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## FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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### 1. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, Rutgers University

The Women's and Gender Studies Department, in collaboration with the Institute for Research on Women (IRW) at Rutgers University, is pleased to announce a two-year postdoctoral fellowship supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The selected fellow will receive a stipend of \$50,000 each year as well as an annual research allocation of \$2,000 and Rutgers University health benefits. The fellow will pursue research and teach three courses in the Women's and Gender Studies Department during the two-year term of her/his appointment and will participate in seminars, and other IRW activities.

The Women's and Gender Studies Department has particular interest in scholars of U.S. Latina and Latin American feminism and African feminism, especially those working on critical sexualities, health or technologies, but welcomes applications from all scholars who feel that their work would benefit from affiliation with our department and with the IRW.

**Application deadline: January 7, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://irw.rutgers.edu/MellonFellows.html>

### 2. Funding Opportunity: The African Women's Development Fund

The African Women's Development Fund is seeking applications from prospective grantees who wish to apply for funding assistance in order to coordinate 16 Days activities during the upcoming campaign, the Center for Women's Global Leadership 16 Days of Activism.

For more information, visit: <http://16dayscswgl.rutgers.edu/funding-resources>

## JOB OPENINGS AND INTERNSHIPS

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### 3. Program Officer for Issues Affecting Women, Oak Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland

Oak Foundation's Issues Affecting Women Program (IAWP) seeks to contribute to a world in which women have the rights, capacity and opportunity to experience safety from violence and to enjoy their full and equal human rights. Specifically, the program aims to build a strong and vibrant women's movement that is empowered to challenge patriarchal norms, tackle the root causes of inequality, and demand the full spectrum of women's rights. Additionally, we work to end the existing patterns of violence in the family, outside the home, and in crisis contexts by ensuring rights-based laws and policies guarantee an environment in which women are safe from violence. We also support a broad range of services that empower women to recover from the trauma of violence and to rebuild their lives.

**Application deadline: November 30, 2012**

For more information, visit: <http://www.oakfnd.org/node/4397>

### 4. Gender Expert, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), Honduras

IFES is an international, nonprofit organization that provides targeted technical assistance to strengthen transitional democracies. Founded in 1987 as a nonpartisan, organization, IFES has developed and implemented comprehensive, collaborative democracy solutions in more than 135 countries.

IFES is implementing the "Elections Assistance 2012 - 2013 Honduras" project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. The main objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the TSE to effectively administer elections, particularly for the 2012-2013 elections cycle. Within the framework of this initiative, IFES will work closely with the Honduran Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) to strengthen capacity to promote greater gender participation in the electoral process. To that end, IFES will procure the services of Gender Advisor to undertake an in-depth analysis of the current political, financial, cultural, and legal issues that impact women's ability to participate in the electoral process.

For more information, visit the "Careers" section at: <http://www.ifes.org/>

### **5. Policy Researcher/Project Manager, The Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington D.C., USA**

The Institute for Women's Policy Research is seeking a social science researcher with policy and project management experience to contribute to studies on the Status of Women in the States and on older women's employment, as well as other topics as needed. The position will involve coordinating the data analysis schedule, fact checking and report writing process, in collaboration with the projects' Study Directors. In addition to coordinating the work of data analysts, interns, and research assistants for these projects, the candidate will contribute to reviewing the accuracy of the data analysis, presenting data in tables and figures, and writing text for the study products.

For more information, visit: <http://www.iwpr.org/about/staff-positions>

### **6. Donor Relations Associate, Global Fund for Women, San Francisco, California, USA**

The Donor Relations Associate will be responsible for the provision of high quality and effective stewardship to help enable ambitious fundraising targets to be met to support the work of The Global Fund for Women. The Donor Relations Associate is part of the Development Team and reports to the Director of Donor Services.

The projected start date for this position will be November 2012. The Donor Relations Associate is a full-time, non-exempt position.

