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Consortium Events

In recent years a plethora of UN Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security have been adopted, most of which focus on sexual violence in conflict. A view has emerged that this focus has undermined - and even been antithetical to - the intent of feminists who initially lobbied for Security Council resolution 1325. Are there ways of thinking about how such "failures" or crises of feminist policy interventions emerge that go beyond claims of cooptation or "lack of political will"? Is there something that can be learned from looking at the micro-practices of policymaking?

**Date: April 24, 2014**  
**Time:** 4:00 - 6:00pm  
**Networking and refreshments:** 6:00 - 7:00pm  
**Location:** Campus Center, Room 3545, UMass Boston

Sam Cook is a lawyer from South Africa whose academic and activist work has long focused on policy responses to sexual and gender-based violence. She spent five years working on United Nations policy on women, peace and security as Director of the PeaceWomen Project of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She then worked on LGBT rights research and policy at the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. She is now a PhD candidate at the University of California Santa Cruz; her dissertation explores how the practices of Security Council policymaking shape feminist policy interventions.

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**2. Gender and Security Networking Event, April 24, 2014, 6:00PM, UMass Boston**

Are you interested in the gender dimensions of armed conflict, post-conflict peacebuilding, development and security? If so, please join us for an opportunity to meet other scholars who share your curiosity and commitment!

On Thursday, April 24th, the Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights will hold our second networking event. Directly following Sam Cook's talk, we will host an hour-long informal gathering of Boston area professors and graduate students. It will be an occasion to learn about each other's research interests and to begin to strengthen the network of local scholars working in this field.

So please join us for some good conversation and tasty refreshments! And please help spread the word to other colleagues who might be interested.

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**Conferences, Trainings, Lectures, and Events**

**3. "Understanding and Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Development," Kimmage Open & Distance Education (KODE), Online**

Kimmage Open & Distance Education offers a range of courses specifically designed for busy development workers. This eight-week online course empowers participants to: become aware of the prevalence and nature of GBV specifically against women and the barrier it poses to all development initiatives; understand the relationship between gender inequality and GBV and how GBV threatens both human rights and poverty reduction strategies; appreciate the direct and indirect costs of GBV in terms of health, HIV and AIDS, education, livelihoods and participation at both micro and macro levels; understand best practice in relation to GBV prevention and response programming; analyze internal organizational ethics and policy in relation to gender inequality and GBV; to address key ethical, methodological and practical challenges in
relation to GBV research, monitoring and evaluation and engaging men.

Date of Event: May 17, 2014 - July 12, 2014  
Application Deadline: May 4, 2014  
Location: Online

For more information, visit: http://www.kodeonline.com/

George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia

This one-day conference, hosted by Women and Gender Studies at George Mason University, brings together scholars (including undergraduate and graduate students), policy makers, artists, and activists from the region to wrestle with ideas and strategies to move forward toward a just world in theory and practice. The conference is free and open to the public.

Date of Event: May 3, 2014  
Location: George Mason University - Arlington Campus in Founder's Hall

For more information, visit: http://wmst.gmu.edu/wgstconference2014


Development planners and NGOs are increasingly committed to incorporating a gender perspective into their programs. However, many face challenges in its practical and systematic application to their work. This course will enable you to effectively and systematically analyze contexts and plan development and humanitarian programs from a gender equality perspective. This course is intended for gender advisers in NGOs and UN agencies, and development practitioners with an interest in gender mainstreaming.

Date of Event: May 19 - 21, 2014  
Location: Oxford, UK

For more information, visit: http://www.intrac.org/events.php?action=event&id=245

Fellowships and Funding Opportunities

6. Humanitarian Research and Innovation Grant Programme, OCHA

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Policy Development and Studies Branch invites applications to its 2014 Humanitarian Research and Innovation Grant Programme. The programme encourages and enables original research and writing on issues and trends relating to humanitarian needs and response. All research projects must be completed within five months and result in a 20 to 40-page paper and a possible presentation at an OCHA policy forum. The final papers will be published on the OCHA website. Field research in countries with humanitarian response activities is strongly encouraged. The maximum grant payable under this programme is US$4,000. The exact disbursement will be determined by the nature of the work and the number of selected projects.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2014
7. Funding Opportunity: Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

