Global Gender Program Event

What works? Promoting Gender Equality and the Implementation of UNSCr 1325 in Military Operations

When: Wednesday, February 25, 10:00-12:00 pm  
Who: Global Gender Program  
Where: 1957 E St. NW, Washington DC  
Linder Family Commons, 6th floor

Speakers to date: Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, President, Women in International Security; Commandant Jayne Lawlor, Irish Defence Forces Gender, Equality and Diversity Officer; Charlotte Isaksson, Gender Adviser Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe; Robert Egnell, Visiting Professor and Director of Teaching, Security Studies Program, Georgetown University.

Moderator: Professor Aisling Swaine, The George Washington University

The year 2015 marks the 15th Anniversary of the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 which established the women in peace and security agenda. One of the most challenging areas to advance implementation is where it is most needed – within military institutions. With a view to the 2015 anniversary and planned high-level review of the implementation of Resolution 1325, this event convenes experts who will discuss gaps in implementation, what
works, and what should be done going forward.

Light refreshments will be served prior to the event.

Events

Investing When it Counts: Partnering with Very Young Adolescents to Improve Sexual & Reproductive Health

When: Wednesday, February 18, 9:00-10:00 am  
Who: Very Young Adolescent Alliance (VYA)  
Where: Online

Speakers: Danielle Grant, Bob Blum, Kim Ashburn, Chandra Venkatraman, Brad Kerner, Satvika Chalasani, and Danielle Grant

Everyone has been talking about the need to invest in Very Young Adolescents (VYA). Join the crowd and the Very Young Adolescent Alliance to learn about why small investments in adolescents early on can have large payoff.

Sexual Violence in War and Peace: A Case Study

When: February 18, 9:30-11:00 am  
Who: U.S. Institute of Peace  
Where: 2301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC

Speakers: Jelke Boesten, Tani Adams, Kimberly Theidon, Kathleen Kuehnast

Sexual violence during and after violent conflict is increasingly recognized as a threat to international peace and security. Join the U.S. Institute of Peace and Dr. Jelke Boesten on February 18 to discuss the implications of wartime sexual violence on gender and power dynamics through an analysis of the Peruvian armed conflict. Dr. Boesten is the author of the newly published book “Sexual Violence During War and Peace: Gender, Power, and Post-Conflict Justice in Peru.”

This event is part of USIP’s Missing Peace Initiative, family and leads to many residual affects. Abuse can be mental or physical, though often they are seen together. Women are left in a state of self-blame and self-denial. Victims of abuse often feel trapped and without their own power. Communities that often blame the woman for staying or for doing something that instigated the abuse in the first place worsen this.

Tonight is the last night to watch all three videos online from PBS!

To read more and find out how to watch the episodes click here.

Article of Note:

Women's Paid Work and Intimate Partner Violence: Insights from Tanzania

by Seema Vyas, Jessie Mbwambo, and Lori Heise

Theoretical and empirical research provide conflicting views on whether women who do paid work are less at risk from violence by an intimate partner in low- and middle-income countries. Economic household-bargaining models propose increased access to monetary resources will enhance women’s “agency” and hence their bargaining power within the household, which reduces their vulnerability to
which aims to connect practitioners and academics on work relating to preventing sexual violence. Dr. Boesten will make keynote remarks and then join an expert panel discussion on the impact of sexual violence in conflict.

Dr. Roselyn E. Epps

When: Wednesday, Feb 18, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Who: Woman's National Democratic Club
Where: 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Please join us for a presentation by Dr. Roselyn E. Epps at the Club for Black History Month. She will speak about her mother, Dr. Roselyn Payne Epps and her involvement with Girls Inc. Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, providing more than 138,000 girls across the U.S. and Canada with life-changing experiences and real solutions to the unique issues girls face.

Girls Inc. informs policymakers about girls' needs locally and nationally. The organization educates the media about critical issues facing girls. In addition, the organization teaches girls how to advocate for themselves and their communities, using their voices to promote positive change.

