Events

**Women's Inclusion in the Future of Afghanistan**
When: Tue, Apr 10 | 4:30pm-6pm  
Where: CSIS  
1800 K Street, NW  
Conference Room 4C  

Women in International Security will host this discussion to address the status of women participation in Afghanistan. To RSVP and learn more, click [here](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7b2632136230b212de30b9018&id...).

**Women's Empowerment in Kosovo's Economy**
When: Wed, Apr 11 | 10am  
Where: Berstein Offit Building, Room 500  
1717 Massachusetts Ave, NW  

Shqipe Neziri, project manager and trainer for the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe, and Lejla Sadiku, political adviser for the Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo and manager of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ development project portfolio in Kosovo, will discuss this topic. RSVP [here](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7b2632136230b212de30b9018&id...).

**Getting to Equal in Education: Addressing Gender and Multiple Sources of Disadvantage to Achieve Learning**
When: Wed, Apr 11 | 9am-7pm  
Where: Event Webcast  

This World Bank’s Gender and Education Research Colloquium event will address the challenges that remain to ensure that girls and women have equal opportunities to lead healthy lives. [More info](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7b2632136230b212de30b9018&id...).

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In the late 1900s, India's Kerala state embarked on a democratic decentralization process. One of the major development initiatives established...
Improving Food Supply: Empowering Women and Girls

When: Thu, Apr 12 | 10am
Where: Rome Building Auditorium, Rome Building
1619 Massachusetts Ave, NW

As part of the "Year of Agriculture" at SAIS, Catherine Bertini, professor of public administration and international affairs at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs and former executive director of the U.N. World Food Programme, will discuss this topic. RSVP to saisag@jhu.edu.

Fostering the Next Generation: Evolving Models of Women's Leadership in the Middle East

When: Wed, Apr 18 | 9:30am-11am
Where: 6th Floor, Woodrow Wilson Center

This conference will feature Moushira Khattab, the Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center; Former Egyptian Ambassador to South Africa and to the Czech and Slovak Republics; and Former Minister of Family and Population, Egypt. For more info, click here.

Women’s Empowerment in the Middle East and Worldwide

When: Fri, Apr 20 | 12pm
Where: Four Seasons Hotel
2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women, will address Women's Foreign Policy Group in a luncheon program. PBS NewsHour Co-Anchor and Senior Correspondent Judy Woodruff will moderate the conversation. More info.

GW Women in Business Spring Conference

When: Sat, Apr 21 | 8am-5pm
Where: Duques and Fungur Halls
The George Washington University
2201 G Street, NW

With an expected attendance of more than 200 college students and young professionals, this year's GWWIB Spring Conference is themed "Envision. Engage. Execute. A Blueprint for Success." More info.

18th Annual National Women’s Issues Conference

When: Fri-Sat, Apr 27-28
The Women’s Leadership Forum and the Women for Obama Finance Committee present the 18th Annual National Women’s Issues Conference with special guest President Barack Obama. RSVP here. For more info, email mkarmel@womenforchange.org.

**Opportunities**

**InterAction Annual Forum Volunteer**
*When:* Apr 30-May 2  
*Where:* Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

As a volunteer at the Annual Forum, you will have a chance to follow the discussions about innovative solutions to world crises. More info.

**Resources**

**The Stories Behind the Statistics: Family Planning for Young Women**
Part of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Impatient Optimist series, this post follows Catherine, who leads a support group of adolescent mothers in Kenya. To read the article, click here.

**Book Notes**

**Scream from the Shadows: The Women's Liberation Movement in Japan**
By Setsu Shigematsu  
A study of *umam ribu*, a radical feminist movement of the 1970s; pays particular attention to its most influential activist, Tanaka Mitsu.

**South Asian Feminisms**
Edited by Ania Loomba and Ritty A. Lukose  
Essays by scholars and activists on feminism in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

**The New Arab Man: Emergent Masculinities, Technologies, and Islam in the Middle East**
By Marcia C. Inhorn  
A work in medical anthropology that examines the experiences of Lebanese, Palestinian, and Syrian men seeking help for infertility at clinics in Lebanon.

**Inequality in the Technopolis: Race, Class, Gender, and the Digital Divide in Austin**

**Celebrating International Women's Day in the Elliott School**

Blog post by staff contributor Cait O’Donnell

For more on the day’s events, please see full videos and photos.

On the 101st celebration of International Women's Day, the Global Gender Program of the George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs partnered with several organizations to put on an all-day event comprising two distinguished speakers (opening and closing the event) and two panels. Read the full event summary.
Edited by Joseph Straubhaar and others

Reports on a 10-year longitudinal study that expanded from a focus on access to technology to considering the Texas capital's history as a segregated city and shift to becoming a "technopolis".

The Headscarf Controversy: Secularism and Freedom of Religion
By Hilal Elver
Criticizes policies that serve to exclude pious Muslim women from the public sphere; settings discussed include Turkey, France, Germany, and the United States.