The Václav Havel Human Rights Prize is awarded each year by the PACE in partnership with the Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation to reward outstanding civil society action in the defence of human rights in Europe and beyond. The Prize is awarded in memory of Václav Havel, playwright, opponent of totalitarianism, architect of the Velvet Revolution of 1989, President of Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic and an enduring symbol of opposition to despotism. Nominations of any individual, non-governmental organisation or institution working to defend human rights are taken into consideration. The Prize consists of a sum of €60,000, a trophy and a diploma.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2014

For more information, visit: http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/vaclav-havel-human-rights-prize

Job Openings and Internships

8. Program Officer, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Central African Republic

The Program Officer DRC/CAR will be responsible to coordinate and grow the Women's Initiatives country based programs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the Central African Republic (CAR). S/he will coordinate capacity and movement building initiatives; building our partnerships particularly with conflict-based women's rights and peace activists in DRC and CAR; monitor implementation of peace talks and peace initiatives in these countries. S/he will also liaise with women's rights and justice organizations in Côte d'Ivoire and Mali. In collaboration with the WI Kitgum based Uganda Program Officer, set up a new WI office in Kampala, which will be a hub office for WI program and legal monitoring activities in the region.

Requirements include Minimum 5 years employment in the field of women's human rights and gender equality or direct involvement in the integration of gender issues in relevant fields; minimum Bachelor's degree in relevant fields such as Political Science, Public Health, Law, Social Sciences or other relevant academic study; fluency in written and spoken English and French; working knowledge of Swahili and knowledge of other local languages from DRC or CAR desired.

Application Deadline: May 3, 2013

For more information, visit: http://www.iccwomen.org/aboutus/jobs_and_internships.php

9. Internship: Legal Intern, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice, The Hague, Netherlands

The Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice regularly offers three-month legal internships in The Hague. Prospective interns should be law or graduate students with a strong background in international law, strong legal research skills, and a good knowledge of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The internship also
requires fluency in written and spoken English. Additional French and/or Arabic language skills are an asset. The legal internship is full-time, however for exceptional candidates based in The Netherlands, part-time internships may be a possibility.

Legal interns will make an essential contribution to the work of the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice's Legal Team. Tasks may include: monitoring, summarizing, and analyzing filings, decisions, and proceedings of the ICC; research projects on the work of the Court and issues of gender justice and international criminal law; contributions to our strategic events and program work; basic English/French translations; and some administrative work. The legal internship provides an excellent opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge about the work of the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice and the work of the ICC.

**Application Deadline: Rolling**

For more information, visit: [http://www.iccwomen.org/aboutus/jobs_and_internships.php](http://www.iccwomen.org/aboutus/jobs_and_internships.php)  

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**10. Gender Specialist, CARE, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

CARE Bangladesh seeks a Gender Specialist to support an upcoming, USAID-funded, project titled "Women's Empowerment Activity." This effort aims to increase women's leadership in their communities, enhance females' collective and individual abilities to make decisions, and improve the target population's access to income-generating activities - specifically in agriculture. The Gender Specialist will play a key role in facilitating approaches that positively engage men and boys in contributing to gender-equitable behaviors, relationships, systems, and structures, specifically in the context of agriculture and livelihoods in rural Bangladesh. S/he will lead a gender analysis, to identify gender-based constraints and implement interventions that address these constraints and take advantage of opportunities to promote women's empowerment in agriculture including interventions that increase women's access to productive resources, and optimize their participation and benefits from agricultural value chains. S/he will provide direct technical guidance to the project and work closely with other project staff to develop and produce reports, contribute to the learning agenda; adjust programming in response to observed needs, challenges, or other issues.

