Events

**Women's Foreign Policy Group Mentoring Fair**
*When:* Mon, Feb 6 | 6:00pm-9:00pm  
*Where:* Marvin Center, Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor  
800 21st Street NW  
The George Washington University  

Provides an opportunity for students and young professionals to meet with international affairs professionals and learn from their career experiences.  
[More info.](#)

**Unnatural Selection: Probing the Consequences of a Global Gender Imbalance**
*When:* Wed, Feb 8 | 12:30pm-2:00pm  
*Where:* Room 500, The Bernstein-Offit Building  
Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies  

Mara Hvistendahl, correspondent with Science magazine, will discuss this topic. For more information and to RSVP, contact [developmentroundtable@jhu.edu](mailto:developmentroundtable@jhu.edu).

**Access Denied: Bridging the Gender Technology Gap**
*When:* Wed, Feb 8 | 3:30pm  
*Where:* IREX, Suite 700  
2121 K Street, NW  

Featuring **Ritu Sharma**, Co-Founder and President, Women Thrive Worldwide; **Dr. Maura O'Neil**, Senior Counselor to the Administrator and Chief Innovation Officer, USAID; **Sheila Casey**, TechWomen Initiative, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, State Department; **Willow Darsie**, Independent Consultant and Former Senior Fellow for Partnership and Innovation,

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**VOTE for Andrea Powell for the DVF Awards Today!**

Andrea Powell, Executive Director and Co-founder of FAIR Girls, is nominated for the [Diane von Furstenberg Award](#): From February 2nd to February 16th you can [vote for her](#) to WIN $50,000 to continue to support FAIR Girls and their work with exploited girls.
**Working with Boys to Achieve Gender Equality Across Generations**

*When:* Thurs, Feb 9 | 12:30pm-2:30pm  
*Where:* MC C2-131  

The World Bank

This seminar will examine approaches to working with boys and young men to break the cycle of inequality and violence that moves down the generations from father to son. [More info.](#)

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**Distinguished Women in International Affairs: From Moscow to Washington to Seoul - Locking down Nuclear Material**

*When:* Mon, Feb 13 | 5:30pm-7:00pm  
*Where:* Lindner Family Commons, Room 602  
1957 E St, NW  
Elliott School of International Affairs

Laura Holgate, Senior Director, Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism and Threat Reduction, National Security Council. [RSVP.](#)

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**Women, Peace and Security in Afghanistan: Prospects on the Way Forward**

*When:* Thurs, Feb 16 | 10:00am-11:30am  
*Where:* Embassy of Finland  
3301 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

This panel discussion will offer a timely follow-up to the International Afghanistan Conference held in Bonn in December 2011. The panelists representing the governments of Afghanistan, Finland and the United States, as well as Afghan civil society will examine ways to better ensure an active role for women in the current peace processes and reconstruction efforts. [More info.](#)

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**Opportunities**

**Gender Mainstreaming Review Consultant**

*Who:* UN Women  
*Closing date:* Feb 9

The objective of this consultancy is to prepare a paper that assesses generally what has been learnt about: the
effectiveness of gender mainstreaming as an approach for advancing gender equality; how to mainstream gender effectively; and, specifically, what progress the United Nations system has made so far with mainstreaming gender equality into its programmes. More info.

**Senior Advocate, Women And Children’s Rights**  
*Who:* Refugees International  
*Closing date:* Feb 19

The senior advocate for women and children’s rights takes the lead role on advancing RI’s work on displaced and stateless women and children. More info.

**Mariam K. Chamberlain Fellowship In Women And Public Policy**  
*Who:* IWPR  
*Closing date:* March 1

The Mariam K. Chamberlain Fellow works as a general research assistant on a variety of research projects and reports. Research tasks may include reviewing literature; collecting, checking and analyzing data; gathering information; and preparing reports and report graphics. Attending relevant Congressional briefings, policy seminars and meetings is also an integral part of the fellowship program. More info.

**Resources**

**TEDxPSU - Mia Bloom - Seeing the New Face of Terrorism**  
Mia Bloom, an Associate Professor of Women's Studies and International Studies at the Pennsylvania State University, focuses on exposing the emergent occurrence of women and child terrorists. Her book, *Bombshell: The Many Faces of Women Terrorists*, brings these growing problems to light, analyzing the root causes and the direction of modern terrorism today (video).

**Feminist Perspectives Towards Transforming Economic Power: Topic 2 Agroecology**  
Through the analysis conducted by ActionAid Brazil of their experiences working with rural women, this publication examines the relationship between agroecology and feminism and shows agroecology to be an essential tool that can advance the empowerment of rural women (PDF).

**She and Elections**  
Nazra’s report presents an overview of the general
electoral climate in Egypt and documents the experience of candidates in various phases of the elections, as well as the difficulties and challenges posed by the legal and political contexts (PDF and video clip).

**Conflict-related Sexual Violence: Report Of The Secretary-General**
Report by the UN Secretary-General on various aspects of conflict-related sexual violence (report).

**Opportunities for Men and Women: Emerging Europe and Central Asia**
Report covers gender equality in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (PDF).

### Book notes

**Global Masculinities and Manhood**
*Edited by Ronald L. Jackson II and Murali Balaji*
Essays on masculinity in such varied settings as Jamaica, Turkey, Peru, Kenya, China and Aboriginal Australia.

**Milicianas: Women in Combat in the Spanish Civil War**
*By Lisa Lines*
Documents the experiences of women who fought for the Republic, until a change in policy removed them from the battlefield in 1937.

**Stuck: Rwandan Youth and the Struggle for Adulthood**
*By Marc Sommers*
Examines the challenges faced by Rwandan youth in the post-genocide era, including the impact of the country's housing crisis on the ability to marry.

**The Global Biopolitics of the IUD: How Science Constructs Contraceptive Users and Women's Bodies**
*By Chikako Takeshita*
Draws on feminist science studies in a "biography" of the contraceptive device since the 1960s, contrasting use in the developed and developing world.