Data2X and the Gender Data Revolution

When: Wednesday, February 18, 2:00-1:30 pm
Who: World Bank Group
Where: 1818 H St. NW, Washington DC
World Bank Headquarters, MC13-121

Created by former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Data2X is an exciting initiative that aims to build new partnerships to improve data collection and demonstrate how better data on the status of women and girls can guide policy, leverage investments, and inform global development priorities. A light lunch will be provided.

WIIS-GWU Mentoring Roundtable featuring Dr. Esther Brimmer

To go to the article click here.

LGBT Progress @LGBTProgress
Nearly half of trans clients age 18+ at homeless shelters have left a program due to poor treatment according to
**When:** Wednesday, February 18, 2:00-3:00 pm  
**Who:** Women in International Security  
**Where:** RSVP for more information: michsc@gwmail.gwu.edu

Join Women in International Security (WIIS) WIIS-GWU for a mentoring roundtable featuring Dr. Esther Brimmer! Dr. Brimmer will share her experience in the international affairs field and answer questions students have about their career paths. This event is available to all undergraduate and graduate students.

**Smart Women, Smart Power: The Future of Afghanistan**

**When:** Wednesday, February 18, 5:30-6:30 pm  
**Who:** Center for Strategic and International Studies  
**Where:** 1616 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington DC

Speakers: Rula Ghani, Nina Easton

Please join us on February 18 for the next event in the Smart Women, Smart Power series, featuring Rula Ghani, the First Lady of Afghanistan. Nina Easton, Senior Associate, CSIS, Editor and Columnist, Fortune, and Chair, Most Powerful Women International, will serve as the moderator for the event.

Smart Women, Smart Power features a speaker series and associated multimedia campaign designed to amplify the voices of women leaders in international business, foreign affairs, and security policy.

**Lisa Green: event and book signing**

**When:** Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm  
**Who:** Sixth & I Historic Synagogue  
**Where:** 600 I St. NW, Washington DC

Are you a woman who prides herself on being responsible? If you exercise, lean in, wear sunscreen, check homework, call your parents and cleanse, are you also prepared for life’s legal challenges?

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**Org Spotlight:**

**Casa Ruby**

Casa Ruby is the only grassroots multicultural LGBT center that provides bilingual services for DC’s Latino community members. Focusing on Latina transgender women and immigrants, Casa Ruby addresses the needs of some of the most vulnerable members of DC’s LGBT community. As many LGBT organizations focus their work on lesbians, gays and bisexuals, the specific needs of the transgender community often fall by the wayside. Casa Ruby is a unique organization as it is a particularly welcoming space for transgender and other gender nonconforming people. At Casa Ruby, intersectionality is key. The organization is attuned to the intersection of factors including sexuality, gender identity, ethnicity, legal and socioeconomic status that lead to varying degrees of marginalization.

Women count on other women for advice on health, work and family issues. But for women who don’t have ready access to a trusted lawyer, Lisa steps in to identify the all-too-common problems women face and those the law can help solve. Book signing to follow.

**WIIS-GWU Mentoring Roundtable featuring Dean Michael Brown**

*When:* Thursday, February 19, 4:00-5:00 pm  
*Who:* Women in International Security  
*Where:* RSVP for more information: michsc@gwmail.gwu.edu

Join Women in International Security (WIIS)-GWU for a mentoring roundtable featuring Dean Michael Brown! Dean Brown will share his experience in the international affairs field and answer questions students have about their career paths. This event is available to all undergraduate and graduate students.

**Child Marriage Amid Disaster and Conflict**

*When:* Friday, February 20, 12:00-1:30 pm  
*Who:* Council on Foreign Relations  
*Where:* 1777 F St. NW, Washington DC

The David Rockefeller Studies program presents a meeting of the Roundtable Series on Women and Foreign Policy, including Leora Ward (Women’s Protection and Empowerment Technical Advisor, International Rescue Committee) and Gayle Tzemach Lemmon (Senior Fellow for Women and Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations). To attend, please contact
Ms. Hannah Chartoff at 212.434.9673 or by email at hchartoff@cfr.org.

