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CONFERENCES, TRAININGS, LECTURES, AND EVENTS

1. "Girl Rising," Film Screening, Partners in Health, Boston, MA

In conjunction with Partners for Health, the Boston Network of International Development is hosting a film screening of the new film "Girl Rising." Directed by Academy Award nominee Richard Robbins, this film addresses the social and cultural challenges faced by young girls in South Asia, the Middle East and other parts of the world and education as a vital source of human spirit and empowerment for girls and women around the world.

Event Date: March 23, 2013, 12:45 PM

Location: Regal Fenway Stadium, 201 Brookline Ave, Boston, MA

For tickets, visit: <http://bnid.org>

2. "Iraqi American Playwright Heather Raffo Talk and Performance," University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, MA

Raffo is best known for her play *9 Parts of Desire*, which was an off-Broadway hit. The play was inspired by a trip to a modern art museum in Baghdad in August 1993 and details the lives of nine Iraqi women that span the decades between the first and second Gulf Wars and occupation. Described by *The New Yorker* as "an example of how art can remake the world", it is a portrait of the extraordinary (and ordinary) lives of a whole cross-section of Iraqi women: a sexy painter, a radical Communist, doctors, exiles, wives and lovers. This work delves into the many conflicting aspects of what it means to be a woman in a country overshadowed by war.

Event date: March 28, 2013 4:00-5:45

Location: Ballroom A, UMass-Boston Campus, Boston, MA

For more information, visit: <http://heatherraffo.com>

3. "Clash Zones: Identities in (R)evolution," The Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

The borders and boundaries where political, ethnic, religious, racial, national, and other factions meet are hotbeds for ideological and psychological tensions that affect marginalized gender and sexual identities. Within these "clash zones," anything from eruptive transformations (revolutions) to gradual modifications (evolutions) might occur.

This interdisciplinary Women's and Gender studies conference will investigate how frictions produced in these "clash zones" impact individual and communal bodies and alter the identity categories by which we define those bodies.

Event Date: April 5-6, 2013

Location: The Ray and Maria Stata Center, 32 Vassar Street, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139

For more information, visit: <http://mit.edu/gcws>

4. "Gender and Peacebuilding," Academy for International Conflict Management and Peacebuilding, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC

The Academy for International Conflict Management and Peacebuilding is the education and training arm of the United States Institute of Peace. The Gender and Peacebuilding course will provide participants with an introduction and overview of internationally recognized gender and peacebuilding issues and terms, frameworks, foundational principles, and practices. It will address key questions like: How is conflict different for women and men? Why is "gender" not a synonym for women? How does the understanding of gender role expectations assist in the analysis of conflict resolution?

Delivery of the course will be through a variety of methodologies aimed at the mid-career practitioner, including expert lecturers, case scenarios, interactive exercises, and mixed media. Participants will learn a core set of gender analysis skills by the end of this course.

Event Date: April 14-19, 2013

Location: United States Institute of Peace, 2301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037

For more information and to apply, visit: <http://www.usip.org/>

FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

5. 2013 Summer Peace Fellowships, The Advocacy Project

The Advocacy Project (AP) helps marginalized communities to tell their story, claim their rights and produce social change. AP is recruiting graduate students to serve as Peace Fellows with 12 AP community-based partners in the summer of 2013. This is the fellowship for anyone who wants to work on the front lines for human rights! AP has deployed 240 Peace Fellows since 2003. The 12 fellowships cover human rights issues across the world, and applicants can apply to up to four fellowships.

Early Application Deadline: March 15, 2013

Late Application Deadline: March 30, 2013

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

6. Promoting Girls' Education in Developing Countries, Center for Universal Education Global Scholars Program, Brookings Institution

The Center for Universal Education at The Brookings Institution (Brookings) seeks to help build expertise on girls' education policies and programs in developing countries. This program is designed to offer guest scholars from developing countries the opportunity to pursue their own independent research on global education issues with a specific focus on girls' education. Guest scholars will also be supported to develop and implement a plan to share their expertise with their home institution to further build research capacity and expertise.

The Global Scholars Program fits within the broader Global Compact on Learning work stream by aligning the research plans of the guest scholars with a collaborative research agenda. During their 4-month residency from mid-August 2013 to mid-December 2013, at Brookings, guest scholars will work with the Center staff on developing their specific research project, while also participating in a set of short workshops on different topics led by experts in the field. Guest scholars will draw on the resources of Brookings' scholars, as well as the extended public policy community in Washington, D.C. through participating in additional meetings and conferences and networking with the broader development community.

