Course Offerings on Gender in Summer 2014

Women in Global Politics
Course Info: IAFF 2190W CRN: 72373
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Note: This is a distance learning course.

Human Trafficking
Course Info: IAFF 3183 CRN: 11246
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Note: This is a distance learning course.

Theory: Global Women's Rights I
Course Info: IAFF 3190.20 CRN: 12254
Instructor: Michele Clark | maclark@gwu.edu
Time: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9:00am - 12:00pm
07/05/14 - 08/01/14
Note: This is a Summer Institute Course. This course is intended for Gender Issues & Activism in a Global Environment Summer Institute students only.
For further information about this course including how to register, please contact: the office of Summer & Special Programs

Action: Global Women's Rights II
Course Info: IAFF 3190.21 CRN: 12255
Instructor: Michele Clark | maclark@gwu.edu
Time: Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays 3:00 - 6:00pm; Tuesdays 9:00am - 6:00pm; and Fridays 9:00am - 7:00pm
07/05/14 - 08/01/14

Addressing gender equality and gender-based crimes at the International Criminal Court

Guest post by GW professor Aisling Swaine
The Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal
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**Research Methods in Global Gender Issues**

Course Info: IAFF 6118.10 CRN: 11716  
Instructor: Jane Henrici | [henrici@email.gwu.edu](mailto:henrici@email.gwu.edu)  
Time: Tuesdays 5:10 - 7:00pm and Thursdays 7:10 - 9:00pm  
05/19/14 - 06/28/14

**Events**

Many events are taking place around the world to mark International Women's Day on March 8 and Women's History Month. This newsletter cannot provide complete coverage. For additional event listings, please go to our Facebook page or UN Women Watch's Event page.

**Discriminated Before Birth: sex selection as a form of gender-based violence**

*When:* March 10 | 12:30-2pm  
*Who:* World Vision U.S. and the Armenian Relief Society  
*Where:* The Armenian Convention Center Ballroom 2  
630 2nd Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Alarming data has recently emerged from Eastern Europe indicating an unusual rise in birth masculinity in the Caucasus and the Balkans. Current statistics document some of the highest inequalities in sex ratios at birth globally. Driven by strong son preference, the use of prenatal sex determination technology and declining fertility, this trend hinders progress towards gender equality and has serious social, demographic, and health implications. The panel includes representatives of civil society, academia and the UN. It will provide a comprehensive overview of the problem of sex selection in Eastern Europe, findings from research in the region, as well as examples of practical and effective programme interventions to address this issue.

Panelists include: Dr. Christophe Z. Guilmoto, Senior Fellow in Demography, Institut de Reserche Pour le Developpment, author and lead global researcher on

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Court in The Hague, has released for consultation its new **Draft Policy Paper on Sexual and Gender Based Crimes** (Draft Policy Paper). The Draft Policy Paper is a welcome initiative from the OTP. It provides a platform from which the OTP can contribute to furthering the application of International Criminal Law in ways that are both sensitive and responsive to a gendered understanding of international crimes. If tailored to the needs of males, females, transgendered and inter-sex individuals of variant ages and intersectional characteristics, the full implementation of the Draft Policy Paper has the potential to ensure that a safe and holistic approach is taken to the prosecution of these crimes. Read more [here](http://ow.ly/ucx0C).

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RT @UNWomenWatch "The evidence is clear: equality for women means progress for all." - @UN Chief Ban Ki-moon  
http://ow.ly/ucx0C  
#IWD2014 #womensday
Adolescent Girls: The MDGs’ Missing Link
When: March 10 | 2:30-4:30 pm
Who: The International Center For Research on Women
Where: Hardin Room, Church Center United Nations (CCUN),
at 777 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY

The 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women priority theme focuses on the “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls.” Drawing from recent research under this theme, ICRW and its partners will bring attention to the gaps within the MDGs that failed to adequately address the needs and rights of adolescent girls, even under the banner of MDG 3, on gender equality. The panel discussion will reflect on progress against the only mention of girls in the MDGs; draw attention to key areas of need for the 250 million adolescent girls living in poverty today; question the dearth of progressive policymaking in this space and pose concrete recommendations for the future, post-2015 framework. Recent advocacy tools and research will be showcased, including the 

Girl Declaration and companion report I Know. I Want. I Dream. Girls’ Insights for Building a Better World as well as new research on child marriage. As we anticipate the world’s next development framework, this event will underscore the importance of addressing the needs of adolescent girls, both as an affirmation of girls’ human rights and an indication of their centrality to the achievement of other development goals.