**Lorraine Hansberry and the Risks of Black Feminism at Mid-Century**

*When:* Tuesday, February 24, 12:00-1:30 pm  
*Who:* Global Women’s Institute  
*Where:* 2201 G St. NW, Washington DC  
GW Duques Hall, #553

Professor Erin D. Chapman of the History Department will present for the February installment of the GWI Faculty Research Luncheon series. Focusing on the words and political commitments of playwright Lorraine Hansberry, Professor Chapman will explore the complexity of mid-20th century black feminism and the risks involved in its articulation.

**Introducing the Violence Against Women Self-Assessment Tool: Reflections on Facilitating Reflectiveness**

*When:* Tuesday, February 24, 12:00-1:00 pm  
*Who:* International Center for Research on Women  
*Where:* 1120 20th St. NW, Washington DC  
Suite 500 North

Join ICRW for a lunchtime launch event for this new product at ICRW’s DC headquarters. In addition to introducing the print and online versions of the Self-Assessment Tool, ICRW staff will model the same reflectiveness the tool aims to prompt by openly sharing the ups and downs of writing, testing, revising, and disseminating this new product.

**Beijing+20: Gender, Power and Decision-Making**

*When:* Tuesday, February 24, 12:30-2:00 pm  
*Who:* Society for International Development  
*Where:* 455 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC  
8th Floor
Speakers: Sandra Pepera, Susan Markham, Jessica Huber, Aaron Azelton, Jennifer Collins-Foley, Cristina Manfre

On February 24, the SID GID Beijing+20 discussion series continues with a conversation on Point G: "Women in Power and Decision-Making," co-hosted with the National Democratic Institute and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems. The discussion will begin with an exploration of progress made since 1995 toward women’s equal and active participation in power structures and decision-making, as well as their capacity to participate in decision-making and leadership.

Panelists will comment on the best practices that have evolved and moved women forward in the political sphere since 1995, as well as on emerging issues and future opportunities. The frameworks of international development work are shifting and being reshaped; these frameworks, like the Sustainable Development Goals, offer new opportunities for women in politics. The panel will explore how current and proven strategies can be built upon and carried forward, and how a more integrated, inclusive approach to democracy development might provide greater opportunity to achieving sustainable development overall.

**Yemeniettes: Screening and Discussion**

*When:* Tuesday, February 24, 5:00-7:00 pm  
*Who:* The Institute for Middle East Studies  
*Where:* 1957 E St. NW, Washington DC  
Lindner Family Commons, Room 602

Yemeniettes follows a team of teenage girls from Sana’a as they strive to break barriers of traditional Yemeni society through entrepreneurship. From the creation of an innovative solar energy project to its submission in the national competition and their eventual participation in the pan-Arab entrepreneurship competition in Qatar, the film explores the trials and tribulations the girls face along the way. Set against the backdrop of a country marked with weak economic policies, a struggling political
infrastructure and a dangerous Al-Qaeda presence, Yemeniettes surveys issues of youth unemployment, underemployment, education, drug abuse and demographic pressures. It brings to the screen a part of the world that is often overlooked while maintaining a message of hope and triumph.

**Women's Political Rights: Gender Violence in Politics in the Framework of International Women's Day**

*When:* Wednesday, February 25, 2:00 pm  
*Who:* Inter-American Commission of Women  
*Where:* 1700 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC OAS Hall of the Americas

A round-table discussion for International Women's Day. The discussion seeks to strengthen the response to political violence against women and to promote women's political rights.

To see the agenda click [here](#).

**Imbibe and Empower**

*When:* Wednesday, February 25, 6:30-9:30 pm  
*Who:* FAIR Girls  
*Where:* 1115 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD Denizens Brewing Co.

Join for this fun, casual event and sample a variety of locally produced craft beers at Denizens Brewing Co, a new woman-owned brewery in downtown Silver Spring.

