Beyond 1325: A Feminist Roadmap for Sustainable Peace

October 2015 marks the 15th Anniversary of UNSCR1325, an unprecedented resolution that helped propel the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda. A High Level Review took place in the Security Council in order to assess progress in implementing UNSCR1325 at the global, regional and national levels. Also, Member States had the chance to renew commitments and to address obstacles and constraints. With the aim to commemorate achievements and to strategize on how to mobilize women and men and strengthen implementation of the WPS Agenda, civil society is organizing the Peace Forum.

In this context, this workshop will provide a space to radically rethink, broaden and deepen the current WPS Agenda. We will ask: if we aim to be truly transformative in creating a more just, gender-equitable and sustainable peace, what is the WPS Agenda missing, and how can we bring it in?

The workshop will examine key questions such as:

- Why are areas typically outside the WPS Agenda – such as the rebuilding of infrastructure, or extractive industries and land grabbing – so crucial for us to address?
- What are some expectable post-war issues and dynamics that impede the realization of gender equality, even when it is written into constitutional provisions?
- How might analysis of the root causes of conflict and inequality transform the agenda for peace negotiations?

The workshop will be led by Carol Cohn, the Director of the Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights, an organization which works to produce cutting edge gender analysis of war and peacebuilding; transform gender and security research and policy agendas; and foster innovative education, activism and practice. She has written widely on WPS issues, including the recent book, Women and Wars, from Polity Press.

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DATE: Friday 30 October
3:00 – 4:30 pm
VENUE: Church Center at 777 UN Plaza,
10th Floor