Involving Religious Leaders in Women’s Rights Work: Innovative Practices and Challenges from the Field
When: March 11 | 2:00 - 3:15 pm
Who: Jointly organized by the Women Peacemakers

Org Spotlight: The Foundation for Women

The Foundation for Women (FFW) is a non-profit organization based in Bangkok, Thailand. Founded in 1984, FFW works to protect and promote the rights of women and girls. FFW works to ensure the rights of all women and girls, but particular focus is given to vulnerable populations, such as rural women, women workers, and survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence. Their work involves both advocacy, campaigning for laws and policies that will enhance the legal rights and economic empowerment of women and girls, and direct service, including emergency, legal, and social services for survivors of gender-based violence.

FFW's work is led by the following principles:

- The social position
Program, The City College of New York, Ecumenical Women's Initiative, ABAAD - Resource Centre for Gender Equality, and Cordaid, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN in New York. 

*Where:* Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (NYC) 666 Third Avenue, 19th floor

The panel discussion will highlight challenges and opportunities at play when working with religious leaders for the advancement of the gender equality agenda. The speakers will provide an overview of global trends & developments in terms of religious fundamentalism and efforts undertaken by civil society to address it. The event will showcase three case studies (Balkans, Lebanon, Regional), thereby focusing on innovative practices successes and lessons learned in terms of working for gender equality and women’s rights in religiously diverse as well as (post-)conflict settings. Upon a discussion with the audience, the meeting will conclude with a list of key action recommendations in light of the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

**Empowering Women in Afghanistan: Post 2014 and the Afghan Elections**

*When:* March 11 | 3:00-4:00pm EDT  
*Who:* Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)  
*Where:* Worldwide-webinar

Over the past 12 years, Afghan women have made enormous strides in political empowerment, health, and education, but women’s participation in peace-building and political transition processes in Afghanistan is severely lacking. Additionally, the rights of Afghan women are under continuous attack. As the April 2014 elections in Afghanistan approach, and the U.S. withdraws military troops, it is increasingly important to support policies that empower Afghan women and girls in the post-2014 era. Research and experience increasingly proves that integrating women and gender considerations into peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction helps promote democratic governance and long-term stability. During this highly informative webinar, Michelle Barsa, Senior Manager for Policy at Inclusive Security, will discuss the need for women’s inclusion in Afghanistan political and security transition processes, obstacles and barriers to women’s participation in Afghanistan’s April 2014 elections, interventions to support women increased
political participation, and current U.S. policy aimed to empower and protect women and girls in Afghanistan.

**Women in Peace and Security: Defense, Diplomacy, Development & the Way Ahead**

*When:* March 12 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
*Who:* The William J. Perry Center For Hemispheric Defense Studies  
*Where:* Abraham Lincoln Hall Auditorium, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC 20319  
*Please RSVP to:* CHDSProtocol@ndu.edu  
*Panelists include:* Ambassador Wanda Nesbitt, Vice President, National Defense University; Dr. Rebecca Bill Chavez, Deputy Assistant Director of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs; Dr. Johanna Mendelson Forman, President, Board of Visitors, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation; and Mr. Robert Kravinsky, Director of International Humanitarian Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

**Inclusive Peacemaking: Challenges and Opportunities**

*When:* March 12 | 6:00-8:30pm  
*Who:* International Peace Institute (IPI) and the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)  
*Where:* Trygve Lie Center for Peace, Security & Development, International Peace Institute, 777 United Nations Plaza, 12th Floor (Corner of 1st Avenue and 44th Street)  
*RSVP required to:* agyarkoh@ipinst.org