**Application deadline: open until filled**

For more information, visit: <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/who-we-are/job-opportunities>

### **7. Women's Protection and Empowerment Program Manager, The International Rescue Committee (IRC), Beirut, Lebanon**

The WPE/GBV Program Manager will enable survivors' access to safe and appropriate services as part of a broader holistic strategy: health care for survivors of GBV (including clinical management of rape), safe and confidential GBV case identification, psychosocial initiatives (with an emphasis on the needs of survivors of GBV), case management, one-on-one counseling, group support activities, support with navigating other services in the community, information on survivor-specific support services and how to safely access them, identifying risks faced by women and girls, and the provision of activities to mitigate those risks and contribute to a safer, more secure environment for women and girls.

**Application deadline: December 25, 2012**

For more information, visit: <http://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH02/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=IRC&cws=1&rid=8573>

### **8. Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Juba, South Sudan**

The Women's Protection and Empowerment (WPE) Coordinator is responsible for providing overall leadership, guidance, coordination and technical support to IRC's WPE programs throughout South Sudan. The WPE Program Coordinator will contribute to external coordination efforts and initiatives to maintain IRC's leadership on GBV programming in South Sudan. S/He will also collaborate with key staff in Health and Protection, and work with the Deputy Director for Programs, to achieve the managed growth of IRC's WPE programming including in the development of strategies and proposals. The position is based in Juba with regular travel throughout South Sudan to monitor program activities, mentor program staff and undertake assessments to expand WPE programming.

For more information, visit: <http://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH02/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=IRC&cws=1&rid=7882>

### **9. Gender Based Violence Technical Officer, American Refugee Committee (ARC), Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA**

The GBV Technical Officer (GBV TO) provides technical, programmatic leadership and guidance to ARC's programs and initiatives for protection of displaced persons who are at particular risk of violence or abuse, including children and women subject to gender-based violence (GBV). Specifically, the GBV TO is the key technical focal point for all ARC GBV and protection related programs.

For more information, visit: <http://awid.org/Get-Involved/Jobs-Around-the-World/GBV-Technical-Officer>

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

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### **10. Call for Papers: 2013 BISA Annual Conference, Critical Engagement with Political Violence**

The image of the scholar in the ivory tower not only divorces theory from practice, but may also privilege scholarship unconnected to the "real world" of political action. The purpose of this panel is to bring together empirically focused scholars who are engaging with political violence through critical theory.

Ultimately, this panel would encourage a discussion that brings critical analysis down from the ivory tower and into the "real world". Presentations that focus on lived experiences of political violence in contested geographies would be encouraged. To encourage critical engagement with political violence, presentations should be organised around the following sub-themes: Gender, Performance, and Embodiment; Performativity, Inclusion, and Exclusion; Discourse, Security, and Vulnerability; Diaspora, Boundaries, and "Flashpoints."

**Application deadline: November 27, 2012**

For more information, visit: [http://www.bisa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=203&Itemid=144](http://www.bisa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=203&Itemid=144)

### **11. Call for Papers: International Policies, Practices and Discourses, *Resilience***

With the launch of the new journal, *Resilience*, in 2013 we are calling for papers for a special issue, to be published in the second volume of the journal, 'Resistance or Resilience?' This special issue seeks to investigate the construction of communities of resistance/resilience in the face of discourses of crisis and rapid change, such as environmental catastrophe, conflict or financial crisis. Discourses of crisis instill a certain ambiguity in the understanding of the subject as an active agent, and we are interested in exploring the links and interconnections between constructions of subjects as agents in terms of resistance and resilience. By bringing the two into focus, resilience and resistance, this special issue of the journal aims to explore the dynamics and tensions at play in the production of subjectivities, communities, and alternative modes of life in moments of crisis. Is resistance the opposite of resilience or does a more complex landscape, and perhaps narrative, undermine easy distinctions between the two? By framing such questions within the rubric of crisis, we invite contributions, which explore the spaces and implications of crisis discourse for the ways in which collective subjects emerge as actors and agents.

