Events

**International Women’s Day: Ending Violence Against Women - Inspiring Dialogue and Action**

*Who:* Global Gender Program, GW and Gender at Work  
*When:* Mar 4 | 9:00am-5:30pm  
*Where:* City View Room, 7th Floor  
Elliott School of International Affairs  
1957 E St NW  
Washington, DC 20010

The Global Gender Program (GW) and Gender at Work's celebration of International Women's Day will feature keynote speaker, Jody Williams. Jody Williams is the Nobel Prize Winner on the Nobel Women's Initiative International Campaign to Stop Rape and Gender Violence in Conflict. The day's first panel will discuss: Is violence against women a problem with a solution? The second panel will discuss: What responses work to end violence against women? The event will end with a film screening of *In the Name of the Family: Honor Killings in North America.*

**21st Century Solutions to Combating Violence Against Women**

*Who:* Vital Voices Global Leadership Network  
*When:* Mar 6 | 8:30am-10:15am  
*Where:* 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20036  
*RSVP:* by Mar 5 to BernadetteCastillo@VitalVoices.org

Vital Voices will host a conversation with extraordinary women leaders who are advancing innovative solutions to combat violence against women, including using radio, social media, dance and graffiti art.

**Chat with Patti Petesch**
Who: World Bank  
When: Mar 6 | 11am  
Where: online

Patti Petesch, consultant with the World Bank, invites you to her blog and a live chat about a recent report on gender norms and social development. World Bank Vice President Rachel Kyte and Jeni Klugman will join in. Please join the chat and ask questions. You can also submit questions in advance.

Human Security: The Missing Link between Women’s Rights, Conflict, and Peace
Who: Women’s Learning Partnership  
When: Mar 6 | 3:30pm - 7:30pm  
Where: John Tishman Auditorium at The New School  
66 West 12th Street  
New York, NY 10011

WLP will convene leaders from across the globe to discuss why human security is central to confronting this century’s challenges – from ending gender-based violence to achieving international peace. During the event, WLP will premiere its new documentary, “Because Our Cause Is Just,” on the post-Arab Spring backlash against women’s rights and the targeting of women’s rights defenders in the MENA region.

International Women’s Day Luncheon
Who: United Nations Foundation and Women’s Foreign Policy Group  
When: Mar 7 | 12:00pm-2:00pm  
Where: The Mayflower Renaissance Hotel  
1127 Connective Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

The United Nations Foundation, UN Information Center in Washington, DC, and the WFPG’s International Women’s Day Luncheon will focus on women’s economic empowerment and feature Anne Richard, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

Challenges to Women’s Security in the MENA Region
Who: Middle East Program and the Global Women’s Leadership Initiative at the Woodrow Wilson Center  
When: Mar 7 | 9:00am-11:00am  
Where: 9:00am – 11:00am  
6th floor Flom Auditorium  
Woodrow Wilson Center  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Speakers include: Jane Harman, Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Jody Williams, Nobel Laureate

RSVP here:

More info

"VAWA's most interesting votes and why they matter
http://bit.ly/3bhM" - @emilyslist

gender tweet of the week

Global Gender News
02/18 - 02/24

Bi-weekly roundup of global gender news:
2/18-2/20 | 2/21-2/24

Org
Mouna Ghanem, Azza Kamel, Zahra Langhi, Faiza Mohamed, and Haleh Esfandiari.

**Passports to Progress 2013 Series: Rude Awakening: The Complex Epidemic of Violence Young Women and Girls Face in India and Beyond**

*Who:* ICRW  
*When:* Mar 7 | 6:30pm-9:00pm  
*Where:* 529 14th Street, NW  
13th Floor  
Washington, 20045

A diverse panel of leading experts in the fields of gender, rights and development will discuss the many ways in which violence against women – especially young women and girls – in non-conflict settings has become a global epidemic.

**Women, Peace and Security: Q&A with Special Representative Mari Skaare**

*Who:* atlanticcommunity.org and NATO  
*When:* Mar 8  
*Where:* online  
Submit questions online by: Mar 4 | 5pm

Mari Skaare, NATO Secretary General’s Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security, will take questions from Atlantic Community members on NATO’s implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, and related Resolutions.

**Film Screening: We Women Warriors**

*Who:* DC Independent Film Festival  
*When:* Mar 11  
*Where:* GALA Hispanic Theatre  
3333 14th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010

In Colombia’s war-torn indigenous villages, three brave women from distinct tribes use nonviolent resistance to defend their peoples’ survival. We Women Warriors bears witness to neglected human rights catastrophes and interweaves character-driven stories about female empowerment, unshakable courage, and faith in the endurance of indigenous culture.

