

# Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights

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## **CONFERENCES, TRAININGS, LECTURES, AND EVENTS**

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**1. "Shadow Lives: The Forgotten Women of the War on Terror," Presentation by Victoria Brittain**, sponsored by the Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights, UMB Department of Political Science and UMB Honors Program

Victoria Brittain, journalist and former editor at the Guardian, has authored or co-authored two plays and four books. She will be speaking on her latest book, *Shadow Lives: The Forgotten Women of the War on Terror* that has just been published.

**Event Date: April 9, 2013, 2:00-4:00 PM**

**Location: Quinn Building, Third Floor, Chancellor's Conference Room, University of Massachusetts Boston**

To register, email: [rsvpconsortiumevent@umb.edu](mailto:rsvpconsortiumevent@umb.edu)

**2. "Advancing Women's Civil Society Organizations in Security Sector Reform,"** United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC

Despite increasing recognition of the importance of women's participation in security sector reform (SSR), women in civil society remain sidelined in dialogues about security, and women's experiences continue to be overlooked. How can communities, especially women in civil society, be a part of making the security sector more effective and democratically accountable? Specifically, what role can women play in advancing a productive relationship between civil society and the security sector? What obstacles do they face and how can they be overcome?

The U.S. Institute of Peace, in partnership with The Institute for Inclusive Security and the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), will host an expert panel to discuss the relationship between women in civil society and the security sector. This discussion will occur in conjunction with the recent publication, "A Women's Guide to Security Sector Reform," co-authored by DCAF and The Institute for Inclusive Security. The panel will consider practical steps and tools that women in civil society can use to participate in dialogues on security, drawing on women's experiences in Afghanistan, Liberia, Libya, Serbia, Tunisia, and elsewhere.

**Event Date: April 10, 2013, 9:30 AM**

**Location: U.S. Institute of Peace Headquarters, 2301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20037**

To register, visit: <http://www.usip.org/>

NOTE: This event will be webcast

### **3. "Gender and Climate Change," Gender and Disaster Webinar Series, Gender and Disaster Resilience Alliance and EPI Global**

This online webinar will include two presentations. Elaine Enarson will present on "Meeting climate challenges in the US and beyond: Building on women's leadership." Following a brief overview of gender and climate policy, the discussion will focus on gender, mitigation, and adaptation with attention to women's grassroots and professional leadership. While the presentation focuses on women in the United States, participants are warmly invited to share international experiences and global strategies for linking gender justice, climate justice, and disaster risk reduction. Cecilia Castro Garcia will present on "The mainstreaming of social & gender equality as a measure of "mitigation" of risks or adaptation to climate change in urban areas in the Valley of Mexico." The presentation offers a practical example, examining the perspective of citizen initiatives vs. recent federal housing policies and their disassociation with the Cities Initiative on Climate Change in the Valley of Mexico in the last two decades. What worked for women and families? What did not and why?

**Event Date: April 10, 2013, 1:00 PM EST**

To register, visit: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/>

### **4. "Gendered Rites/Gendered Rights: Sex Segregation, Religious Practice, and Public Life," Conference at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA**

Many religious traditions prescribe different roles for men and women in religious practice and public life. These forms of sex segregation are often at odds with civic society's ideals of gender equality, as well as with its legal requirements. Honoring both women's right to equality and the importance of cultural and religious traditions, this conference, hosted by the HBI Project on Gender, Culture, Religion, and the Law (GCRL), will explore the historical roots and theoretical justifications for sex segregation while striving to identify appropriate and effective responses to it.

**Event date: April 14-15, 2013**

**Location: Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 02453**

For more information, visit: <http://www.brandeis.edu/>

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## 5. "E-learning Courses," Human Rights Education Associates

HREA is pleased to announce upcoming e-learning courses on gender equality and women's empowerment. These e-learning courses are generally six weeks in duration and involve approximately 50 hours of reading, interaction with participants and instructors on discussion boards, webinars, quizzes and other assignments. The courses will be offered in April through July 2013.