**Application deadline: January 31, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=resi20&page=instructions>

## **12. Call for Papers: 8th Annual AGS Graduate Student Conference, "Identity and Gender Politics within International Relations"**

From a growing number of individuals in policy forming positions who operate beyond the constraints of traditional hegemonic masculinity, to an increase in gendered political groups responding progressively to cultural and governmental structures and policies, the discourse on identity and gender politics has had a resurgence in recent years. As a result, this theme has become one of necessity for academics and practitioners to re-evaluate when contributing to a contemporary discourse in International Relations.

The aim of the conference is to analyze the impact of identity and gender-often conditioned by class, race, biology and sexuality-within the social and cultural framework of International Relations. Commonalities and intersections between these areas, as well as their impact on interstate and state governance, international conflict, and public awareness should be a main concern of conference contributors.

**Abstract deadline: December 15, 2012**

**Final Paper deadline: March 15, 2013**

For more information, visit: <http://www.ags.edu/news/ags-annual-conference>

## **13. Call for Submissions: PRAXIS: The Fletcher Journal of Human Security, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy**

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy's PRAXIS Journal of HumanSecurity is pleased to announce its call for submissions to its 2013 issue! The journal will accept articles from graduate students and professionals on ALL topics of human security - which the journal defines as the intersection of humanitarian assistance, international development, human rights, and conflict resolution, with a focus on the inclusive well-being of individuals, especially the most vulnerable or marginalized. Previous articles have covered topics including militarization in refugee populations, a rights-based approach to land tenure reform, and the effectiveness of foreign aid.

**Application deadline: December 14, 2012**

**Final deadline: January 4, 2013**

For more information, contact the editorial staff: [fletcherpraxis@tufts.edu](mailto:fletcherpraxis@tufts.edu) or visit PRAXIS' website: <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/praxis>

#### **14. Call for Contributors: Platform on Gender in International Security (PGIS)**

The Platform on Gender in International Security (PGIS) is seeking contributors for their online platform. The founders of the PGIS are all recent graduates of security studies and international politics. The guiding principle of PGIS is to explore and make visible to ourselves and others the ways in which gender and international security interact. Each founding member has become curious about the issue of gender and security in different ways, and thus our intention is to explore perspectives on gender and security rather than promote a singular view. Through the Platform we seek to provide women and men with an opportunity to explore their own understandings of patriarchy and gender norms in relation to international security by making the role of gender and patriarchy central to our analysis. We are particularly interested to hear from recent graduates who wish to apply their learning and analytical skills to matters that they deem important and who are interested in writing outside of an academic environment.

For more information and a list of potential topics, visit: <http://www.platform-gis.org/styled-12/>

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

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#### **15. Report: "Mapping Women, Peace and Security in the UN Security Council: 2011-2012," NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security**

Since adopting resolution 1325 (2000), the UN Security Council has recognized the centrality of women, peace and security to its work on international peace and security, and has regularly requested that country reports and mandate renewals evaluate the level of protection and promotion of women's human rights. Our new report provides a qualitative assessment of these obligations and commitments.

In relation to four thematic and general issues, and 30 country situations, our new report analyzes reports, meetings, presidential statements, and resolutions, evaluating the degree to which women, peace and security obligations are being met.

To access the full report, visit: [http://womenpeacesecurity.org/media/pdf-NGOWGMAPReport\\_Full2011-12.pdf](http://womenpeacesecurity.org/media/pdf-NGOWGMAPReport_Full2011-12.pdf)

#### **16. Report: "African Women's Decade 2010-2020: 2012 Annual Review," Make Every Woman Count (MEWC)**

MEWC's Annual Review of the African Women's Decade (AWD) aimed to evaluate the progress, or lack thereof, made to include and promote the rights of women at the country, regional, and Pan-African levels. This was achieved by presenting each country on the continent with a background and a presentation of progress and developments made within different areas.