Application Deadline: March 20, 2013

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

7. Funding Opportunity: The Young Feminist Fund, FRIDA

FRIDA (Flexibility Resources Inclusivity Diversity Action) sponsors a Young Feminist Fund to support young feminist groups led by young women and transgender youth under 30 years of age throughout the world. Overall the organization works to promote women's activism on issues ranging from human rights to women's empowerment. This will be the organization's second call for funding proposals and is hoping to lend financial support to 16 new young feminist groups.

Application Deadline: March 26, 2013

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

8. Minorities Fellowship Programme, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Minorities Fellowship Programme (MFP) was launched by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in 2005.

The MFP is held annually and currently has two linguistic versions: The English language programme has

been running since 2005 and the Arabic language programme started in 2007. The Arabic language component began as a two-week pilot and gradually expanded to five weeks in 2011. The duration of the programmes varied until 2011, when both programmes were decided to last 5 weeks and coincide with the session of the Forum on Minority Issues.

Through the MFP, the OHCHR aims to give persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities an opportunity to gain knowledge on the UN system and mechanisms dealing with international human rights in general and minority rights in particular. The MFP is intended to assist organizations and communities in protecting and promoting the rights of minorities the fellows belong to.

The Fellows are based at the OHCHR Geneva, Switzerland. The MFP is interactive and consists of briefings on several topics (e.g. the UN system, OHCHR work, human rights mechanisms and instruments), fellows also undertake individual and group assignments.

At the end of the MFP, the fellows should have a general knowledge of the United Nations system, international human rights instruments and mechanisms in general and those relevant to minorities in particular and be capable of further training their communities/organizations.

Application Deadline: March 29, 2013

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

9. The Sophie Davis Post-Doctoral Fellowship, The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations is pleased to offer the Sophie Davis Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace, for the 2013/2014 academic year. The application process is open to both Israeli and overseas candidates whose research focuses on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace.

The Sophie Davis fellow will be expected to submit an article to a peer reviewed Journal resulting from his/her research at LDI. Such publication should acknowledge the Sophie Davis Fellowship support. The fellow is also expected to be actively involved in the Institute's academic and public activities.

Application Deadline: April 7, 2013

For more information, visit: <http://davis.huji.ac.il/>

10. Funding Opportunity: Scaling Innovations in the Humanitarian Sector, USAID/DFID Humanitarian Innovation Initiative

The USAID/DFID Humanitarian Innovation Initiative is a special opportunity for applicants to the Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) competition whose proposals address challenges in the humanitarian sector. Funded with support from DFID, the Initiative is run in collaboration with USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance.

Entrepreneurs, businesses, non-governmental organizations, academics, local partners, and others from around the world are encouraged to apply to DIV with innovative solutions to key challenges faced by the humanitarian sector.

Application Deadline: April 12, 2013

For more information, visit: <http://www.usaid.gov/div/Humanitarian-Initiative>

11. Funding Opportunity: Project Inspire

Project Inspire presents 18-35 year olds across the world with a platform to pitch their inspired idea to the world and win a US\$25,000 grant. The grant must show creativity and sustainable impact in the lives of women and girls across Asia, Pacific, the Middle East or Africa through access to business and livelihood skills. Applicants can choose to submit proposals as individuals or as a part of a team of up to 3 group members and can choose to submit either a video or written proposal.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2013

For more information, visit: <http://www.5minutestochangetheworld.org/>

JOB OPENINGS AND INTERNSHIPS

12. UN Women: Senior Gender Advisor to the Resident Coordinator, UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar

Under the overall guidance of the UN Resident Coordinator (RC), and in close coordination with UN Women's Asia Pacific Regional Director, the Advisor will be responsible for providing strategic and technical support to strengthen the work of the United Nations in Myanmar on gender equality across priority sectors.

The scope of work of the UN Women Advisor requires experience and in-depth understanding of gender equality and women's empowerment issues, regional political acumen, as well as programming expertise. The Advisor is responsible for ensuring effective execution of UN Women's mandate and responsibility with respect to the advancement of women in Myanmar. The Advisor will provide technical and programme support services to the UNCT to strengthen the UN response to addressing national priorities for gender equality and women's empowerment, in line with UN Women's strategic vision. S/he is the first line of contact between UN Women and its partners and clients in-country, working in close collaboration with the UN Women Regional Centre in Bangkok as well as UN Women HQs in New York.