Proceeds will go towards our new “Dare to Thrive” youth leadership program, uniquely designed for survivors of sex trafficking. Through life-skills workshops on financial literacy, self-care and job readiness, the program inspires young women to thrive, not just survive. Your support will help empower them to lead happy, independent lives free from exploitation.

**Re:Gender Annual Benefit**

*When:* Monday March 9,
This fun evening provides a meaningful way to support Re:Gender’s work and celebrate leaders from different sectors who are bringing us closer to a society in which all sexes, gender identities and sexualities are fully embraced.

Honorees: Mary Byron, Wendy Ettinger, The Honorable Shirley Franklin, Barbara Jordan, Lyndon Baines Johnson, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, and Amy Ziering

Master of Ceremonies: Adaora Udoji

Access to Energy as a Key Driver of Gender Equality

When: Thursday, March 12, 1:00-6:00 pm
Who: the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, ENERGIA, and the International Center for Research on Women
Where: 212 E 42nd St. New York, NY
Westin Grand Central, Madison Ballroom

Panelists will discuss how access to energy has a wide variety of health, social, economic, and livelihood impacts for women and girls, and how these benefits directly contribute to gender equality. Panelists will also discuss scaling women’s entrepreneurship and empowerment throughout the value chain in order to scale adoption of clean energy technologies and fuels.

These presentations and panel discussions will demonstrate that access to energy is a critical global gender issue cutting across several topics in the Beijing Platform for Action and present concrete ideas and solutions on how to integrate access to energy into gender equality advocacy efforts, particularly within existing international processes such as Beijing+20, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the UNFCCC Conference of Parties.

This event will also commemorate International Women’s
Day and CSW59/Beijing+20 and feature a technology exhibition to raise awareness about the wide variety of household energy products available in the developing world.

**Early Bird Registration for the 11th Annual National Young Feminist Leadership Conference**

*When:* March 21-23  
*Who:* NYFLC  
*Where:* 300 Army Navy Dr. Arlington, VA Doubletree Inn

You won’t want to miss out on this year’s NYFLC, which will cover topics ranging from global women's rights to reproductive justice to campus organizing tips, and events will feature campus activists, feminist and political leaders, and other public figures. You’ll have the chance to take action, get inspired, network with other activists, and even grab some feminist gear or explore the nation’s capital. Early Bird rates are $25 for individuals and $20 per person for groups of five or more people. After Early Bird Registration closes, those rates will go up - so don’t hesitate!

**Exploring an Expanded Spectrum of Conflict-Time Violence Against Women**

*When:* Tuesday, March 31, 2:00-1:30 pm  
*Who:* Global Women’s Institute  
*Where:* 800 21st St. NW, Washington DC Marvin Center, #403

As the March installment of the GWI Faculty Research Luncheon Series, Aisling Swaine will discuss her paper: "An Expanded Spectrum of Conflict-time Violence Against Women". Using empirical research from case studies in Northern Ireland, Liberia and Timor-Leste, this paper examines variations in violence against women across these contexts, specifically exploring forms of violence that sit outside the strategic political sexualized violence frame, to document and analyze the ways that private individualistic forms of violence take place during and are
influenced by conflict across the three case studies.

**Chilean Women in the Global Value Chain**

*When:* Tuesday, April 21, 12:00-1:30 pm  
*Who:* Global Women's Institute  
*Where:* 800 21st St. NW, Washington DC  
   Marvin Center, #403

Dr. Ivy Ken will explore the gender implications of private governance in the supply of school food in Chile. School food in Chile is big business. The nation has been recognized as having one of the five most efficient school feeding programs in the world, providing breakfast and lunch for 2.3 million students each day. This efficiency, though, hinges on the use of a popular model that allows one-third of the country's public school lunch programs to be auctioned to private food service companies. These private food companies are thus vaulted up in the global value chain, concentrating their power. Decreasing this private sector involvement and facilitating the direct availability of local and regional farmers' products for children's school meals is a formidable challenge. Dr. Ken's research investigates how women in agricultural production fare within this system.