"Monitoring Women's Rights" will be offered April 24-June 4. This e-learning course is an introduction to documenting and monitoring women's human rights and gender equality, including sexual and gender based violence, women in situations of armed conflict, education, political rights and freedoms, and special protection measures.

"Women, Peace and Security" will be offered June 12-July 23. This e-learning course provides participants with an understanding of how a gender lens is critical to all elements of peacebuilding, conflict resolution and recovery work, initiatives and policy.

**Course Dates: April 24-July 23, 2013**

To register, visit: <http://www.hrea.org/>

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## 6. "2013 Women and International Policy Seminar," The Public Leadership Education Network, Washington, DC

Learn about American foreign policy from women who work, every day, on issues that make the news. These are women Members of Congress, diplomats and State Department leaders, officials with international organizations, think tank experts, and corporate and nonprofit advocates. You'll hear from women in the early years of their careers and from seasoned professionals at the highest levels. They'll tell you - and answer your questions - about the varied ways to be involved in international affairs, how to get started on a career, how to balance professional and personal lives, and many other topics that may influence your academic and career decisions.

**Registration Deadline: April 26, 2013**

**Event date: May 20-24, 2013**

**Location: Washington, DC**

To register, visit: <https://event-wizard.com/>

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## 7. "Gender Training Workshop," Gender Equality Incorporated and Mosaic.net International Inc., University of Ottawa, Canada

Organizations, programmes and projects are increasingly being asked to develop gender equality policies and strategies that seek to provide women and men with equal opportunities and ensure that their interventions are gender-sensitive or at the very least do not reinforce inequities. The gender training workshop seeks to provide workshop participants with core concepts, gender analytic frameworks and gender strategies that can improve the effectiveness of your organization, programmes and projects in working with vulnerable and marginalized women and men, boys and girls. The workshop will move you beyond the theory to apply in practical and useful ways gender analysis and gender sensitive strategies to your organization and its programmes and projects to achieve greater social justice, development and peace.

**Event date: July 15-19, 2013**

**Location: University of Ottawa, Canada**

To register, visit: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/>

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **8. Peace and Security Fellowship for African Women, African Leadership Centre**

The Fellowships bring together African women in the early stages of their careers to undertake a carefully designed training programme in conflict, security and development. This training is followed by an attachment to an African Regional Organisation or a Centre of Excellence to acquire practical experience in the field of peace and security. It is intended that this project will train African women to develop a better understanding of African peace and security issues, in order to increase their participation in conflict management processes and other areas of security concerns for Africans.

The Peace and Security Fellowship Programme for African Women is designed to expose young professional African women to the complexities of conflict, security and development. The exposure is to equip them for careers in this field by developing their expertise to generate African-led ideas and processes of change for addressing challenges on the African continent. The Fellowships especially aim to ground this expertise on peace and security in the pursuit of excellence and integrity.

This is a one-year Fellowship, divided into two 6-month phases. The first phase will be delivered at the ALC in Nairobi and King's College London. During the training, the Fellows will be encouraged to engage critically with the discourse on conflict, security and development in Africa. They will also visit and study institutions working in the field of peace and security in Africa and Europe. This phase will end with a simulation seminar series during which mock conflict management situations will be practiced. In the second phase, Fellows will be attached to an African regional organisation or Centre of Excellence to undertake practical work in the field of peace and security including peace and conflict management processes.

**Application Deadline: April 19, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/>

### **9. Women Peace Makers Program, The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, CA**

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) at the University of San Diego in California, is currently accepting applications for its Women Peace Makers Program (WPM). The WPM program is designed for leaders from conflict-affected countries around the world who are transforming conflict and assuring gender-inclusion in post conflict recovery through the human rights advocacy and peace building efforts they lead. These are women whose stories and best practices will be shared internationally; they are women who will have a respite from the frontlines work they do.

Four Women Peace Makers are selected each year to spend two months in residence at the Institute. They will receive a small stipend while having their unique peacemaking stories documented, through both film and narratives that will be available to inspire others around the world. Women Peace Makers in residence will have the opportunity to engage with the community through a series of public forums and to meet with other

activists and leaders involved in human rights, political action and peacemaking efforts. Following the residency, alumnae will be linked through a global and a regional network to project gender-inclusive peacebuilding expertise locally, regionally and internationally.