**Application Deadline: Open until filled**

For more information, visit: [http://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH05/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=CAREUSA&cws=1&rid=2254](http://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH05/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=CAREUSA&cws=1&rid=2254)  

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**11. Policy Advisor, Peacebuilding and Accountability, UN Women, New York, NY**

Under the supervision of the Section Chief, the Policy Advisor is responsible for developing and implementing the organization's policies in his/her thematic area of expertise to achieve gender equality and advancement of women. He/she provides technical and policy advice at country and regional levels, through strategy development, thematic reviews, tools for capabilities building and channels for knowledge sharing and prepare documentation for UN normative intergovernmental processes; prepare studies, reports and content for policy advocacy.

Some of the requirements are: Master's degree (or equivalent) in development related disciplines, gender issues, economics, political science, international relations, public policy, law or other social science fields directly related to the thematic area of the post; 10 years of extensive development or peace and security experience that combines intellectual, strategic and managerial leadership in development, planning, policy analysis, data processing and analysis, sociological/gender equality at least seven of which is in the field of peace and security; Substantive knowledge and experience related to current policies and practices in women peace and security, with specific reference to peacebuilding (and at least some of the substantive components of peacebuilding such as governance, rule of law, security, economic recovery, planning, etc.), and accountability issues; A record of managerial competence including budgetary oversight.
12. Women's Protection and Empowerment (WPE) Program Advisor, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Democratic Republic of the Congo

Since 2002, the IRC DRC has been responding to gender based violence in North and South Kivu provinces, with bases in Goma and Bukavu. IRC's Women's Protection and Empowerment program in the DRC seeks to increase the social, political and economic empowerment of women and girls, and prevent and respond to gender based violence. The WPE Program Advisor will provide regular on-site monitoring visits and continuous support to the WPE teams in DRC to ensure that all interventions are technically sound, take into account international best practices, and are appropriate in meeting the needs of Gender-Based Violence survivors and affected communities.

Requirements include an advanced degree in public health, social work, public policy or another related field; at least five years of GBV or development programming experience, including three years of overseas management experience in GBV, protection or humanitarian program; fluency in both French and English, spoken and written.

**Application Deadline: Open until filled**

For more information, visit: [http://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH02/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=IRC&cws=1&rid=10015](http://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH02/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=IRC&cws=1&rid=10015)

13. Capacity Building Officer - Engaging Men in Violence Prevention, International Rescue Committee (IRC), New York, NY

The Engaging Men in Violence Prevention - Capacity Building Officer will work closely with the WPE Technical Unit to establish an internal roster of individuals trained in the EMAP intervention. This includes identifying candidates, providing on-site and remote training and mentorship, and developing guidelines for internal agency training support needs. The Capacity Building Officer will also provide direct technical support and on-site training on the EMAP intervention to select IRC field staff and partner agencies in 2-3 target countries with on-going mentorship and technical support. In addition, the EMVP Capacity Building Officer will be responsible for documenting context specific adaptations made to the EMAP resources and capturing lessons learned. This position requires extensive travel (up to 3-5 weeks on-site per country).

Requirements include MA in education, social work or other related field; 5 years experience in humanitarian, development or similar organizations with direct experience working on primary prevention programming; French language proficiency highly desired.

**Application Deadline: Open until filled**

For more information, visit: [http://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH02/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=IRC&cws=1&rid=10305](http://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH02/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=IRC&cws=1&rid=10305)

14. Influencing Coordinator, Raising Voices, Kampala, Uganda

Raising Voices is seeking a dynamic and experienced individual to lead the Influencing area of work. The objective of this work at Raising Voices is to influence policy-makers and partners to develop policies and programs that prioritize the prevention of violence against women and children. Requirements include at least 7 years relevant work experience with at least 3 years in management; in-
depth understanding and analysis of violence against women and children; excellent writing and computer skills.

