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CONFERENCES, TRAININGS, LECTURES, AND EVENTS

1. Women Peacemakers 10th Anniversary Conference, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, San Diego, CA, USA

The Institute for Peace and Justice (IPJ) will be hosting an international working conference, entitled "Breaking Barriers: What it will take to achieve security, justice and peace". This public conference of peacebuilders is held in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the Women PeaceMakers Program. The conference will be held September 26-28,2012.

For more information, visit: <http://www.awid.org/Library/PeaceMakers-Conf2>

2. 3rd Annual Women & Justice Conference: Sexual Violence Against Girls in Southern Africa, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY, USA

The topic of the conference, Sexual Violence against Girls in Southern Africa, developed from an 18-month study on sexual violence against girls in schools in Zambia conducted by the Avon Global Center for Women & Justice and the International Human Rights Clinic together with Women and Law in Southern Africa, an NGO based in southern Africa. Cornell Law School faculty and students travelled to Zambia twice to interview government officials, school administrators, and over 100 children in connection with a report that will be launched at the conference.

For more information, visit: <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/womenandjustice/Conferences-and-Events/2012-Conference.cfm>

CALLS FOR PAPERS, PROPOSALS, AND SUBMISSIONS

3. Call for Papers: 3rd European Conference on Politics and Gender

The Standing Group on Gender and Politics is now accepting paper submissions for the European Conference on Politics and Gender, to be held on March 21-23, 2013 at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain.

Submission Deadline: October 1, 2012

For a complete listing of paper topics and for more information, please visit: <http://www.ecpg-barcelona.com/call-papers>.

4. Call for Papers: "(Im)possibly Queer International Feminisms," International Feminist Journal of Politics 2nd Annual Conference, University of Sussex

This conference seeks to bring together scholars and practitioners to critically consider the limits and possibilities of thinking, doing, and being in relation to various assemblages composed of queer(s), international(s), and feminism(s).

Questions we hope to consider include: Who or what is/are (im)possibly queer, (im)possibly international, (im)possibly feminist, separately and in combination? What makes assemblages of queer(s), international(s) and feminism(s) possible or impossible? Are such assemblages desirable - for whom and for what reasons? What might these assemblages make possible or impossible, especially for the theory and practice of global politics?

We are interested in papers and panels that explore these questions through theoretical and/or practical perspectives, be they interdisciplinary or located within the discipline of International Relations.

Submission Deadline: January 31, 2013.

The conference will be held May 17-19, 2013.

5. Call for Papers: "The Lady Doth Protest...Mapping Feminist Movements, Moments, and Mobilisations," Feminist and Women's Studies Association, UK & Ireland

FWSA aims "to critically reflect upon the concept of feminist protest - its discourse, image and impact, and to examine the possibility of creative feminist engagement across a spectrum of moments, movements and mobilisations. They invite papers for the conference that will be held at the University of Nottingham between 21-23 June, 2013."

Panel Proposal Deadline: September 30, 2012.

Submission Deadline: October 30, 2012.

For more information, visit: <http://www.awid.org/Get-Involved/Calls-for-Participation2/Call-for-Papers-The-Lady-Doth-Protest-Mapping-Feminist-Movements-Moments-and-Mobilisations>

6. Call for Papers: "Gender Issues related to Peacekeeping and Stability Operations," Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Journal Online

Articles should reflect the topic of gender issues related to peacekeeping and stability operations.

Submission Deadline: September 15, 2012.

All materials must be sent to the PKSOI Publications Coordinator:
Carl_PKSOIResearchandPublications@conus.army.mil

REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES

7. Report: "Executive Summary: A Research Agenda for Sexual Violence in Humanitarian, Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings," World Health Organization, UN Action, Sexual Violence Research Initiative

This paper summarises the outcomes of a multi-stage and consultative process to identify key research themes and specific research questions within each theme that need to be addressed in order to inform programmatic efforts to prevent and respond to conflict-related sexual violence.

To access the full report, visit: <http://www.svri.org/ExecutiveSummary.pdf>

8. Report: "Case Study: Women's Rights in Egypt", Oxfam

The uprising in Egypt which began on 25 January 2011 called for freedom, dignity and social justice. It was full of potential opportunities and challenges for Egyptians who had been deprived of their political, social and economic rights. The revolution gave women a sense of freedom and empowerment, and seemed like the perfect opportunity to claim their rights. However, while many groups, including women, overcame their fear to speak out against violations of their basic rights, the change in power relations threatened to ignore women's rights or even reverse gains that were won in the past. Oxfam's partners in Egypt have increased their efforts during the last year to collectively formulate priority demands on women's rights and bring these demands to the forefront.