Four Peace Writers are selected each year to partner with and document the stories of Women Peace Makers (WPMs) for publication. Writers will interview one WPM and engage in extensive research to become familiar with the history of her conflict and peacemaking efforts.

**Peace Makers Application Deadline: May 1, 2013**

**Peace Writers Application Deadline: May 8, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://www.sandiego.edu/>

## **10. PhD Studentship: Political Spaces, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick**

The Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick is pleased to announce a competition for two PhD studentships in the broad area of Political Spaces. These department-funded scholarships are aimed at candidates starting their PhD in PAIS in 2013, or possibly 2014.

The successful candidates should have an interest in questions around political spaces, including topics relating to borders, territory, security, sovereignty, sanctuary, migration, mobility, urban politics, biopolitics, geopolitics, globalisation and nationalism. Projects utilising approaches from poststructuralist political thought are particularly welcome.

This doctoral research will form part of PAIS's programme to consolidate the study of political spaces, which is a growing research area in the department and across the University more broadly. The successful candidate will be supervised by Professor Stuart Elden, who is joining the department in September 2013, and another member of staff in PAIS. In addition to pursuing their own doctoral research, the holder of the Fellowship will be expected under Prof Elden's direction to form part of a research team and provide assistance in a range of activities to promote research on political spaces.

**Application Deadline: May 31, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/>

## **JOB OPENINGS AND INTERNSHIPS**

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### **11. Gender Specialist, UNFPA, Kabul, Afghanistan**

Under the overall guidance of the Representative and the direct supervision and guidance of Deputy Representative, the Gender Specialist will be responsible for providing technical support, strategic advice and substantive backstopping to partners in relevant government agencies and civil society in the areas of gender equality programming within the context of Country Programme implementation.

The Gender Specialist will contribute to capacity building of NPO, NPPP and NPA working within the Gender Unit of the Country Office and will advocate for the mainstreaming of gender into all programme activities pursued by the Country Office.

The Gender Specialist will interact, cooperate and identify opportunities for close coordination and cooperation with other UN entities and interested third parties in the area of gender.

Furthermore, the Gender Specialist will lead and supervise the Gender Unit at UNFPA Afghanistan. The Gender Specialist is expected to guide national staff and provide substantive support in development of projects and programmes and solicit donor funding in closely working with the supervisor.

**Application Deadline: April 9, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://awid.org/>

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## **12. Internship: The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, New York, NY**

The internship is 70 per cent research, 30 per cent organizational and administrative responsibilities. The intern will be required to: conduct research for GNWP's 2013 in-country monitoring of UNSCR 1325 report (Women Count) (based on area/region of interest); assist in preparations for the 13th anniversary of UNSCR 1325 in October 2013; communicate with network members and assist them with the 2013 monitoring report; other tasks as they come up; work in a supportive, inclusive atmosphere.

The internship is partly virtual and you may be working from home part of the time. All interns work as part of a multi-disciplinary team but are given substantial autonomy in the area that they have been assigned. Some administrative work will be required.

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://awid.org/>

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## **13. Senior Program Officer, Livelihoods in Emergencies, Women's Refugee Commission, New York, NY**

The WRC will undertake a year-long project focused on ensuring livelihood programs implemented during emergencies are effective and safe for participants, that they do not heighten risks of sexual and gender-based violence but, in fact, help to mitigate those risks. The Program Officer will conduct assessments of livelihood programs implemented during emergencies, review partner NGOs proposals to see how protection and risk mitigation are included, and develop field guidance for emergency responders, humanitarian practitioners and donors.

**Application Deadline: April 30, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://womensrefugeecommission.org/>

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## **14. Program Officer, The International Women's Health Coalition, New York, NY**

The Program Officer works with the Director of International Partnerships and as part of the overall IWHC Program team to identify, support and strengthen local non-governmental organizations (NGO) and leaders in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. S/he contributes to the design and implementation of a grants and technical assistance program; seeks and cultivates partnerships with leaders and leading organizations; maintains substantive knowledge of issues, policies and networks; writes and presents on a

variety of topics; and collaborates closely with other IWHC program staff on policy work at the international and regional levels and in Washington DC. IWHC values teamwork and engages staff across functions; the Program Officer will therefore be expected to contribute to IWHC's overall programmatic and organizational development.

