

GENDER EQUALITY INITIATIVE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

GEIA BULLETIN 11.03.2020

Stay connected with the [Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs](#), the Elliott School's resource for curriculum, scholarly research, and engagement in the policy and practice of promoting and achieving gender equality globally.



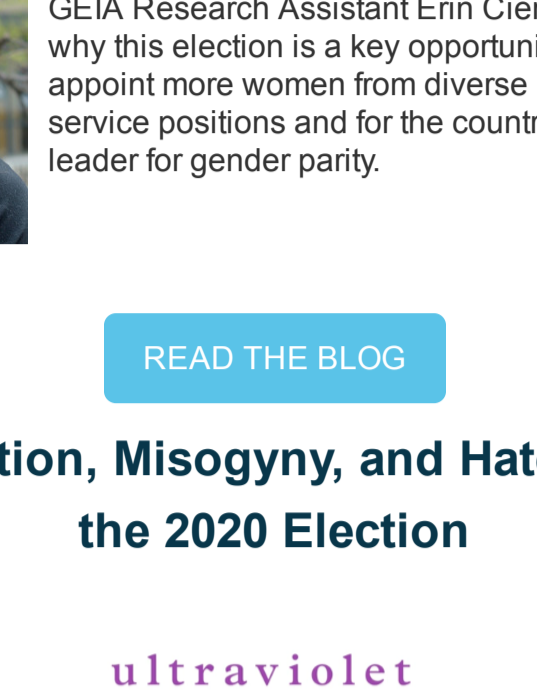
IN THIS EDITION:

- WE NEED YOUR VOTE! Election 2020
- 20th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace & Security
- Elliott State of the School Report 2019-2020
- Jobs, Opportunities & Updates
- Global Women's Institute

ELECTION 2020

WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

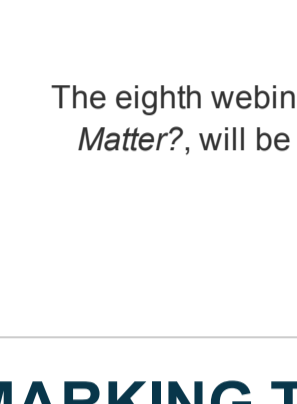
WE encourage all of you who are able to VOTE to do so and participate in this historic election. If you still need to find a place to drop off your ballot or vote in person, please visit vote.org



The International Center for Research on Women has published a memo to the next presidential administration, encouraging them to adopt a feminist foreign policy. The Center argues that "a U.S. feminist foreign policy would ensure that the United States' interactions with other states, as well as social movements and other non-state actors, prioritize peace, gender equality and environmental integrity; enshrine, promote and protect the human rights of all; seek to disrupt colonial, racist, patriarchal and male-dominated power structures; and allocate significant resources, including research, to achieve that vision."

[READ THE MEMO](#)

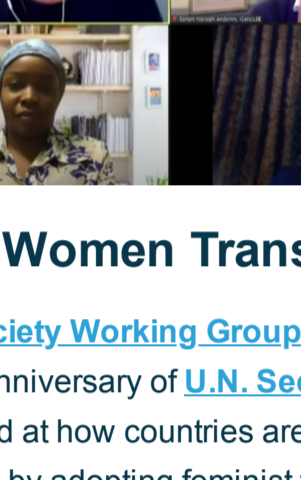
Election 2020: Women Leaders Must Be the Cornerstone of the New Administration



GEIA Research Assistant Erin Cieraszyński discusses why this election is a key opportunity for the US to appoint more women from diverse backgrounds to civil service positions and for the country to become a global leader for gender parity.

[READ THE BLOG](#)