**Application Deadline: Open until filled**

For more information, visit: [http://raisingvoices.org/wpcontent/uploads/2013/02/InfluencingCoordinatorJD_.pdf](http://raisingvoices.org/wpcontent/uploads/2013/02/InfluencingCoordinatorJD_.pdf)

15. **Internship: The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), New York, NY**

The internship is 70 per cent projects, 30 per cent organizational and administrative responsibilities. The intern will be required to: track policy deliberations on the UNSCRs on Women, Peace and Security; post-2015 development agenda, CEDAW and other international laws, relevant to women and peacebuilding; conduct project based research; assist in preparatory phases of country-level programs; assist in preparations for the anniversary of UNSCR 1325 in October; communicate with network members and assist these with preparing funding applications; research etc.; track developments on gender perspectives on global policies; prepare materials for and update specific sections of the website; actively engage on social media platforms where GNWP is active (twitter; facebook); and work in a supportive, inclusive atmosphere. All interns work as part of a multi-disciplinary team but are given substantial autonomy in the area that they have been assigned. GNWP will cover monthly metrocards and give small stipends whenever possible.

**Application Deadline: Open until filled**

For more information, visit: [http://www.gnwp.org/?s=internship](http://www.gnwp.org/?s=internship)

16. **Gender Specialist, Cuso International, Georgetown, Guyana**

The Gender Specialist will: identify how the outcomes of the Gender Action Plan for Guyana can most effectively be achieved, develop new areas of work and provide training/capacity building to partners, staff and volunteers to become gender sensitive and mainstream gender in their programs. They will: Implement recommendations contained in the Gender Action Plan; pro-actively engage partners to work on gender equality issues; identify best practices to scale up with other partners; develop and offer gender training to partners, Cuso staff and volunteers; provide support to volunteers, staff, and Cuso partners on gender issues and input to the Cuso Caribbean gender strategy.

**Application Deadline: April 25, 2014**

For more information, visit: [www.volunteerplacementoverseas.org/CMFiles/GUY0356-0013-0001%20%20Gender%20Specialist.pdf](http://www.volunteerplacementoverseas.org/CMFiles/GUY0356-0013-0001%20%20Gender%20Specialist.pdf)

17. **Internships: Gender, Conflict Transformation, Communications, Administration, Life & Peace Institute, Uppsala, Sweden**

Life & Peace Institute in Sweden invites you to apply for internship coming semester. We are accepting applications for internship in Uppsala between September 2014 and January 2015. Deadline is April 30. Look at three profile options: Gender focus, Administration/finance and Conflict transformation/communications.

**Application Deadline: April 30, 2014**

For more information, visit: [http://www.life-peace.org](http://www.life-peace.org)
18. **Blogger, Women in International Security (WIIS)**

Women In International Security has just launched a blog on their website and WIIS members are invited to submit guest blog posts in the form of op-eds, analytical essays or shorter commentary. The blog has to bear on international peace and security issues broadly defined. We welcome posts on traditional security issues, as well as emerging security challenges and the women, peace and security agenda.

Your submission should be between 500 and 1250 words and include an author bio and a picture. Also, provide links to related articles/sources referenced in your post. Submissions should be sent to: blog@wisglobal.org

For more information, visit: [http://wiisnetwork.org/](http://wiisnetwork.org/)

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**Calls for Papers, Proposals, and Submissions**

19. **Call for Papers: Wagadu: Journal of Transnational Women's and Gender Studies, Special Issue: Women, Gender and Government Outsourcing in Comparative Perspectives**

The role and impact of new public-private partnerships-compared to other forms of privatization-for the delivery of public services for women and by women remain under-researched. This special issue seeks to bring together work that specifically addresses the intersection of gender or women and government outsourcing. Government outsourcing affects and empowers women in various ways. We welcome theoretical and empirical submissions from all disciplines, ideologies, and regions of the world.

**Application Deadline: June 1, 2014**

For more information, visit: [http://www.municipalservicesproject.org/](http://www.municipalservicesproject.org/)

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20. **Call for Abstracts: 4th International Conference on the Survivors of Rape, Associação de Mulheres Contra a Violência**

The call for abstracts for the 4th International Conference on the Survivors of Rape is open to all stakeholders and professionals that want to make the difference on this field - researchers, policymakers, legal system professionals (forensics, lawyers, judges, law enforcement officers), professions and voluntaries working in NGO, physicians, psychologists, social workers, educators, and others.