**Application Deadline: April 30, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://awid.org/>

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### **15. Senior Lecturer/Reader/Professor in the Political Ecology of Development, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, England**

The Department of Development Studies invites applications for a Senior Lecturer or Reader or Professor, starting as soon as possible or no later than 1st September 2013.

The successful candidate should have a strong publications and teaching record in political ecology and in development. They will coordinate, supervise and participate in the design and writing of new and revised courses and will perform a key role in developing and launching the new MSc Political Ecology of Development. Subsequently, they will play a key role in the development of a BA programme.

The department will assess candidates in terms of potential as much as demonstrable experience and it will be especially interested in clear evidence that candidates will want to play a full role in the life and running of the department over time. The successful candidate will complement the work of the department in terms of thematic expertise and regional/geographical specialisation.

**Application Deadline: April 30, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://jobs.soas.ac.uk/>

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### **16. Senior Lecturer/Reader/Professor in Gender and Development, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, England**

The Department of Development Studies invites applications for a Senior Lecturer or Reader or Professor, starting 1st September 2013.

The successful candidate should have a strong publications and teaching record in gender and development. The appointee will play a central role in sustaining the department's commitment to teaching and research on gender and development, at BA, MSc and MPhil/PhD levels. Please note that the SOAS Centre for Gender Studies is also based in the Department.

The department will assess candidates in terms of potential as much as demonstrable experience and it will be especially interested in clear evidence that candidates will want to play a full role in the life and running of the department over time. The successful candidate will complement the work of the department in terms of thematic expertise and regional/geographical specialisation.

**Application Deadline: May 9, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://jobs.soas.ac.uk/>

## **17. Gender Advisor - Middle East, Mercy Corps, Amman, Jordan**

Mercy Corps has significantly increased its emphasis on gender integration in programs over the last three years. Recent activities have included conducting an agency-wide gender assessment, developing a global gender policy and disseminating procedures to guide country teams in applying the gender policy in their contexts. In 2012, Mercy Corps piloted a gender capacity building initiative which is expected to reach all country teams by 2014. These efforts are supported by Mercy Corps' Global Gender Advisor who also provides technical support to field programs.

The Gender Advisor will have three critical functions. First, s/he will build team capacity to integrate gender sensitivity into program activities through a combination of training and on-the-job coaching. Second, the Gender Advisor will contribute to new program design to ensure programs are responsive to gendered needs, opportunities and risks. This may include conducting gender assessments. Third, the gender advisor will work closely with the monitoring and evaluation team to ensure that sex and age disaggregated data is collected and analyzed throughout M&E functions.

### **Application Deadline: Open until filled**

For more information, visit: <https://mercycorps.silkroad.com/>

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## **18. Country Director, Global Rights, Kabul, Afghanistan**

The Country Director is the chief representative of Global Rights in Afghanistan, responsible for leading the organization's work, developing its vision, and overseeing the pursuit of Global Rights' mission. S/he is responsible for the supervision of all local staff, including the management of executive, program, communications, fundraising, financial, and administrative functions. S/he is responsible for major expansion of the program which is now underway to several provinces beyond Kabul. S/he will also lead the active collaboration of the Afghanistan office with other Global Rights' offices elsewhere in the world. The Country Director reports to the Executive Director, based at the international headquarters, and works regularly with all other department directors of the organization in their functional areas.