Disinformation, Misogyny, and Hate Speech in the 2020 Election

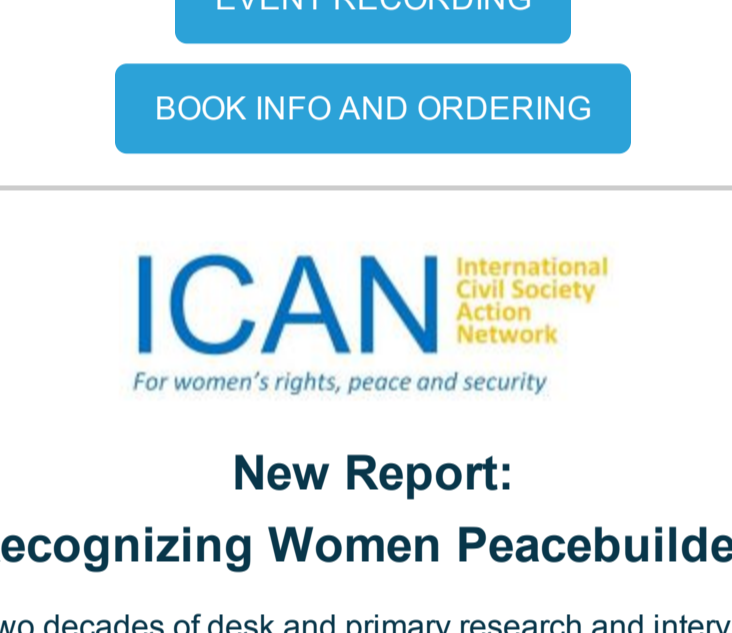


<http://weareuv.us/LeanInStopHate>

Women's advocacy group [UltraViolet](#) is calling on Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg to stand up to misogyny, hatred and verbal abuse against women on the platform. Sandberg has come under fire recently after her refusal to acknowledge these abuses, as highlighted in this [Newsweek article](#). Ultraviolet most recently released a [powerful ad](#) featuring different women directly calling out Sandberg and demanding that this online abuse end. In addition, [GW held a panel](#) of US and international women lawmakers in August, discussing the issues of social media, misogyny and abuse. For more information, check out the [New Institute for Strategic Dialogue report](#) on gendered disinformation and the US Congress, which found that women and candidates from an ethnic minority background are more likely than men to receive abusive content on mainstream social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter).

[WATCH THE AD](#)

ELECTION RELATED EVENTS:



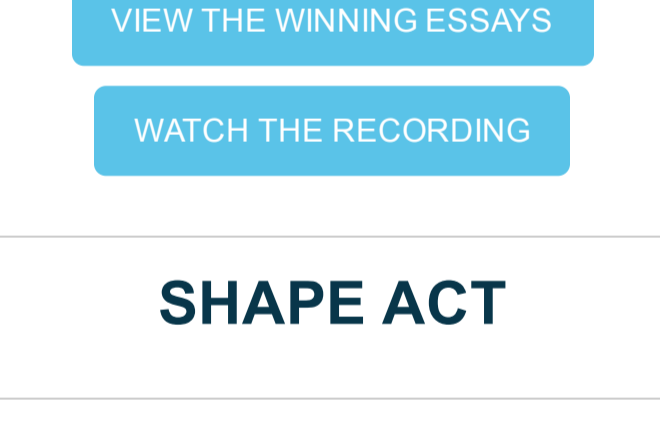
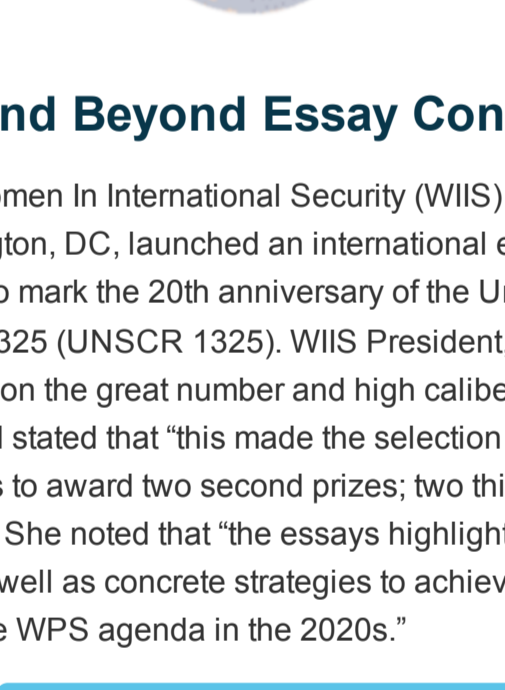
The Alliance for Peacebuilding presents the [#Yes4YPS](#) (Youth Peace and Security) webinar series. The seventh webinar, *Building Peace After Elections: Lessons from Youth Peacebuilders* is scheduled for November 5th at 10 am EST and will be co-hosted by +Peace.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The eighth webinar of the series, *Why do the WPS and YPS Agendas Matter?*, will be held on November 16 from 10 am - 11:30 am EST.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

MARKING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNSCR 1325 ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