Abstracts are welcoming covering the following issues: human rights, data collection, medical, mental health, social, legal, and intervention and support models related with rape.

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2014**

For more information, visit: [http://www.icsor.org/site/view/29/call-for-abstracts/](http://www.icsor.org/site/view/29/call-for-abstracts/)

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21. **Call for Essays: Sex, Gender, and the Cold War, George Washington University**
Dr. Philip E. Muchenbeck of George Washington University is working on editing a volume of essays to be published under the title "Sex, Gender, and the Cold War: A Global Perspective" which will take a look at how these issues impacted both the domestic and foreign affairs of states during the Cold War period. Much scholarship has been done on how these issues impacted the United States but not much has been done on the ramifications for other nations - this will be the focus of this volume. Contributions should be in the range of 5,000-10,000 words (including notes).

Interested scholars should send a short biography and abstract of about 500 words to pmuehlen@gwu.edu by May 15th.

Application Deadline: May 15, 2014

For more information, visit: http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=212470

22. Call for Artistic Submissions: "Imagining Equality: Your Voices on Women's Human Rights," Global Fund for Women

The Global Fund for Women is calling for submissions for their upcoming project "Imagining Equality: Your Voices on Women's Human Rights." What is equality to you? As the UN prepares to create a new set of international development goals, we want your voices and ideas to spark a global conversation about a new decade for women's human rights. What issues should be at the forefront as we imagine a new future for the world's women? Submissions of photography, video, audio, journalism, creative writing and more are accepted online through April 30th, 2014.

Submission Deadline: April 30th, 2014

For more information, visit: http://community.globalfundforwomen.org/o/6174/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=1286291

23. Call for Proposals: The Asian Congress on the Millennium Development Goals

The 2014 Millennium Development Goals Congress in Asia is an international event that will coincide with the 69th Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony. The 2014 Millennium Development Goals Congress in Asia invites scholarly interactions among academics, researchers, doctoral students, and representatives from industry, entrepreneurs, and non-profit and non-governmental organization professionals. Authors are welcome to submit from a range of topics, perspectives, and disciplines. The range of research submissions may include conceptual, empirical, experimental, and case studies.

Proposals on sustainable development are encouraged. Also welcome are proposals related directly to the eight Millennium Development Goals, including Promoting Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women.

Application Deadline: May 19, 2014

For more information, visit: http://www.esdfocus.org/millennium-development-goals-congress/

24. Call for Papers: 4th Istanbul Human Security Conference

This year's conference is focusing on the 20th anniversary of human security since its conceptualization by the UNDP report in 1994. Human security is a people-centered approach to global security which recognizes that
lasting peace and social justice cannot be achieved unless people are protected from threats to their rights and basic needs. Examples of threats to human security include violence and abuse of human rights, corruption and bad governance, disasters and climate change, and poverty and poor access to basic services. The conference will be taking place on 23-24 October 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Deadline for submission: August 1, 2014**

For more information, visit: [http://www.istanbulhumansecurity.org/call-for-papers/](http://www.istanbulhumansecurity.org/call-for-papers/)

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### 25. Call for Applicants: Women PeaceMakers and Peace Writer Program, Joan B. Kroc Institute, University of San Diego

Four peacemakers are selected each year to participate in an eight-week residency at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ), located on the University of San Diego campus in San Diego, California. The program pairs each peacemaker with a Peace Writer and a documentary film team to document her story and best practices. Selected candidates give presentations on their work both at the IPJ and in the San Diego community and have opportunities to exchange ideas and approaches to peacemaking and justice, increasing their capacity to participate in conflict resolution and peacebuilding efforts and in post-conflict decision-making.

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2014**

For more information, visit: [http://www.sandiego.edu/](http://www.sandiego.edu/)

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### Reports, Publications, Tools, and Resources


AWID (Association for Women's Rights in Development), in collaboration with the Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition, has developed this publication in an effort to assess the various mechanisms that have been developed to provide protection to WHRDs at risk, including initiatives developed by national governments, and regional and international human rights bodies.