### **Application Deadline: Open until filled**

For more information, visit: <http://www.globalrights.org/>

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## **19. Senior Program Officer, Adolescent Girls in Emergencies, Women's Refugee Commission, Global Rights, New York, NY**

The WRC will undertake a year-long project focused on researching if and how programs implemented during emergencies target or are inclusive of adolescent girls. The Program Officer will conduct a field assessment to a new or ongoing emergency to interview affected populations, interview staff on the ground, review programmatic responses, and consult donors and other key stakeholders. The field assessment will assess if and how adolescent girls, aged 10-16, are being targeted and included in programs and services as well as identify their unique needs, protection risks and their and their communities' proposed solutions. The Program Officer will also undertake a thorough literature review, capture all available learning and produce field guidance for emergency responders and humanitarian practitioners. Guidance will focus on how to better target and mainstream adolescent girls into programs and services in order to address their unique needs, mitigate their risks and better protect and empower them in these settings.

### **Application Deadline: Open until filled**

For more information, visit: <http://womensrefugeecommission.org/>

## **CALLS FOR PAPERS, PROPOSALS, AND SUBMISSIONS**

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### **20. *Call for Proposals: Protecting Rights of Women Migrant Workers: Regional Meeting with Parliamentarians, UN Women***

The UN Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women) is inviting civil society organizations and academic institutions to submit proposals for the project entitled "Protecting Rights of Women Migrant Workers: Regional Meeting with Parliamentarians." Proposals can be submitted by a registered organization, or jointly by two or more registered organizations that are non-governmental organizations or educational and academic institutions.

The implementing agency will: develop the details of the Meeting including its concept note, the list of participants, the agenda, etc.; prepare and collate materials, documents, handouts for the Regional Meeting; identify and invite participants from Asia; book the venue and ensure the smooth organization of the event; provide travel arrangements and timely payment of participants; organize the Regional Meeting; and prepare the report of the Regional Meeting, and other deliverables such as participant list, outcome document, advocacy plans in the region, etc.

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://www.unwomen-eseasia.org/>

### **21. *Call for Papers: II European Geographies of Sexualities Conference***

Sexualities have become a legitimate and significant area of geographical research, across diverse areas ranging from cultural, social and feminist geographies, to political and economic domains. One of the main characteristics of studies on sexualities has been its critical and reflexive perspective, namely questioning hegemonies and modes of sexualised power relations.

Although this work has brought some significant changes and developments, still, many of the contemporary modes of knowledge production reflect inequalities and hegemonies that need to be challenged. The II European Geographies of Sexualities Conference wants to create a space of debate, discussion and questioning to explore how we might attempt to move beyond such normative domains and practices.

The conference is organised by: Centre for Geographical Studies, Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon (CEG-UL); e-GEO, Research Centre for Geography and Regional Planning, Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Universidade Nova de Lisboa; and Space, Sexualities and Queer Research Group of the Royal Geographical Society (with Institute of British Geographers).

**Application Deadline: April 30, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://www.awid.org/>

## **22. Call for Abstracts: SVRI Forum 2013: Evidence into Action, Sexual Violence Research Initiative**

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is proud to announce the 3rd international conference on sexual violence research, SVRI Forum 2013. The aim of SVRI Forum 2013 is to promote promising practices for preventing and responding to sexual and intimate partner violence. The Forum 2013 will be co-hosted by Partners for Prevention.

The scope of the SVRI Forum will expand in 2013 to include both sexual violence and intimate partner violence. This extension of the scope of the SVRI Forum encourages examination of the overlapping nature of these acts of violence. The SVRI Forum 2013 will also link the child protection and SGBV fields and promote cross sectoral dialogue and exchange on primary prevention of child abuse and neglect especially when linked to future prevention of sexual violence perpetration and victimization.

Researchers, activists, donors, service providers and policy-makers from across all sectors are therefore invited to submit abstracts. Abstracts which include a life-course perspective; address under-researched areas such as disability and sexual abuse; the role of faith based organisations and other community based institutions in responding to and prevention sexual and gender based violence, as well as abstracts which address men and masculinities; and gender and prevention of sexual violence and IPV are particularly encouraged. Priority will also be given to abstracts that detail responses and prevention programmes that incorporate multi-sectoral and cross sectoral strategies or have findings of interventions and longitudinal studies.