**WILPF 2015 Conference**  
**Uniting a Global Movement of Women’s Power to Stop War**

*When:* Monday, April 27-Wednesday, April 29  
*Who:* WILPF International  
*Where:* World Forum, The Hague, Netherlands

100 years after over 1300 of WILPF's founding women first came together in The Hague in protest of World War I, we still live in a world where women’s voices and experiences are excluded, bringing continued violence and war. We know now what we knew then, that only when we analyse conflict from a gender perspective, integrating disarmament, human rights, the environment, social justice, and the women, peace and security agenda holistically will we be able to eradicate the root
causes of conflict.

In 2015, at our International Conference and by connecting, strengthening and celebrating the work of all women peacemakers across the world, WILPF will once again be as progressive in our security analysis and aim to establish new and radical approaches on how to stop and prevent wars and establish principles of permanent peace.

8th annual Summer School on Transitional Justice

*When:* Monday, June 22-Friday, June 26  
*Who:* The Transitional Justice Institute (TJI)  
*Where:* Ulster University, Belfast Lough, Northern Ireland

Transitional Justice theme on Gendering the Practices of Post-Conflict Resolution: Investigations, Reparations and Communal Repair

The Summer School will be held at the Jordanstown campus of the Ulster University, located on the north shore of Belfast Lough, Northern Ireland. The Summer School is a week-long residential course, consisting of a series of interactive lectures, workshops and roundtable discussions. It is aimed at both postgraduate students and practitioners working in the field of transitional justice and human rights.

The academic component of the summer school is also complemented by a social programme which provides the opportunity for participants to get to know a little about the local area. A number of social events such as: a murals tour in Belfast, film screenings and a Summer School dinner at Belfast Castle are included in the programme.

International Gender Conference in DEV

*When:* Monday, July 6 - Wednesday, July 8  
*Who:* University of East Anglia  
*Where:* Norwich, England  
Julian Study Centre

The increasing evidence for rising inequalities across
developing and developed countries has left us with a deepening concern about where this leaves gender relations, with new questions about directions of change and the new forms that gender inequalities may take in the years to come, and the challenges this will pose for development and social justice. It feels like an important moment for gender analysts to take stock and to look forward.

To engage with these issues, DEV will be holding an international conference on Gender Relations and Rising Inequalities at the UEA, and are seeking papers and panel convenors.

6th FPR-UCLA Interdisciplinary Conference

When: October 23-24
Who: FPR
Where: UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS:
Sari van Anders, Arthur Arnold, Tom Boellstorff, Lisa Diamond, Anne Fausto-Sterling, Daniel Fessler, Matthew Gutmann, Gilbert Herdt, Melissa Hines, Kathy Huang, Marcia Inhorn, Hillard Kaplan, Robert Lemelson, Michael Peletz, Sarah Richardson, James Rilling, Alice Wexler, Carol Worthman

TOPICAL FOCUS:
Gender and related areas, from biological, cultural, and social or environmental perspectives.

EARLY Registration ENDS on June 30, 2015
• Afterwards, LATE registration, with higher registration fees.

Opportunities

Jobs
Programme Specialist, P3, Non-core Global Funds Management Unit
When: February 17
**Senior Director (Social and Gender Assessment), MC, 301-2d**
*Who: UNFPA*
*Where: Washington, DC*
*When: February 18*

*Who: Millennium Challenge Corporation*
*Where: Washington, DC*
*When: February 18*

**Technical Advisor, RH, Cairo, P5**
*Who: UNFPA*
*Where: Washington, DC*
*When: February 18*

**Gender and Girls’ Education Senior Advisor, US Citizens Only**
*Who: USAID*
*Where: Washington, DC*
*When: February 23*