**Film Screening: Girl Rising**

*Who:* Plan International USA  
*When:* Mar 20 | 7:30pm  
*Where:* West End Cinema  
2301 M Street NW  
Washington, DC 20037
As part of Plan’s global *Because I am a Girl* campaign, Plan International USA is working with 10x10 to raise awareness that educating and empowering girls can break the cycle of poverty in just one generation. Narrated by Freida Pinto, Cate Blanchett, Priyanka Chopra, Selena Gomez, Anne Hathaway, Salma Hayek, Alicia Keys, Chloe Moretz, Liam Neeson, Meryl Streep, and Kerry Washington, the movie is the centerpiece of 10x10 – a global campaign to educate and empower girls. Tickets are $11.

**Opportunities**

**Job: Vice President, Communications and Outreach**
*Who:* Women Thrive Worldwide  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Internships: Global Education Policy, Organizational Advancement, Communications, Development, Partnerships**
*Who:* Women Thrive Worldwide  
*Where:* Washington, DC  
*Deadline:* Feb 15

**Call for Entries: What Will it Take to End Gender-Based Violence in South Asia?**
*Who:* World Bank  
*Deadline:* Mar 15

**Resources**

**New Tool Kit for Civil Society Women to Transform Security Sector Reform**
This tool kit, from the Institute for Inclusive Security and the Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces, was written mainly for women who have not formally studied security or worked with police, militaries, elected officials, and other actors within the sector.

**Unregulated and Unaccountable: How the Private Health Care Sector in India is Putting Women’s Lives at Risk**
India has one of the lowest levels of government investment in health in the world, just one percent of GDP in 2010. The gap left by the public health system, and a policy of proactively promoting the private sector, has led to the proliferation of private health providers which are unregulated and unaccountable. Oxfam is calling on the Government of India to prioritize strengthening and scaling-up of a universal public health care system.

**The Group of 20: Advancing the Constitutional Agenda for Women in Zimbabwe**
Zimbabwe is currently re-writing its constitution and women have seized the opportunity to push for equality and women’s rights. Lucina Machanzi, Policy and Advocacy Officer for Oxfam in Zimbabwe, explains.

**Manual: Mainstreaming Gender into Peacebuilding Trainings**
ZIF, in cooperation with Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit and Dr. Cordula Reimann from CORE, has published a manual for trainers. A special focus was given to four areas: Disarmament, Democratization and Reintegration (DDR), Human Rights and Rule of Law, Negotiation and Mediation, and Election Monitoring.

**Directory of UN Resources on Gender and Women’s Issues**
This link provides gender training tools and resources utilized by UN entities.

**From Clause to Effect: Including Women’s Rights and Gender in Peace Agreements**
This report from the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue examines six peace agreements from Asia and Pacific and aims to identify how reference to women’s rights and gender perspectives were included - or excluded in these agreements.

**Myanmar’s Current Peace Processes: A New Role for Women?**
This opinion peace was produced as part of the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue's project, ‘Women at the Peace Table - Asia Pacific’, which brings together women active in peacemaking across the Asia-Pacific region to identify and employ strategies for improving the contributions of women to, and participation in, peace processes.

**NDI Poll Shows Growing Ukrainian Interest in Increasing Women’s Political Participation**
Nearly half of Ukrainians think there are too few women in elected office, according to a poll released by NDI.

**Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations**
This conference report from Wilton Park focuses on increased momentum from the international community to break the silence of sexual violence in conflict, combat a culture of impunity and shift the balance of shame from the survivors to the perpetrators.

**Wikigender Online Discussion**
Wikigender hosted an online discussion on “Transforming social norms to prevent violence against women and girls” from February 4-13, 2013. Participants in the discussion agreed that tackling underlying social norms to prevent
violence against women was a top priority, while pointing out the challenges and opportunities.

**Book Notes**

**Women, Health, and the State in the Middle East: The Politics and Culture of Childbirth in Jordan.** by *Irene Maffi.* Topics include the adaptation of medical practices to local culture.

**Shanghai Lalas: Female "Tongzhi" Communities and Politics in Urban China.** by *Lucetta Yip Lo Kam.* Combines scholarly and personal perspectives in a study of women's efforts to reconcile same-sex desire with familial expectations of heterosexual marriage.

**Plane Queer: Labor, Sexuality, and AIDS in the History of Male Flight Attendants.** by *Phil Tiemeyer.* Traces waves of tolerance and discrimination experienced by stewards since the early years of passenger aviation.