### **Application Deadline: June 3, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://www.svri.org/forum2013/>

## **23. Call for Papers: Critical War Studies, University of Sussex Centre for Conflict and Security Research**

What is left out when critical reflection on armed conflict is conducted under the sign of 'security'? What happens to 'war' itself in critical scholarship? What are the forms of contemporary militarism? How can the discourses and practices of fighting, transition to 'peace', war preparation and military and strategic thought be engaged reflexively? How might militaries be understood as sites of subaltern labour, resistance and critique? How can attentiveness to experiences of war generate critical resources within international relations, sociology, geography, anthropology, history and other disciplines?

Multi-disciplinary proposals - initially an abstract or position statement - are invited for a one-day workshop convened by the University of Sussex Centre for Conflict and Security Research. The organisers welcome contributions engaging the idea of Critical War Studies, the themes outlined above and below, or suggesting other appropriate topics. It is envisaged that this will be the first of several events leading to opportunities for peer-reviewed publication.

Draft workshop structure:

Panel 1: What is 'Critical War Studies'?

- What's in a name? 'War', 'security' and the analytical status of fighting
- Critical approaches within strategic theory: who is strategy 'for'?
- Theory and the experience of war
- War in/and society

**Panel 2: Political Sociologies of fighting**

- Technologies, transformations of war, transformations of self
- Subaltern military labour and military history in Europe and beyond
- Battle narrative and identity
- Gendering war
- 'Normality' and 'extremity' in fighting and dying

**Panel 3: Contemporary militarisms, contemporary militaries**

- Ideology contra experience: reflections on the policy/ practice disconnect in the war on terror
- Beyond the strategic studies/ peace studies divide: continuity and change in militarism after the Cold War
- The social construction of weapons
- Military orientalisms and the representation of violence

**Workshop Date: September 11, 2013**

For more information, email: Joanna Wood at [j.c.wood@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:j.c.wood@sussex.ac.uk)

## **REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES**

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### **24. Policy Brief: *Women, Peace and Security in Post-Conflict and Peacebuilding Contexts*, Jacqui True, Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre**

Post-conflict peacebuilding processes present major opportunities for advancing women's rights and gender equality. But a gender perspective needs to be more effectively operationalised in post-conflict institutions and peacebuilding processes. A key challenge for the United Nations (UN) and its member states in progressing the women, peace and security agenda in post-conflict settings is bridging the gap between the interdependent political and economic security pillars of peacebuilding. Well-intentioned gender mainstreaming objectives are often undermined by the post-conflict political economy context, which reinforces structural gender inequalities between men and women. This is a major setback for peace, reconciliation and the long-term recovery of societies. Mainstreaming gender equality and women's empowerment in post-conflict peacebuilding requires an integrated framework for action. This framework needs to address institutional and structural barriers to equality. This policy brief suggests concrete ways to do this, building on the UN secretary-general's 2010 seven-point plan on women's participation in peacebuilding. Recommendations target measures to increase women's representation in post-conflict governance, improve government responsiveness to sexual and gender-based violence against women, secure women's economic and social rights, design reparations for women's economic empowerment, incorporate gender budgeting in all post-conflict financing arrangements, and prioritise gender equality in the security sector.

For the full report, visit: <http://www.peacewomen.org/>

### **25. Report: *The Elimination and Prevention of All Forms of Violence against Women and Girls: Agreed Conclusions*, Commission on the Status of Women, Fifty-Seventh Session, 4 - 15 March 2013**

The outcome of the Commission's consideration of the priority theme takes the form of agreed conclusions, negotiated by all States. The Commission on the Status of Women adopted agreed conclusions on the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls on 15 March 2013.

For the full report, visit: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch>

## **26. Report: *"This Old Man Can Feed Us, You Will Marry Him": Child and Forced Marriage in South Sudan*, Human Rights Watch**

The 95-page report documents the consequences of child marriage, the near total lack of protection for victims who try to resist marriage or leave abusive marriages, and the many obstacles they face in accessing mechanisms of redress. It is based on interviews with 87 girls and women in Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, and Jonglei states, as well as with government officials, traditional leaders, health care workers, legal and women's rights experts, teachers, prison officials, and representatives of nongovernmental organizations, the United Nations, and donor organizations.

For the full report, visit: <http://www.hrw.org/reports/>

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