

Research-Policy Dialogue: New Insights on Women, Peace and Security for the Next Decade

24 January 2020, New York City, USA

PROGRAMME

08.30 **Registration and coffee**

09.00 **Welcome Remarks**

Dr. Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs, Head of Research at Folke Bernadotte Academy
Dr. Louise Olsson, Senior Researcher at Peace Research Institute Oslo
Ms. Paivi Kannisto, Chief of Peace and Security Unit at UN Women

09.15 **Setting the Scene: United Nations and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda**

Ms. Sarah Hendriks, Director Programme, Policy and Intergovernmental Division, UN Women

09.45 **Roundtable 1: Women's Inclusion in Peace Negotiations and Agreements**

This roundtable focuses on conflict resolution. In focus are strategies for strengthening women's inclusion in peace negotiations and the importance of Women, Peace and Security in peace agreement implementation.

Facilitator:

Dialogue partners:

Ignite speakers:

Rethinking Peace Mediation

Dr. Karin Aggestam, Lund University

Mediators, Mandates, and the WPS Agenda

Dr. Catriona Standfield, University of Notre Dame

Overlooked Interests? The Warring Parties and Women's Political Rights Post War

Dr. Louise Olsson, Peace Research Institute Oslo

11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.30

Roundtable 2: Gendered Dynamics of Armed Conflict

This roundtable addresses gendered dynamics of armed conflict. Discussions will focus on issues central for gender and conflict actor analysis, such as military masculinities and armed group motivations for committing different types of conflict-related sexual violence.

Facilitator:

Dialogue partners:

Ignite speakers:

Masculinity and Violence

Dr. Erik Melander and Dr. Elin Bjarnegård, Uppsala University

Armed Political Actors and the Stigmatisation of Wartime Sexual Violence

Dr. Angela Muvumba-Sellström, Folke Bernadotte Academy

Wedded to Warfare: Forced Marriage in Rebel Groups

Dr. Phoebe Donnelly, Williams College

12.45

Lunch

13.45

Roundtable 3: Equal Opportunities and Gender in Peacekeeping

This roundtable theme highlights key barriers for improving women's participation in peace operations. This includes the efficacy of different gender mainstreaming and military training approaches for creating more inclusive attitudes in peacekeeping missions.

Facilitator:

Dialogue partners:

Ignite speakers:

Equal Opportunities and Gender in International Support to Peace

Dr. Sabrina Karim, Cornell University

Female Participation in Peace Operations

Dr. Nina Wilén, Université Libre de Bruxelles

14.45

Coffee Break

- 15.15 **Roundtable 4: Creating a Durable Peace? Women's Empowerment Post-Conflict**
This roundtable draws attention to the effectiveness of actions aiming to contribute to gender equality and to the challenges of achieving equal peace in the aftermath of conflict. It includes insights related to women's economic empowerment in post-conflict settings as well as following negotiated peace agreements.
- Facilitator:
- Dialogue partners:
- Ignite speakers:
Gender Equality and Post-Conflict Policies
Dr. Ismene Gizelis, University of Essex
- Economic Empowerment in The Women, Peace and Security Agenda*
Dr. Maria Martin de Almagro Iniesta, Université de Montréal
- Women's Political Engagement Following Civil War*
Dr. Caroline Hartzell, Gettysburg College
- 16.30 **Key Note Address**
Ms. Karin Landgren, Executive Director, Security Council Report / Member, Swedish Women's Mediation Network (TBC)
- 16.45 **Closing Remarks**
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Dr. Louise Olsson, Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo
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- 17.00 **Reception**