Application Deadline: March 20, 2013

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

13. UN Women: Economic Empowerment Advisor, UNDP, Bangkok, Thailand

The UN Women is seeking to hire an Economic Empowerment Advisor for its Regional Office. This individual would be responsible for analyzing economic trends, program development, technical support, maintaining and strengthening strategic partnerships with stake-holders and international actors in addition to fulfilling duties in the field of knowledge management and reporting.

The scope of work of the Economic Empowerment Adviser requires experience and in-depth understanding of gender equality and women's political empowerment issues, to translate UN Women's strategic plans in the area of economic empowerment into effective programmes and results. It also requires developing mutually reinforcing partnerships with relevant Government counterparts, UN organizations, and CSOs.

Under the supervision of the Asia-Pacific Regional Director, the Economic Empowerment Adviser, based at the Regional Office in Bangkok, is expected to engage proactively on women's leadership and economics issues with local and regional figures to help advance women's economic empowerment in Asia and the Pacific and deliver on key functions working in close coordination with the Economic Empowerment section in the Policy Division at UN Women Headquarters.

Application Deadline: March 28, 2013

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

14. Executive Director, Amnesty International USA, New York, NY

The Executive Director will lead the organization and serve as a spokesperson and advocate for the human rights movement in the US and globally. The Executive Director will mobilize and collaborate with AIUSA's incredibly powerful and unique asset: a highly engaged and passionate force of more than 300,000 grassroots members.

The Executive Director will bring exceptional leadership and strategic abilities, strong organizational management and communications skills, and a deep sense of respect for the power of grassroots organizing. S/He will be comfortable with a shared leadership model of organizational governance, and be passionate about ensuring AIUSA's enduring role in the human rights movement.

This is a unique opportunity to assume a leadership role at the world's largest grassroots human rights organization with a 50-year history of investigating and exposing abuses, educating and mobilizing the public, and helping transform societies to create a safer, more just world.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

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

15. Chief of Staff/Senior Policy Advisor, International Center for Research on Women, Washington, DC

ICRW is currently seeking a full-time Chief of Staff/Senior Policy Advisor to provide strategic support to the President while advancing institutional priorities. The incumbent's responsibilities span management, policy analysis, external relations and communications. S/he coordinates activities assigned by the President with institutional departments and with external stakeholders as necessary. At the request of the President, the incumbent researches and synthesizes complex issues and performs and summarizes background research on key policy initiatives. S/he manages the President's policy agenda, press, travel and public events schedule. S/he represents the President at meetings when required and appropriate. S/he will work in a collaborative relationship with the President, focused primarily on driving special initiatives and critical new donor introductions, writing speeches and presentations for external and internal audiences, shaping important ICRW decisions and core processes, and managing a network of key relationships with partner institutions and leaders in the field. S/he will participate in all institutional board meetings - for the global, Asia Regional Office and East Africa Regional Office boards - as well as coordinate outputs and related Board communications. In addition, s/he will supervise the OTP Administrative Assistant as well as the Special Assistant to the President/Policy Advocate.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

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

16. Associate Professor/Director of Women's Studies, Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, University of Akron, Ohio

The University of Akron invites applications for the position of Director of Women's Studies. The Women's Studies Program is an interdisciplinary academic program offering an undergraduate minor in addition to a certificate at the graduate and undergraduate level. The program is housed in the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (BCAS) and the Director's position reports to the BCAS Dean's Office.

Given that Women's Studies is inherently interdisciplinary, the disciplinary home of the Director may be in any department/school at the University. The successful candidate must be qualified for appointment at the

Associate Professor or Professor level with tenure in the academic unit consistent with the candidate's academic credentials. Responsibilities will include conducting high quality research and teaching that relates to one or more of the following areas, including but not limited to, women, gender, queer studies, and/or feminism and feminist theory. The Women's Studies Director will receive at least 25% release time from teaching to direct the program and related activities. Salary is commensurate with experience and credentials.