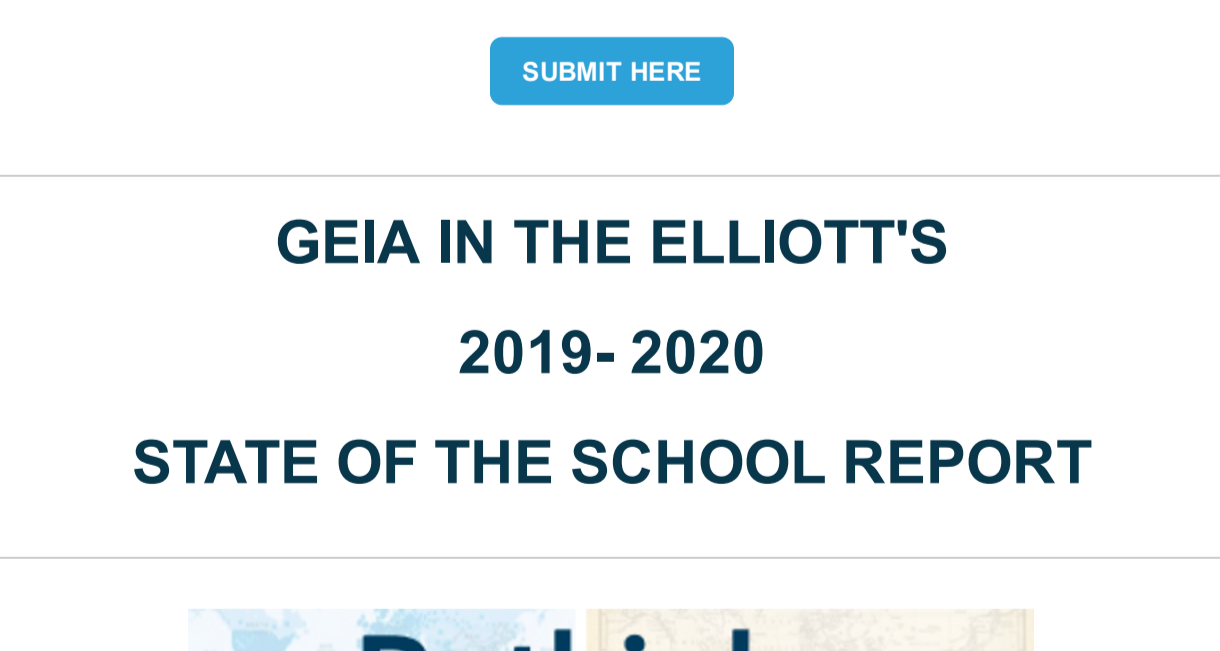


Event Recap: Women Transforming Peace

[USIP](#) and the [U.S. Civil Society Working Group on Women, Peace and Security](#) marked the 20th anniversary of [U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325](#). The discussion looked at how countries are expanding on the Women, Peace and Security agenda by adopting feminist foreign and development policies—and how civil society organizations have invested in masculinities programming as a complementary approach. These and other frameworks may prove more effective in advancing gender equality in peace and security, especially in light of the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

[EVENT RECAP](#)

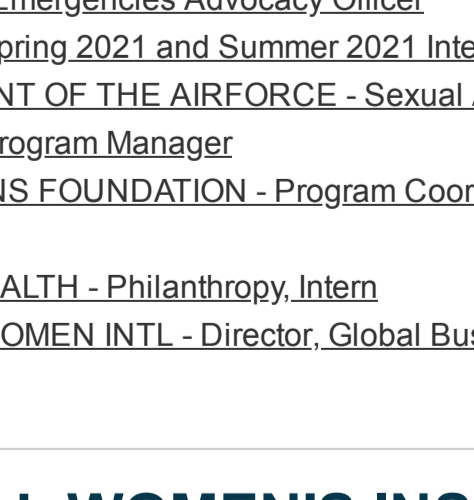
Event Recap: THE GENDER & SECURITY AGENDA BOOK LAUNCH



[GEIA](#) Director, Dr. Shirley Graham, moderated a discussion about the important new book, *The Gender & Security Agenda: Strategies for the 21st Century*, edited by [Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat](#) and [Dr. Michael E. Brown](#). Panelists included Corey Levine, Anne Marie Goetz, and Ellen Haring, as well as Chantal de Jonge Oudraat and Michael E Brown. The recording can be found below along with a link to order the book.