MEWC evaluated each of the levels around the central gender issues, including Women, Peace and Security; Violence Against Women; Political Participation and Leadership; Economic Empowerment; Education, HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health; and Human Rights of Women. The report is divided into sections according to regional visions of the African continent, and the countries are then presented individually.

To access the full report, visit: [http://makeeverywomancount.org/images/stories/documents/MEWC\\_AWD2012AnnualReview.pdf](http://makeeverywomancount.org/images/stories/documents/MEWC_AWD2012AnnualReview.pdf)

#### **17. Brief: "What the Women Say: Egypt's Fitful Revolution: Women in the Balance," International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)**

With Mohammad Morsi's inauguration as President of Egypt in June 2012, many Egyptians hoped that the country's fitful political transition would finally be on a smoother path towards institutional reform and

democratization (see summary of key events). But much remains in flux. The constitution drafting process that was contentious from the outset of the transition still poses difficulties for Mr. Morsi. He has promised a new constitution that would be put to a referendum within 2 weeks of completion, to be followed by new parliamentary elections 60 days after that. But resignations from the drafting committee and criticism about the lack of transparency have plagued the process and led to delays. In addition, civil rights advocates are concerned about the limited time available to consult and educate the public about the provisions of the new constitution.

To access the full brief, visit: <http://www.icanpeacework.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/egyptoct2012.pdf>

### **18. Statement: From the Women of Mali, Niger and Senegal on the Current Situation in Mali, Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUML)**

Excerpt from the statement: "We, the women of Mali, Senegal and Niger, gathered here together at a workshop on the involvement of women in processes of crisis management in Bamako, Mali, between the 16th and 18th of October 2012, demand of our representatives from the African Union, ECOWAS, the United Nations, the European Union, countries of the sub-region and countries friendly to Mali:

- To take into account the gender dimension in the management of the current crisis; and
- To involve women at every level of negotiations - local, national, regional and international."

To access the full statement, visit: <http://www.awid.org/News-Analysis/Announcements2/Statement-from-the-Women-of-Mali-Niger-and-Senegal-on-the-Current-Situation-in-Mali>

### **19. Resource: GenderIT.org, "Crossing Borders: Cyberspace and National Security"**

This edition of GenderIT.org explores the online safety of women human rights defenders from the perspective of national security and counter-terrorism. National security often encompasses a variety of security threats, including those in cyberspace. While national security measures are meant to protect the security of a nation and its citizen, in many contexts they serve as a pretext for suppressing unfavourable political and social views.

To access the resource, visit: <http://www.genderit.org/>

### **20. Website: The International Campaign to Stop Rape & Gender Violence in Conflict**

This campaign is a global collaboration between Nobel Peace Laureates, international advocacy organizations, and groups working at the regional and community levels to stop rape and gender violence in conflict situations.

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

### **21. Announcement: "Syrian Women Making Peace Forum Launches in Cairo," KARAMA**

In a first of its kind initiative, more than forty Syrian women from all walks of social and political life, convened a working seminar in Cairo to form the "Syrian Women's Forum for Peace" between October 30 and November 1, 2012.

The working seminar was an opportunity to forge a united vision and shared efforts to create a role for Syrian women in all spheres of public affairs - especially those relating to fighting the violence spreading through the country, and to elevate peace as a universal value for all Syrians.

The three-day conference included discussions of the risks associated with Syria falling into a cycle of

violence. Participants made presentations on the various human rights violations, specifically those faced by women as a result of the violence, internally displaced women, and refugees in neighboring countries. Through these discussions, participants reaffirmed the importance of involving women in peace building to bring an end to violence.

For more information, visit: <http://el-karama.org/content/syrian-women%E2%80%99s-forum-peace-convenes-cairo>

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