The Director will be responsible for coordinating and developing the curriculum and academic programming on campus relevant to Women's Studies, advising and mentoring students, overseeing the day-to-day activities of the Program, managing the budget, and supervising a staff currently consisting of a full-time college lecturer, three part-time faculty members, and two graduate assistants. The Director will also work with a core of committed faculty members who offer disciplinary courses that are approved to be part of the Women's Studies curriculum and who serve on the Women's Studies Academic Advisory Committee. The successful candidate should have experience with a Women's Studies Program and be a dynamic and visionary leader who will build the program in terms of visibility, reputation, enrollment, and numbers of minors and certificates.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

For more information, visit: <https://www.uakron.edu/> Job ID 7790

17. Program Officer, International Policy, The International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC), New York

The Program Officer, International Policy works as part of the Advocacy and Policy Program team to influence global health policies and programs to prioritize sexual and reproductive rights and health and women's rights, with a focus on UN processes and UN agencies, such as the UN Population Fund and the World Health Organization. S/he follows major global policy initiatives and agencies, provides substantive input to them, and mobilizes alliances to support IWHC's positions. S/he cultivates relationships with colleagues and other stakeholders, maintains substantive knowledge of issues, policies and networks, writes and presents on a variety of topics, collaborates closely with other IWHC program staff on policy work at the national and regional levels and in Washington DC.

With the Director of Advocacy and Policy and the President, s/he contributes to overall design, implementation and monitoring of IWHC's international policy activities. IWHC values teamwork and engages staff across functions. Therefore, the Program Officer, International Policy will contribute expertise, perspective and input to IWHC's overall programs and organizational development.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

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

18. Gender/Monitoring and Evaluation Expert, Creative Associates International, Kabul, Afghanistan

The Gender and M&E Expert will be responsible for the technical leadership and in-country management of the gender and M&E components of the project. S/he will oversee long-term staff and short-term experts in achieving project results. In coordination with the Chief of Party, as well as the Political Parties Director, and the Civil Society Coordinator, s/he will undertake regular assessments of the broader political environment within which the project operates to ensure flexibility and rapid reprioritization of activities when necessary.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

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

19. Communication Specialist, International Center for Research on Women, Washington, DC

The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) is a global research institute which works to empower women, advance gender equality, and fight poverty in the developing world. ICRW works with partners to conduct empirical research, build capacity, and advocate for evidence-based practical solutions to change policies and programs.

ICRW is currently seeking a full-time Communications Specialist with approximately 5 years of related experience and a bachelor's degree to oversee ICRW's online presence, including the public website and digital communications efforts such as social media initiatives; help produce written content and other features about ICRW activities and in support of its advocacy efforts when needed; and assist with media relations and other public outreach activities. This position reports to the Senior Director of Strategic Communications (SDSC).

Application Deadline: Open until filled

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

20. Temporary Administrative Assistant, International Center for Research on Women, Washington, DC

ICRW is currently seeking a full-time, temporary Administrative Assistant who will report directly into the President. The Administrative Assistant will be responsible for providing routine administrative support to the President, and may serve as the initial contact with the Office of the President. The Administrative Assistant will manage the President's schedule for both internal and external engagements.

The incumbent will provide administrative support for board meetings, meetings chaired by the President or as requested, and manage the coordination of related materials and activities. The Administrative Assistant will plan, schedule and organize all of the President's travel commitments - both domestic and international. S/he will be responsible for properly maintaining central, chronological and alphabetical files. As directed, the incumbent will also assist with the preparation of drafts and finalize correspondence and reports.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

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

CALLS FOR PAPERS, PROPOSALS, AND SUBMISSIONS

21. *Call for Abstracts: Special Session: Gender and Human Security, The 12th Pacific Science Inter-Congress*

The 12th Pacific Science Inter-Congress is organized in collaboration with the Pacific Science Association (PSA), a regional, non-governmental, scholarly organization that seeks to advance science and technology in support of sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. Through Congress and Inter-Congress meetings, and ongoing scientific Working Groups, PSA provides an interdisciplinary platform for scientists to discuss research findings and their relevance to the region. The Congress will take place in Suva, Fiji, from July 8-12, 2013.

This special session is entitled: Women, Science and Human Security: From Indigenous Knowledge to New Information and Communication Technologies. Papers are invited on a wide range of topics relating to gender and human security, women, science and development, and other topics related to gender equality as both a core human right and development goal for the Pacific region.