Between 2000 and 2011, one in five peace agreements failed within the first five years; more faltered or failed within the first decade. It is increasingly acknowledged—and confirmed with quantitative research—that peace processes that include civil society actors are more likely to lead to sustainable peace. The United Nations Guidance for Effective Mediation (2012) highlights inclusivity as a key principle for mediation processes. The UN Security Council reaffirmed the importance of including women civil society actors in peacemaking in Resolution 2122 (2013), building on the agenda set by six previous women, peace and security resolutions. Broad representation in peace and transition processes can lead parties to consider difficult issues not previously on the agenda, energize a stalled process, encourage
choices other than military incentives for a political settlement, increase public buy-in for a negotiated settlement, and strengthen the accountability of belligerent parties to their own societies and each other. Yet contemporary examples from Libya and Syria demonstrate the challenges mediators face in opening processes to new actors, and the difficulties women and civil society actors encounter in having their voices heard. The panel, featuring speakers from Libya and Syria as well as a senior mediator and an international civil society practitioner, will explore the experiences and challenges of inclusive peace processes and the tactics mediators can employ to facilitate more inclusive peacemaking.

**Tenth Annual IP/Gender: Gender and the Regulation of Traditional Knowledge**

*When*: March 20 | 3pm - 5pm  
*Who*: The American University Washington College of Law  
*Where*: American University Washington College of Law  
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC  
Room TBC

In many places, women are deemed to be the most important practitioners of certain old arts and the primary custodians of old ways of knowing, with many cultural "traditions" being passed primarily or exclusively from one generation of women to the next. Therefore, the consequences of introducing IP regimes in this area may have special significance for women and their communities, or may reflect underlying assumptions about gender, women's role in processes of decolonization and development, and the distributive consequences of IP regimes. In coordination with the 2nd Annual Cherry Blossom Symposium: Federal Policy and Traditional Knowledge, this event will focus on the role of women and the effect of gender roles on national and international regulation in the area of traditional knowledge, as that term is broadly understood.

**Leveraging Communication, Social Media & Technology for Policymaking**

*When*: March 21-22  
*Who*: Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN)  
*Where*: Washington, DC

College women - current students, recent graduates
and post-graduate students—considering careers in communications, social media, and technology—will explore the newest career opportunities in this excitingly evolving field. Meet with women professionals in communications and technology who are using the innovations in these fields to influence social and political changes. Develop your professional skills at our salary negotiation and resume writing workshops. Expand your network and connect with women leaders in the communications, technology, and policy world of Washington, D.C. as well as with other young women with similar interests.

Scholarship deadline: February 14, 2014
Registration deadline: February 21, 2014

**Global Refugee Simulation and Conference**

*When:* March 29-30  
*Who:* American Red Cross  
*Where:* Washington, DC

What would you do if you were forced to leave your possessions, your home, and everything you had ever known? Where would you go? Who would you trust? What lengths would you go to in order to keep yourself and your family safe? The Global Refugee Simulation & Conference, taking place March 29-30 in Washington, D.C., will bring this challenge to life for you. For one day, you must fight to survive against impossible odds. You must strive to maintain normalcy while escaping political conflict and violence. The two-day event consists of a Simulation on March 29th coupled with a Digital Conference on March 30th. During the conference portion, issues relating to gender will be addressed.

**Women, drug policy, and incarceration in the Americas**

*When:* March 31 | 2:30 - 5:30pm  
*Who:* Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the OAS, CIM/OAS, IDPC, and the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)  
*Where:* 17th St and Constitution Ave NW, Hall of the Americas, Washington, DC 20006

This roundtable, organized by the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the OAS, CIM/OAS, IDPC, and the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) will explore the increased participation of women in all spheres of the illicit drugs market, as well as the gender dynamics
of their involvement. It will also address the need to rethink the hemispheric approach to the issue from a human rights and gender perspective.

**Western Regional International Health Conference: Uncensored: Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements in Global Health**

*When:* April 4-6  
*Who:* WRIHC Student Committee at the University of Washington  
*Where:* Seattle, Washington

As the 11th annual Western Regional International Health Conference commences, hundreds of students, speakers, and supporters will gather to discuss and engage with the topics of gender, sexuality, and social movements in global health—topics that have previously been overlooked, invisibilized, and even censored.