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The report, "Seeking Accountability and Effective Response for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Against Syrian Women: Women's Inclusion in Peace Processes," comes as Syrian women have been organizing across sectarian lines to secure a role in peace negotiations, despite being excluded thus far. By examining the current pattern of sexual violence and the pre-conflict social and legal framework that Syrian women were working to change, the report shows that any transitional justice process must equip women with the legal infrastructure to ensure that the end of the conflict brings meaningful peace to women in Syria.


In November 2013, a massive typhoon struck the Philippines, killing thousands and forcing hundreds of thousands from their homes. The response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines is the largest to a sudden-onset natural disaster since the 2010 Haiti earthquake and Pakistan floods. Typhoon Haiyan is also the first large-scale natural disaster to strike since the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Transformative Agenda (TA) was adopted, and the first Level 3 (L3) emergency declaration in such a context.

Unfortunately, the TA's debut demonstrated myriad problems. The TA was created to make humanitarian responses more effective and accountable. In the Philippines, however, the TA's tools became onerous and unhelpful, rather than leading to better results. Implementing the TA became an end in itself, compromising humanitarians' ability to provide lifesaving services in a timely manner. One area where this failure was particularly pronounced was gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, which provides a clear case study of the TA protocol's shortcomings.

Learning from these weaknesses, an urgent review and revision of the TA processes is required to ensure that when L3 crises strike, humanitarian efforts will be accountable to the affected population and, in particular, to women and girls, who require special protections from the onset of an emergency.


29. Film: War on Women, IRIN

IRIN is proud to announce the launch of "War on Women," a heart-rending, 15-minute film by award-winning filmmaker Dearbhla Glyn. The film explores sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), with gripping testimonies from both survivors and perpetrators and insight from analysts and civil society activists. Impunity helps drive the horrific levels of sexual violence in DRC: it is more than a "weapon of war," and is not confined to the battlefield.

To watch the film, visit: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=zw2pzTlT7Ns](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=zw2pzTlT7Ns)


From October 28 to 30, 2013, the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), The World Bank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) - North America, Women in International Security (WIIS), Promundo - US, and Sonke Gender Justice co-hosted a symposium titled Men, Peace & Security: Agents of Change at the USIP headquarters in Washington, DC. The event consisted of a two-day symposium followed by an optional one-day training course, bringing together scholars, policymakers, practitioners and military and security personnel from around the world.

This symposium explored how the ascribed norms of men and masculine identities contribute to, and may even help mitigate, violent conflict and post-conflict.

We are pleased to announce that through coordination with ARTWORKS Projects and funding from The World Bank, USIP and its partners have created a 10-minute video that will serve as a way to communicate and highlight internationally the main takeaways and key issues covered in the two-day symposium, "Men Peace and Security: Agents of Change."
31. Film: No Job for a Woman, Michèle Midori Fillion

When World War II broke out, reporter Martha Gellhorn was so determined to get to the frontlines that she left husband Ernest Hemingway, never to be reunited. Ruth Cowan's reporting was hampered by a bureau chief who refused to talk to her. Meanwhile, photojournalist Dickey Chapelle wanted to get so close to the action that she could feel bullets whizzing by. This award-winning documentary tells the colorful story of how these three tenacious war correspondents forged their now legendary reputations during the war when battlefields were considered no place for a woman.

Narrated by Emmy® Award winner Julianna Margulies, this film features an abundance of archival photos and interviews with modern female war correspondents, as well as actresses bringing to life the written words of these remarkable women. Their repeated delegation to the sidelines to cover the "woman's angle" succeeded in expanding the focus of war coverage to bring home a new kind of story - a personal look at the human cost of war.