Abstract Deadline: March 31, 2013

For more information, visit: <http://www.psi2013.usp.ac.fj/>

22. Call for Papers: A Re-examination of Private Military and Security Companies, *St. Antony's International Review* (STAIR), St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

Private security is big business - and important politics. As demand for PMSCs increases, the academic literature has already experienced two waves of attention on the subject: firstly, in the post-Cold War era, to reflect on the emergence of PMSCs, principally in Africa; and secondly, to analyse the implications of PMSC operations during US operations in Iraq. In the context of the impending NATO withdrawal from Afghanistan, it is time to re-examine the place of PMSCs in domestic and international security.

St Antony's International Review (STAIR), a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal of International Affairs, based at St Antony's College, University of Oxford, is issuing a special edition to understand the implications of PMSCs. STAIR aims to examine the developments surrounding private security from a range of disciplines, including International Relations, Political Science, Law, Sociology, and from practitioner perspectives, through both theoretical and empirical lenses. STAIR welcomes insightful articles dealing with questions such as:

How do contractors challenge the professional ethic of the military? How do the rules and ethics of war need to change with the emergence of contractors? Should society respond to a contractor veteran the same as to a military veteran? What does a gendered analysis of PMSCs reveal?

Abstract Deadline: April 1, 2013

For more information, visit: <http://www.stair-journal.org/>

23. Call for Nominations: Mary Fran Myers Award, Gender and Disaster Network and Natural Hazards Center

The Gender and Disaster Network and the Natural Hazards Center invite nominations of women and men who should be recognized for their efforts to advance gender-sensitive policy, practice, or research in the areas of disaster risk reduction. Established in 2002, the Mary Fran Myers Award recognizes that vulnerability to disasters and mass emergencies is influenced by social, cultural, and economic structures that marginalize women and girls, and may also expose boys and men to harm.

The intent of the Mary Fran Myers Gender and Disaster Award is to recognize women and men whose advocacy, research, or management efforts have had a lasting, positive impact on reducing disaster vulnerability. All those whose work has added to the body of knowledge on gender and disasters, is significant for gender-theory or practice, or has furthered opportunities for women to succeed in the field are eligible.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2013

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

24. Call for Papers: Colouring the International: Colours, Visuality, and International Relations, University of Edinburgh

The use of colour is a prevalent feature of international relations, irrespective of whether we think about colour use in terms of metaphor or function. Examples abound: we have colour revolutions, 'reds', national flags, camouflage, black operations, heat-sensing images, and so on. In terms of perception, our visual experiences of colour are intertwined with cultural, social, and emotional dimensions. Such features make

colour an important semiotic resource for political communication and practice. Yet, despite by now extensive interest and research into forms of culture and discourse, the vast majority of research in even such sub-fields of IR remains a-chromatic; colour does not play any role in our understanding of the international. Thereby there is a need for research that engages the practices and metaphors of international politics not as a-chromatic but engages with the fact that colour can inform our understanding of the international.

The panel calls for presentations that engage with colour in the international and aims to bring together a variety of approaches to colour in social sciences and humanities. Multimodal discourse analysis, (visual) semiotics, or genealogical explorations are but a few examples of the methodological approaches that can be used to discern how colour factors in the political sociology of international relations.

The panel welcomes paper proposals up to 500 words that clearly state their theoretical, methodological and empirical engagements with colours and the international.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2013

For more information, contact: Xavier Guillaume at xavier.guillaume@ed.ac.uk

25. Call for Proposals: Momentum for Change: Women for Results, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Due to existing economic and social inequalities, women are disproportionately affected by negative climate change impacts. At the same time however, increasing numbers of women around the world are taking action against climate change.

Momentum for Change: Women for Results showcases women-led activities that address climate change. These "lighthouse activities" will demonstrate measurable impact on the ground, and the potential for replicability and scaleability at the local, national and international levels.

Applications Open: March 8, 2013

For more information, visit: <http://unfccc.int/>

26. Call for Papers: The Catharine Stimpson Prize for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship, *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, University of Chicago Press

The University of Chicago Press is pleased to announce the competition for the 2015 Catharine Stimpson Prize for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship. Named in honor of the founding editor of *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, the Catharine Stimpson Prize is designed to recognize excellence and innovation in the work of emerging feminist scholars.

The Catharine Stimpson Prize is awarded biannually to the best paper in an international competition. Leading feminist scholars from around the globe will select the winner. The prizewinning paper will be published in *Signs*, and the author will be provided an honorarium of \$1,000. All papers submitted for the Stimpson Prize will be considered for peer review and possible publication in *Signs*.

