Events

**Religion, Rights, and Reform: A Panel Discussion on Women's Political Participation in the Middle East and North Africa**
*When:* Thursday, September 5 | 7:30 to 9:00 pm  
*Who:* Sigma Iota Rho, George Washington University’s Honors Society for International Affairs  
*Where:* GW Marvin Center Room 413-414  
800 21st St, NW  
Washington, DC 20052  
[RSVP Link](#)

This panel discussion aims to shed light on the current situation for both female voters and politicians in the Middle East and North Africa.

**Meet the Institute! GWI Welcome Week Open House**
*When:* Friday, September 6 | 12:00 to 2:00 pm  
*Who:* GW Women's Institute  
*Where:* 714 21st Street NW  
1st Floor Conference Room

Come by the Global Women's Institute during Welcome Week to meet the Institute's Director and staff, and learn more about the work GWI does on campus and in the world.

**Integrated Peacebuilding: Innovative Approaches to Transforming Conflict**
*When:* Tuesday, September 10 | 9:30 to 11 am  
*Who:* Search for Common Ground  
*Where:* Kenney Auditorium

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**Women in Iran under Rouhani’s presidency: week 3 – gender, cultural assumptions, and social**

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This forum will focus on principles discussed in the recently published book *Integrated Peacebuilding: Innovative Approaches to Transforming Conflict*, including the importance of weaving peacebuilding methods into diverse sectors including development, humanitarian assistance, gender, business, media, health, and the environment.

**WIIS-GWU Kickoff Event**
*When:* Wednesday, September 11 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
*Who:* Women in International Security (WIIS-GWU)  
*Where:* The Elliott School of International Affairs  
Room 212  
1957 E Street NW  
Washington, DC 20052

WIIS-GWU kickoff event for the Fall semester featuring Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, Executive Director, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) North America. To RSVP, please email: michsc@gwmail.gwu.edu.

**Prospects for Gender Equality in Iran under President Rouhani**
*When:* Monday, September 16 | 9:00 to 11:00 am  
*Who:* The Global Gender Program  
*Where:* The Elliott School of International Affairs  
Lindner Commons  
1957 E Street NW  
Washington, DC 20052  
RSVP Link

The Global Gender Program presents a panel event focusing on the prospects for gender equality in Iran as President Rouhani begins his term in office.

**African Women on the Move: Diaspora Women’s Empowerment and a Call to Action to Invest in Africa’s Girls and Women**
*When:* Monday, September 16 | 3:00 to 5:00 pm  
*Who:* The Institute for International and Global Affairs, Global Gender Program, and Diaspora African Women’s Network (DAWN)  
*Where:* Alumni House  
1918 F Street NW

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**Policy**

By staff contributor Milad Pournik

For this week’s feature we were delighted to conduct a Skype interview with Rezvan Ostadali*. Having a background in Public Policy and Economics, she works at the University of Saskatchewan and has interned at the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice. With an interest in studying policy change, Rezvan has led several projects whose main goals were to introduce cultural and procedural change at both the university and the government.

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RT @Operation1325 #Nigeria to launch its National Action Plan on #UNSCR1325 tomorrow. Nigeria is the 43rd country w/ a NAP http://bit.ly/16BP9vL

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**Org Spotlight: International...**
Washington, DC 20052
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The Elliott School’s Institute for International and Global Affairs and its Africa Working Group and Global Gender Program are pleased to host this event which will address the importance and impact of investing in women and girls in Africa and in the African diaspora.

**A call to action – taking a stand against Gender Based Violence**
*When*: Thursday September 19 | 8:00 to 10:00 am  
*Who*: The New Republic, CARE  
*Where*: The Knight Studio at The Newseum  
555 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20001

An accomplished panel of experts, including Alyse Nelson of Vital Voices, Carla Koppell of USAID, and Neil Irvin of Men Can Stop Rape will create an actionable discussion on what it will take to end the cycle of violence. Senator Barbara Boxer will deliver the keynote address.