**Save the Date: The Second Annual Sheikha Fatima Lectureship**

*When:* May 8  
*Who:* United States Institute of Peace  
*Where:* U.S. Institute of Peace  
2301 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington, DC  
RSVP to womenleading4peace@usip.org

In recognition of women as peacebuilders, the United States Institute of Peace has established the Sheikha Fatima Lectureship series around Women at the Table, with the first annual lecture focusing on women as “Messengers” of Peacebuilding. Building lasting peace and security requires women’s participation. In order to create a sustainable peace, women have to be represented at the table. It was through the generosity of Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak Al Ketbi, the wife of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, founder and first president of the United Arab Emirates, that the Institute of Peace has named the north atrium of the headquarters building the “International Women’s Commons” to advance the progress of women as peacemakers.

**Opportunities**

**Jobs**

**Women’s Economic Empowerment Advisor**

*Who:* Uniterra  
*Where:* Blantyre, Malawi
Deadline: March 10

Projects Coordinator
Who: Equidad de Género
Where: Mexico City, Mexico
Deadline: Open until filled

Women’s Protection & Empowerment (WPE) Coordinator
Who: International Rescue Committee
Where: Iraq
Deadline: Open until filled

Operations Manager
Who: GW Global Women’s Institute
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: Open until filled

Internships
Innovation and Strategic Investment Internship
Who: Vital Voices
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: Open until filled

Intern, Regional Programme on Improving Women’s Human Rights in the South East Asia Region
Who: UN Women
Where: Bangkok, Thailand
Deadline: Open until filled

mHealth Intern
Who: PCI
Where: Moradabad, India
Deadline: Open until filled

Other Opportunities
Call for Comment: ICC Policy Paper on Sexual & Gender Based Crimes
Who: Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: February 23

Call for Proposals: Strengthening the Evidence Base for Prevention of Sexual and Intimate Partner (SIPV) Violence in Low and Middle Income Countries
Who: Sexual Violence Research Initiative
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: March 10
Call for Applications: Summer School on Transitional Justice, Addressing Sexual Violence and Gendered Harmin Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings: Addressing Enforcement, Essentialism, and Masculinities
Who: Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster
Where: University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, Jordanstown Campus
Deadline: Applications due March 14; Summer School June 23-27

Call for Applications: Scholars In Residence Program
Who: Beatrice Bain Research Group (BBRG) is the University of California at Berkeley
Where: Berkley, California
Deadline: March 15

Call for Applications: International Internship Grant
Who: Elliott School Graduate Student Career Development
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: March 28
This opportunity is available to current Elliott School graduate students. For more information, email escareer@gwu.edu.

Call for Applications: 2014/2015 Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship
Who: The International Women’s Media Foundation
Where: Cambridge, Massachusetts
Deadline: April 11

Call for Papers: $10,000 Research Award on topic related to Women and Conflict Outcomes
Who: US Naval War College
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: April 15

Call for Papers: The Feminism and Legal Theory Project at 30: A Workshop on Labor and Employment
Who: Emory School of Law
Where: Atlanta, GA
Deadline: April 25-26

Call for Papers: Intimate Partner Violence and Mental Health
Who: Global Health Action and European Journal of Psychotraumatology
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: April 30

**Call for papers: Conference on Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia**
Who: International Conference on Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia
Where: Kolkata, India
Deadline: Abstracts due May 1; Conference November 7-8

**Call for Submissions: Gender Based Violence Science Fair**
Who: Global Women’s Institute and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: June 1

For more national and international job and internship opportunities, visit the Association for Women's Rights in Development's job resource page or the United Nations Jobs on Gender Twitter.

**Resources**

**Exploring the economic empowerment of women in conflict affected areas combining UNSCR 1325, CEDAW, BPFA and MDGs**
This report details cross-regional research exploring the effects of conflict on women's economic livelihood. The study includes data from various world regions: the Asia Pacific Region; Aceh (East Asia) Fiji (the Pacific), Kyrgyzstan (Central Asia), and Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka (South Asia). The findings of the study show the need for the implementation of CEDAW, the BPFA and UNSCR 1325 frameworks.

**Pooling Knowledge on Gender and Planning: A Report of Proceedings**
In 2011, the Planning Commission of India organized a consultation for experts to share best practices for engendering planning policies. This UN Women report summarizes these recommendations and urges implementation.

**Blog Notes**

**Women’s Challenges, and Opportunities, in Yemen**
In Yemen, action is needed to create a constitution that codifies women's rights.
Challenging Child Marriage in India
An innovative program addresses child marriage in India.

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