To access the full report, visit: <http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/publications/case-study-womens-rights-in-egypt-234173>

9. Report: "Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Principles and Interventions," World Health Organization

This is a summary of the report from a meeting on Responding to the psychosocial and mental health needs of sexual violence survivors in conflict-affected settings, organized by the WHO, with UNFPA and UNICEF, on behalf of United Nations Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict (UNAction). The document also

identifies 10 myths in relation to mental health and social support for conflict-related sexual violence.

To access the full report, visit:

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/75179/1/WHO_RHR_HRP_12.18_eng.pdf

10. Report: "Do's and Don'ts in Community-Based Psychosocial Programming in Regard to Sexual Violence in Conflict-Affected Settings," World Health Organization

This document promotes good practices and intends to reduce harmful practices by community-based psychosocial programmes that address sexual violence in conflict settings.

To access the full report, visit:

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/75175/1/WHO_RHR_HRP_12.16_eng.pdf

11. Report: Monthly Action Points on Women, Peace and Security, UN Security Council - September 2012

For September, in which Germany has the Security Council presidency, the MAP provides recommendations on the situations in Afghanistan, Libya, Mali, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan / South Sudan, Syria and Yemen. The MAP also provides recommendations for the Security Council's ongoing implementation of its Women, Peace and Security obligations.

To access the full report, visit:

http://womenpeacesecurity.org/media/pdf-MAP_September2012.pdf?utm_source=MAP+for+September+2012+%28Germany%29&utm_campaign=MAP+for+September+2012&utm_medium=email

12. Resource: Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice: ELetter, "Women's Voices" - August Issue

Welcome to the August issue of Women's Voices, a regular eLetter produced by the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice. In Women's Voices we provide updates and analysis on political developments, the pursuit of justice and accountability, the participation of women in peace talks and reconciliation efforts from the perspective of women's rights activists within armed conflict situations, specifically those countries under investigation by the International Criminal Court (ICC) including Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Darfur, the Central African Republic (CAR), Kenya, Libya and Côte d'Ivoire.

For more information, visit: <http://www.awid.org/News-Analysis/New-Resources2/A-New-Resource-Women-s-Initiatives-for-Gender-Justice-eLetter-Women-s-Voices-August-Issue>

13. Book: "Defying Victimhood: Women and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding," United Nations

Through case and country studies, particularly with an African focus, the authors argue that when women

become activists and participants in post-conflict political, social, economic and security structures, they are "defying victimhood."

This book communicates a simple but powerful message. Ignore the women's complicated and diverse agency roles in post-conflict peacebuilding and risk harming everybody's security. An essential read for all policy-makers and researchers who care about 'real world' solutions. - Heidi Hudson, Professor of Political Science and Programme Director, Centre for Africa Studies, University of the Free State

For more information, visit: http://www.peacewomen.org/portal_initiative_initiative.php?id=1405

14. Documentary: "Our Voices Matter: Congolese Women Demand Justice and Accountability," WITNESS

Since 1996, the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo has experienced war and widespread insecurity. Women and girls are paying a particularly high price in this instability -- thousands have been subjected to rape and other forms of sexual and gender- based violence committed by all the parties taking part in the hostilities. Our Voices Matter features women and girls victims/survivors of rape and sexual violence from North Kivu, South Kivu and Province Orientale, who have come forward to tell their stories, demanding justice, assistance and the effective implementation of legislation to prevent and address sexual and gender-based violence. Our Voices Matter is a call to action.

For the full documentary, visit: <http://www.witness.org/videos/our-voices-matter>

15. Documentary: "An Unspeakable Act" (Episode 2), BBC World Service

The Democratic Republic of Congo is known as the 'rape capital of the world' and the terrible experiences of the women who live in the region has been widely documented. Less well known is the fact that an astonishing 22% of the region's men have also suffered from sexual violence. In the 2nd part of the issue, award winning writer and Guardian journalist Will Storr travels to Kampala, Uganda to meet the male refugees from the neighbouring DRC.

For the documentary, visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00vxx55>

16. Documentary: "Side by Side: Women, Peace and Security"

A new documentary launched by UN Women, Side by Side: Women, Peace and Security, interviews activists, peacekeepers, humanitarian workers and survivors of violence to chart the impact of conflict on women's lives and the work being done by peacekeeping and humanitarian operations to empower women around the world.