**From Integration to Disruption – How to Transform Gender Relations?**
*When*: Friday September 20 | 2:30 to 5 pm  
*Who*: The Global Gender Program  
*Where*: The Elliott School of International Affairs Lindner Commons  
1957 E Street NW  
Washington, DC 20052  
RSVP Link

This GGP Panel discussion co-sponsored by the Gender and Development Journal, Gender at Work and Oxfam will re-trace the feminist vision that drove gender mainstreaming; discuss stories of transforming gender relations in organizations and communities as well as stories of resistance to change; and explore ruptural ideas and actions that move us beyond gender mainstreaming to influence and transform development and change.

**The Business of Health Care and How It Determines the Medical Treatment Women Receive**
*When*: Thursday, September 26 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm  
*Who*: Women’s National Democratic Club  
*Where*: Woman's National Democratic Club

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**Civil Society Action Network**

The International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) is a non-profit organization based in the United States. ICAN supports civil society activism through promoting women’s rights, peace, and human security in countries affected by conflict, transition, and closed political space. ICAN utilizes training, information generation, sharing and exchange, and dialogue facilitation to promote the exchange of knowledge, bridge the gaps between activists and policy makers, and elevate the voices of women activists. ICAN is currently working in countries throughout the Middle East and North Africa, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Read more [here](#).
1526 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC

The business of health care has a large and often imperceptible impact on the medical treatment that women receive. Rosemary Gibson, Senior Advisor at the Hastings Center, will describe how women are at risk of receiving medically unnecessary drugs, tests and surgeries, as well as practical strategies for women to be empowered and make informed medical decisions.

**Film Screening: Girl Rising**
*When:* Tuesday, October 8 | 7:30pm  
*Who:* Gathr Films  
*Where:* Gallery Place Stadium 14  
701 7th St NW  
Washington, DC 20001

This film screening will feature *Girl Rising*, which tells the stories of 9 girls from 9 countries, written by 9 celebrated writers and narrated by 9 renowned actresses. The stories of these 9 girls highlight the importance of education in creating change.

**Opportunities**

**Jobs**

**Gender Expert-Gender Equality Seal Initiative**  
*Who:* United Nations Development Programme  
*Where:* New York, NY  
*Deadline:* September 2

**Consultant on Gender and Institutional Economics**  
*Who:* UN Women  
*Where:* New York, NY  
*Deadline:* September 3

**Communications and Gender Advisor**  
*Who:* The Lutheran World Federation Myanmar  
*Where:* Myanmar  
*Deadline:* September 4

**Resilience Advisor - Gender and Governance**  
*Who:* Oxfam  
*Where:* Oxford, England  
*Deadline:* September 4

**Gender Advisor**  
*Who:* ACDI/VOCA
Internships

Internship
Who: A Wider Circle
Where: Silver Spring, MD
Deadline: Until filled

Adopt a Negotiator Fellowship
Who: Global Call for Climate Action
Where: Warsaw, Poland
Deadline: September 3

HIV/AIDS Research Intern
Who: United States Agency for International Development
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: September 4

Communications & Research Internship
Who: International Civil Society Action Network
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: September 11

Other Opportunities

Call for Submissions: End Gender Discrimination Now!
Who: Gender at Work, the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID), BRIDGE, and Gender Society and Policies Area, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales - FLACSO Argentina
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: October 15

Call for Submissions: Special Issue- 'Choosing mothering? The gendering of agency'
Who: Women's Studies International Forum
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: November 30

Call for Submissions: Girls Impact the World Film Festival
Who: ConnectHer and The Harvard College Social Innovation Collaborative
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: December 31

For more national and international job and internship opportunities, visit the Association for
Women's Rights in Development's job resource page.

Resources

Joining the Dots
In this report, Asia Pacific Women's Watch, Justice Equality Rights Access, and Women and Media Collective examine women's economic security in conflict-affected areas of the Asia-Pacific region, specifically, Aceh, Fiji, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Women's economic security is studied in conjunction with achievement of Millennium Development Goals and implementation of the human rights frameworks found in CEDAW, BPFA, and UNSCR 1325.

Join the Dots: Documentary
This short documentary was produced in conjunction with the Joining the Dots written report. The documentary highlights the individual stories of women who took part in the focus groups and interviews that are the basis for the written report.

Blog Notes

HIV+ and Pregnant: A Deadly Combination?
Recent studies show that HIV-positive pregnant women had 8 times the risk of death during pregnancy than HIV-negative pregnant women.