit is one of the most significant stages for discussions around cyber policy, helping to drive dialogue and action on today's challenges.

The 5th annual event will be spread virtually over three days from December 1 to 3, 2020, from noon to 3 p.m. ET. Each day will feature a keynote conversation with prominent government and industry leaders, as well as short presentations, panel discussions, and interactive sessions. The Cyber Summit takes a global view, and the 2020 event should be a distinctive opportunity to convene voices from around the world to look back at an unprecedented year and toward the road ahead.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **“The Perfect Weapon”: Cyber Policy and the Incoming Biden Administration**

**Date:** December 2, 2020

**Organization:** CSIS

**Location:** Virtual

Please join CSIS for a conversation on the new HBO documentary *The Perfect Weapon*, based on the best-selling book by David E. Sanger, national security correspondent and senior writer for *The New York Times*. This documentary explores the rise of cyber conflict as a primary way nations now compete with and sabotage one another. Moderator H. Andrew Schwartz and panelists David E. Sanger, Suzanne Spaulding and James A. Lewis will focus the conversation on the cyber security challenges that the incoming Biden administration faces and what the new administration can do to defend

the United States against a pattern of escalating attacks and shape the future of cyber power.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **Hinge of History: Governance in an Emerging New World**

**Date:** December 2, 2020

**Organization:** US Institute of Peace

**Location:** Virtual

Join USIP and Stanford's Hoover Institution for a timely conversation on the project's findings and its implications for U.S. and international policy. The first panel discussion will evaluate the major demographic, technological, and economic trends that are creating tectonic shifts in our geopolitical landscape and forcing a strategic rethink of governance strategies in the 21st century. In light of the challenges identified, the second panel discussion will consider how the United States and others can harness these changes to usher in greater security and prosperity.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **New Work on Measuring Women's Economic Empowerment: Striving for Harmonization and Practical Applications**

**Date:** December 2, 2020

**Organization:** Data2X

**Location:** Virtual

Please join Data2X, the Center for Global Development, and the World Bank at our event, *New Work on Measuring Women's Economic Empowerment: Striving for Harmonization and Practical Applications*, at the 6th Annual Birdsall Conference on Women.

**When:** December 2, 2020, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM ET, via Zoom.

**About:** Data2X, alongside the Center for Global Development and the World Bank, is co-organizing this year's Birdsall House Conference on Women, an annual event that highlights leading research and scholarly findings on women's empowerment in the field of development economics.

The event will explore the practical applications of advancements in measuring women's economic empowerment (WEE) to inform policies and project results frameworks and

will feature the launch of a new report by Data2X and CGD, *Measuring Women's Economic Empowerment: A Compendium of Selected Tools*.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **The European Arms Trade is a Feminist Issue – and what we can do about it**

**Date:** December 10, 2020

**Organization:** The Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy

**Location:** Virtual

Together, the EU's member-states are second only to the US in the volume of the arms they export. The production and export of military equipment are closely linked to what academics call the 'normalisation of a militarized approach to security' and the 'pro-defence industry' approach the EU Commission has been taking. At the same time, the EU continues to confirm its commitment to foster gender equality through its foreign policy - as for example outlined in the *Strategic Approach on Women, Peace and Security* in 2018.

However, delinking these issues fails to acknowledge that the international arms trade is a feminist issue. Indeed, an important opportunity to minimise the risk of European arms contributing to gender-based violence was missed in 2019, when the update of the *EU Common Position* did not amend the Position's language to explicitly bring it in line with the language of the Arms Trade Treaty, which – since 2014 – requires State Parties to not export any military equipment if there is the potential that they are being used “to commit or facilitate serious acts of gender-based violence or serious acts of violence against women and children”.

The online discussion, organised by the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation and the Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy, will reflect on why the international arms trade is a feminist issue, debate the tensions between the EU's arms export and its commitment to gender equality and reflect on if and how the EU arms exports can be rendered more gender-sensitive.

Learn more and register [here](#).

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

**Date:** March 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:

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