For the full documentary, visit: http://www.peacewomen.org/portal_initiative_initiative.php?id=1404

17. Article: "Disquiet and Despair: The Gender Sub-texts of the 'Arab Spring'," Open Democracy

The extreme precariousness of women's rights in post- Arab spring successor regimes can neither be fully

accounted for with reference to the rise of politically empowered Islamist parties nor attributed to some unqualified notion of misogyny, but is determined by a complex combination of internal and external influences.

To access the full article, visit: <http://www.awid.org/News-Analysis/Issues-and-Analysis/Disquiet-and-despair-the-gender-sub-texts-of-the-Arab-spring>

18. Article: "In Spite of the Many Ongoing Challenges There is Hope For Women in South Sudan," AWID

The pace of change has been slow for South Sudan since it became the newest country on 9 July 2011.

AWID spoke to Lilian Riziq, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Irrigation in Western Bhar El Ghazal State, Wau about some of the challenges for women in the fledgling nation.

To access the full article, visit: <http://www.awid.org/Library/In-Spite-of-the-Many-Ongoing-Challenges-there-is-Hope-for-Women-in-South-Sudan>

19. Article: "Cowering from Columbia's Violence," Human Rights Watch

Sexual violence against women and girls has been called a habitual practice in Colombia's five decades of warfare between the military, guerrillas, and paramilitaries.

To access the full article, visit: <http://www.hrw.org/news/2012/07/24/cowering-colombia-s-violence>

20. Article: "No Spring for Arab Women: Interview with Marieme Helie Lucas," Feminists India

Marieme Helie Lucas is an Algerian feminist, sociologist, political theorist and author known for her work against religious fundamentalism.

To access the full article, visit: <http://www.awid.org/News-Analysis/Issues-and-Analysis/No-Spring-for-Arab-Women-Interview-with-Marieme-Helie-Lucas>

21. Article: "Libya: The Fight for Women's Rights Goes On," In Depth News

Following the Libyan revolution, in which women played a crucial part, and the participation of large numbers of female citizens in the July 2012 elections, Libyan women are now looking forward to a partnership and full equality with their male counterparts.

To access the full article, visit: <http://www.awid.org/News-Analysis/Issues-and-Analysis/Libya-The-Fight-for-Women-s-Rights-Goes-On>

JOB OPENINGS AND INTERNSHIPS

22. Job Opportunity: Research Coordinator: Gender and Development (P4), UNRISD, Geneva, Switzerland

UNRISD seeks an outstanding scholar in the field of gender and development to lead its research programme in this field.

Application Deadline: September 14, 2012

For more information, visit: <http://www.awid.org/Get-Involved/Jobs-Around-the-World/Research-Coordinator-Gender-and-Development-P4>

23. Job Opportunity: Development Coordinator, The Women's Refugee Commission, New York, NY, USA

The Development Coordinator will play a key role in the Women's Refugee Commission's fundraising operations (\$5.6 million annual budget) as a member of a three-person team.

For more information, visit: <http://www.awid.org/Get-Involved/Jobs-Around-the-World/Development-Coordinator2>

24. Job Opportunity: Research Associate, University of Manchester, Manchester, England, UK

The successful applicant will be working with Prof. Georgina Waylen on a five year European Research Council funded research project 'Understanding Institutional Change: A Gender Perspective' which aims to improve our understanding of the gender dynamics of institutional change and reform.

Informal inquiries may be made to Professor Georgina Waylen. Email: georgina.waylen@manchester.ac.uk Telephone : 0161 275 4770

Applications should be made online. If you are unable to apply online please request an application form by emailing hrrecruitment@manchester.ac.uk quoting the reference number or by calling 0161 275 8838 (HR team recruitment line number).

The position will start October 1st, 2012 with a duration of two years.

25. Job Opportunity: Assistant or Untenured Associate Professor of the Sociology of Gender, Harvard University

The Department of Sociology and the Committee on Degrees in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality invite applications and nominations for a joint tenure-track appointment in the sociology of gender. The position will be at the assistant or untenured associate professor level to begin on July 1, 2013. We seek scholars who engage in interdisciplinary teaching and research at the intersections of sociology and studies of women, gender, and/or sexuality. Field of specialization is open; research areas of interest include but are not limited to inequality or labor, consumption, and urban sociology. We seek candidates who bring to their field

of specialization an equally vibrant commitment to theoretical and empirical understandings of women, gender, and sexuality. We seek candidates with exceptional promise as scholars and teachers to offer courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2012.

For more information, visit: <https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/4187>

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