For more information, visit: http://www.wmm.com/filmcatalog/pages/c820.shtml

32. Report: "Three Years of Conflict and Displacement. How this Crisis is Impacting Syrian Women and Girls (NGO)," International Rescue Committee

The Syrian civil war has had a devastating impact on women and girls. Women and girls account for more than half of the seven million people displaced during the past three years and are consistently subject to serious forms of gender-based violence. Women and girls' efforts to escape the conflict in Syria have exposed them to serious risks, both during flight and as refugees in camps and cities in Iraq, Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon. Displaced women and girls from Syria report multiple forms of gender-based violence, such as forced and early marriage, domestic violence, sexual assault and rape, and exploitation and abuse. These incidents and risks of violence often are exacerbated by social attitudes and practices that limit women and girls' mobility, potentially further increasing their isolation.

For more information, visit: http://peacewomen.org/portal_resources_resource.php?id=1979


Concern with the use explosive weapons in populated areas has increased over the last few years, due to the severe harm caused to civilians and the wider community. However, the debate has so far not sufficiently highlighted the specific impact that explosive weapons have on women. This publication seeks to draw attention to some of the unique impacts on women that explosive weapons have when used in populated areas. The publication argues that it is important to ensure that women affected by the use of explosive weapons receive the same assistance and legal protection as men, and that they are seen as active agents of change rather than only as victims.

For more information, visit: http://peacewomen.org/portal_resources_resource.php?id=1984


This Policy Brief is based on an event held in New York on March 11, 2014, entitled "Involving Religious Leaders for Women's Rights: Innovative Practices and Challenges from the Field," and builds upon recommendations formulated by women's activists from 21 countries, during two Consultations on "
(Inter)faith-based Peacebuilding: The Need for a Gender Perspective" (2010 & 2013), organized by the Women Peacemakers Program (WPP).

For more information, visit: https://www.womenpeacemakersprogram.org/assets/CMS/Reports/Policy-brief-gender-religion-2.0.pdf


Since the 1960s the political landscape of Central America has changed drastically, a result of both internal revolutions and externally imposed economic restructuring. These changes facilitated the increased participation of women in public affairs. The result was a shakeup of traditional gendered power paradigms, represented by the birth of an extensive network of women's organizations in the region, supported by solidarity organizations worldwide. CAWN aims to give a historical context of how and why this participation was able to flourish in Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua during the second half of the 20th century.

For more information, visit: http://www.cawn.org/Women%20renegotiating%20power%20paradigms%20in%20Central%20America.pdf


The Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is pleased to release its latest publication aimed at strengthening the capacity of human rights advocates to advance rights globally.

The purpose of Using CEDAW to Secure Women's Land and Property Rights: A Practical Guide is to provide advocacy information, advice and tools to those wishing to use the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and its Optional Protocol to secure the land and property rights of women. Our Guide is directed at NGOs and advocates working on these specific issues. Many very good general guides on engaging with CEDAW are available online. We do not intend to repeat the material that can be found in those Guides, but to provide a more targeted resource that provides substantive and practical guidance particular to the land and property rights of women.

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37. Video: "Women: Partners for Peace in Syria's Conflict," Dr. Rim Turkmani

Three years into Syria's civil war, the vital contribution that women can make in the pursuit of peace must not be overlooked, a leading campaigner says.

Dr. Rim Turkmani, a Syrian-born academic and founder of the organization Madani, tells Thomson Reuters Foundation that women leaders who have been pushed aside by violence need to be included in efforts to find a solution to the devastating conflict.

Madani is a not-for-profit organization that supports the role of the civil society and grassroots peacebuilding efforts in Syria.
38. Report: "Renegotiating the 'Ideal' Society: Gender Relations in the Wake of Conflict and Displacement in Uganda," International Alert

This report offers a gender analysis of northern Uganda in the wake of conflict and internal displacement, arguing for a broader and deeper understanding of gender in peacebuilding initiatives. It does so by examining four thematic areas: the economic dimensions of peacebuilding; the continuum of gendered violence; intergenerational dynamics; and access to justice. The report describes three projects which highlight the 'relational' dimensions of a gender approach: a community education project in Gulu district; Roco Kwo ('Transforming Lives'), a CARE International integrated development program; and the Refugee Law Project, which works for the fundamental human rights of forced migrants.

For more information, visit: http://www.international-alert.org/resources/publications/renegotiating-ideal-society