**Economist- Extended Term Consultant**
*Who: World Bank Group*
*Where: Washington, DC*
*When: March 15*

"*Email CV and Cover letter to Brittany Hill*

**Gender and Social Empowerment Associate Director**
*Who: Women for Women International*
*Where: Kenya*
*When: Open until filled*

**Senior Program Officer for Family Planning Research & Implementation**
*Who: Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University*
*Where: Washington, DC*
*When: Open until filled*

**Women's Protection and Empowerment Senior Research Manager**
*Who: IRC*
*Where: DR Congo*
*When: Open until filled*
Senior Program Officer for Family Planning Research & Implementation
*When:* Open until filled
*Who:* Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University
*Where:* Washington, DC

Gender Specialist
*When:* Open until filled
*Who:* Banyan Global
*Where:* Mozambique

Sexual and Reproductive Health Specialist
*When:* Open until filled
*Who:* ICRW
*Where:* Washington, DC

Director of Girls and Women Integration
*When:* Open until filled
*Who:* Clinton Foundation
*Where:* New York, NY

Temporary Data Manager/ Research Assistant
*When:* Open until filled
*Who:* ICRW
*Where:* Washington, DC

Senior Technical Advisor, Reproductive Health
*When:* Open until filled
*Who:* IRC
*Where:* New York, NY

Adolescent Girls Legal Defense Fund Program Manager
*When:* Open until filled
*Who:* Equality Now
*Where:* New York, NY

Director of Marketing Strategy
*When:* Open until filled
*Who:* Generation Opportunity
*Where:* Washington, DC
**Client Solutions Manager**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* BlueLabs  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Director, HIV and TB Programs**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* Population Services International  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Associate Director, Prospect Research and Strategy**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* Atlantic Council  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* International Sector for Research on Women  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Associate Director, Monitoring, Research, and Evaluation**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* Women for Women International  
*Where:* Kenya

**Internships**

**Various Summer Internships**
*Who:* Institute for Women's Policy Research  
*Where:* Washington, DC  
*Deadline:* February 28

**Mariam K. Chamberlain Fellowship in Women and Public Policy**
*Who:* Institute for Women's Policy Research  
*Where:* Washington, DC  
*Deadline:* February 28

**Livelihoods Intern**
*Who:* Pact  
*Where:* Washington, DC  
*Deadline:* Rolling

**East Asia - PRC Foreign Policy Internship**
**Whom:** Stimson Center  
**Where:** Washington, DC  
**Deadline:** Rolling

**Development and Engagement Intern**  
**Who:** Vital Voices  
**Where:** Washington, DC  
**Deadline:** Rolling

**Other Opportunities**

**Call for Contributions: Gender & Development**  
**Who:** OXFAM  
**Where:** Global  
**Deadline:** March 7

**Call for Expressions of Interest: Expert briefing on India and gender, peace and security**  
**Who:** Saferworld  
**Where:** Global  
**Deadline:** March 9

**8th Annual Summer School on Transitional Justice**  
**Who:** Transitional Justice Institute (TJI)  
**Where:** Belfast, Northern Ireland  
**Deadline:** March 13

**Call for Submissions: Special Issue on Gender and Leadership**  
**Who:** Leadership Quarterly  
**Where:** New York, NY  
**Deadline:** March 31

**Call for Papers: Special Issue on Perpetrators**  
**Who:** The Journal of Human Trafficking  
**Where:** Worldwide  
**Deadline:** April 3

**Call for abstracts - SVRI Forum 2015: Innovation and Intersections**  
**Who:** Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)  
**Where:** South Africa  
**Deadline:** April 30
Research on the Health of LGBTI Populations (R21)
Who: National Institutes of Health
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: May 8

2nd Annual Mariam K. Chamberlain Dissertation Award
Who: Re:Gender
Where: United States
Deadline: May 22

6th FPR-UCLA Interdisciplinary Conference
Who: FPR
Where: UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
Deadline: June 30

Sexual Assault Survivor’s Group
Who: University Counseling Center
Where: University Counseling Center, Marvin Center (Ground Floor)
When: Every Friday, 2:00-4:00 pm

This new group is for women who have experienced sexual assault. You may have faced unique struggles and challenges and you are not alone. Join the University Counseling Center to experience a safe, supportive, and confidential environment where you can share your experiences and learn healthy ways of coping.