Feminist scholars in the early years of their careers (fewer than seven years since receipt of the terminal degree) are invited to submit papers for the Stimpson Prize. Papers may be on any topic that falls under the broad rubric of interdisciplinary feminist scholarship. Submissions must be no longer than 10,000 words (including notes and references) and must conform to the guidelines for *Signs* contributors.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2014

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

REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES

27. Special Issue: "Evolution of Government Policy Toward Homosexuality in the U.S. Military," *Journal of Homosexuality*, Volume 60, Issue 2-3

Throughout history, homosexuality has been a complicating factor for men and women electing to serve in the armed forces of the United States. The right to serve became increasingly complicated when the Department of Defense responded to congressional legislation in 1993 by adopting a policy that later became known as "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT). DADT permitted homosexual members to serve in the forces, so long as they showed no evidence of homosexual behavior. The compromise policy remained in force until Congress passed the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010 and finally, in September 2011, the ban on gay men and lesbians serving openly in the US armed forces officially came to an end. Reflecting on the 20-year period governed by DADT, this volume explores the history, culture, attitudes and impacts of policy evolution from the mid-20th Century through to the present day. It not only provides insight to the scholarly field of how the most powerful institution in the world has viewed and dealt with homosexuality as it transitioned into the 21st century, but it is also poised to become a seminal collection for researchers in the decades to come.

For the full articles, visit: <http://www.tandfonline.com/>

28. Video: *Women in Combat: The Changing Roles of Women in the US Military*, Center for National Policy

On January 24th, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced the elimination of the ground combat exclusion rule for women in the military. Panetta stated his desire to move forward with a plan to eliminate all gender-based barriers to service. Center for National Policy President Scott Bates and a panel of experts discussed the effects that Secretary Panetta's decision will have on current, and future generations of service-members, as well as which barriers will be the most challenging to overcome. This panel discussion was recorded and is available online.

For the full video, visit: <http://www.ustream.tv/>

29. Info Sheet: "Delivering Gender-Informed Health Services in Emergencies," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

In emergencies, the physical and mental health of girls, women, boys, and men can be affected in a variety of ways. Differences are correlated to gender in terms of exposure to and perceptions of risk, preparedness, response, and physical and psychological impact, as well as capacity to recover. Gender groups may also experience trauma in different ways. This info sheet provides suggestions on how to provide gender-responsive health services in emergencies.

For the full document, visit: <http://www.phe.gov/>

30. Report: *Mapping Women, Peace and Security in UN Security Council: 2011-2012* (NGO), NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security

The United Nations Security Council, with its mandate to maintain international peace and security, recognized the centrality of women, peace and security in 2000 by adopting a resolution on the issue, SCR 1325 (2000). With this recognition that women's rights are not secondary concerns to the Council's mandate,

but rather at its core, the challenge is now to demonstrate true accountability to these obligations, ensuring that they do not remain solely on paper.

In the situations examined in the report, "Mapping Women, Peace and Security in the UN Security Council: 2011- 2012," while there are areas of significant normative progress, the necessary and consistent action by the international community remains acutely insufficient. The report provides an in-depth, qualitative analysis of the women, peace and security work in reports, meetings, presidential statements, and resolutions of the Council over a 12 month period, from 1 August 2011 through 31 July 2012, demonstrating the need for consistent information, analysis and recommendations to flow into the Council, and for the Council to ensure it acts with consistency and with commitment on its women, peace and security obligations.

For the full document, visit: <http://www.womenpeacesecurity.org/>

31. Guide: *A Women's Guide to Security Sector Reform*, Megan Bastick and Tobie Whitman, The Institute for Inclusive Security and The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

Despite international laws and policies mandating women's participation in security sector reform (SSR), women's perspectives are often discounted or overlooked. Women in civil society can also find themselves outside of discussions about security and unsure how to engage in them.

To address this gap, The Institute for Inclusive Security and The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) are launching an innovative guide for women in civil society that provides concrete steps on how to help develop an effective and accountable security sector.

The Women's Guide is written mainly for women who have not formally studied security or worked with police, militaries, elected officials, and other actors within the sector. Women often have essential knowledge of community needs and a strong desire to make the security sector serve communities better. The Women's Guide draws on varied experiences of women in civil society from across the world and shares examples of practical, innovative projects. Leading female activists from Afghanistan, Liberia, Libya, Nepal, Serbia, and Uganda provided invaluable feedback.

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