This group combines a self-defense course and group counseling in order to empower women and allow for room to process and grow.

If you are interested in the group, please call the UCC at 202-994-5300 *OR* Email :Lara Kassoff, Ph.D. at kassoff@gwu.edu, or Meghan Horn, M.A., at meghanhorn@gwu.edu.

East Africa Women’s Mentoring Network
This is an online platform that will match, support, and guide a one-year relationship between a mentor and a mentee. We are calling upon women leaders who have worked in family planning and reproductive health as service providers, midwives, program managers, policy makers, teachers, advocates, and other relevant
positions to support the aspirations of younger women. We are seeking mentees interested in learning from seasoned professionals and mentors with experience, wisdom, and enthusiasm.

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

Information networks among women and men and the demand for an agricultural technology in India

IFPRI

Although there is ample evidence of differences in how and where men and women acquire information, most research on learning and household decision making only considers access to information for a single, typically male, household head. This assumption may be problematic in developing-country agriculture, where women play a fundamental role in farming. Using gender-dis-aggregated social network data from Uttar Pradesh, India, we analyze agricultural information networks among men and women. We test for gender-specific network effects on demand for laser land leveling—a resource-conserving technology—using data from a field experiment that combines a Becker-DeGroot-Marschak (BDM) auction with a lottery. We find that factors determining male and female links are similar, although there is little overlap between male and female networks. We find some evidence of female network effects on household technology demand, although male network effects are clearly stronger. Public and private efforts to promote technological change in smallholder agriculture often rely on social networks to transmit information across large numbers of farmers. Our results indicate that extension services can leverage female networks in order to reach more households when promoting new
Breaking Ground: Treaty Monitoring Bodies on Reproductive Rights

This annual publication summarizes the jurisprudence from United Nations treaty monitoring bodies—the experts charged with monitoring implementation of the international human rights treaties—on reproductive rights, particularly the standards on maternal health care, abortion, and contraception. It is intended to provide treaty body experts and human rights advocates with succinct, accessible information on the most up-to-date standards on reproductive rights being adopted across treaty monitoring bodies. It will be updated each year to reflect current trends.

Blog Notes

Asia-Pacific Analysis: Asia’s Invisible Women Farmers

Women hold up half the sky, so goes the Chinese saying. Yet in the developing countries of Asia, they do not get half the credit for it. In the field of agriculture, women have been especially invisible to scientists.

“The work women do, no matter where it is, doesn’t count. If the work goes unpaid, it is ‘housework’, and if it is paid, it is simply ‘farm labour’. Neither term recognises the true value of the contributions women make to the food-producing capacity of Asia,” say social scientists Michael Collinson and Hilary Sims Feldstein, who produced a gender study on rice farming systems for the Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centers (CGIAR). [1,2]

Yet, both stress: “Women are major participants in the rice growing regions of Asia. In Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, women provide up to half the labour input
"In India and Bangladesh, women do as much as 80 per cent of the work.

**Africa: She Leads Africa - Setting Up Women for Success**

NECESSITY is the mother of invention, it is said. This proverb aptly captures the journey towards creation of financial services site kenyacompare.com.

When 29 year old Tamara Nerima relocated to Kenya from the UK, she had a hard time finding the right bank account to open. Nerima found it rather cumbersome to physically visit banks to seek information that would help her to pick a suitable bank.

"In the UK all you had to do was go online, select what services you need from a bank and many options would pop out," says the young businesswoman.

The inconveniences she underwent while seeking a proper financial service provider to suit her needs is what prompted her to launch the website kenyacompare.com in partnership with a friend.

Despite the technology sector being dominated by men, Nerima and her partner mustered the courage, hired a developer to work on their website and are now making money, assisting banks and insurance companies get customers.