[EVENT RECORDING](#)

[BOOK INFO AND ORDERING](#)



New Report:

"Recognizing Women Peacebuilders"

Drawing on two decades of desk and primary research and interviews, policy development, and experiences in advocacy and Track One mediation practices, ["Recognizing Women Peacebuilders: Critical Actors in Effective Peacemaking"](#), delves into the motivations and factors that propel women to become peacebuilders in the face of violence and conflict; the activities they engage in that bridge the local and the global arenas; and how across time and geography, they willingly and strategically harness, reframe, and deploy existing traditions, cultural practices, religious teachings, and kinship structures, alongside national and international laws, in their pursuit of peace, justice, and the power to influence adversaries and belligerent forces.

Produced as a part of the [She Builds Peace](#) campaign led by the [International Civil Society Action Network \(ICAN\)](#).

[READ REPORT](#)

Women Enabled International: Fact Sheet

On October 29, 2020, [WEI](#) released this Fact Sheet on the Rights of Women and Girls with Disabilities in Conflict and Humanitarian Emergencies in acknowledging the 20th anniversary of UNSCR 1325. Women, girls, and gender non-conforming people with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by conflict and humanitarian emergencies due to multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination that heighten their exclusion and risks.

Despite the distinct challenges facing women with disabilities—and thus the important perspective they can bring to addressing these challenges—women with disabilities are routinely excluded from both peacebuilding processes and recovery following natural disasters. Failure to engage women with disabilities in these efforts perpetuates exclusion, discrimination, and violations of their human rights. Women and girls with disabilities are entitled to the rights and protections under international humanitarian law and international human rights law, enumerated in several international and regional human rights treaties.

[READ THE FACT SHEET](#)

WIIS: 1325 and Beyond Essay Contest Winners

In February 2020, Women In International Security (WIIS) and the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Washington, DC, launched an international essay competition—[1325AndBeyond](#)—to mark the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325). WIIS President, Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, commented on the great number and high caliber of submissions from around the world, and stated that "this made the selection process extremely competitive." "It led us to award two second prizes; two third prizes and six honorable mentions." She noted that "the essays highlight innovative and imaginative ideas as well as concrete strategies to achieve the objectives of UNSCR 1325 and the WPS agenda in the 2020s."

[VIEW THE WINNING ESSAYS](#)

[WATCH THE RECORDING](#)

SHAPE ACT

Speier, Castro, and Engel Take On Harassment and Discrimination in the State Department

Congresswoman [Jackie Speier](#) (CA-14), Co-Chair of the Democratic Women's Caucus; Congressman [Eliot Engel](#) (NY-16), Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs; and Congressman [Joaquin Castro](#) (TX-20), Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; introduced the [State Harassment and Assault Prevention and Eradication \(SHAPE\) Act of 2020](#). The SHAPE Act requires stronger anti-harassment and discrimination policies and resources and better survivor care and accountability at the State Department on behalf of the brave employees who spoke up about the toxic climate they have endured while making significant sacrifices in service to our nation.

#metoonatsec

[CNN PROFILE ON SHAPE ACT](#)

Speier, Lee, and Frankel Introduce Resolution in Support of a Feminist Foreign Policy

Co-Chairs of the Democratic Women's Caucus Congresswomen [Jackie Speier](#) (CA-14) and [Lois Frankel](#) (FL-21), and Co-Chair of the Pro-Choice Caucus [Barbara Lee](#) (CA-13) were joined by 20 Members in introducing a House resolution calling for the adoption of a feminist foreign policy across all areas of foreign policymaking, including foreign assistance and humanitarian response, trade, diplomacy, defense, immigration, funding, and oversight mechanisms.

"...(W)omen's rights are human rights and foreign policy in the United States should be representative, inclusive, responsive, and accountable to stakeholders, and should take an intersectional approach, utilizing a power-based analysis that reveals, acknowledges, and seeks to correct for inequalities...[and]... feminist foreign policy includes a focus on key thematic priorities of bodily autonomy, peace, environmental integrity and justice, which are often left behind in foreign policy development and discourse," the resolution states.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Would you like your event featured in the GEIA Bulletin? Interested in co-sponsoring an event with GEIA? Submit your inquiry and we'll be in touch as soon as we can.

[SUBMIT HERE](#)

GEIA IN THE ELLIOTT'S 2019- 2020 STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT

The annual [Elliott School State of the School report](#) highlights the previous academics year's achievements and initiatives and GEIA was featured in [pages 18-21](#) describing our events and accomplishments from the past year. Be sure to check out this section and the [rest of the report!](#)

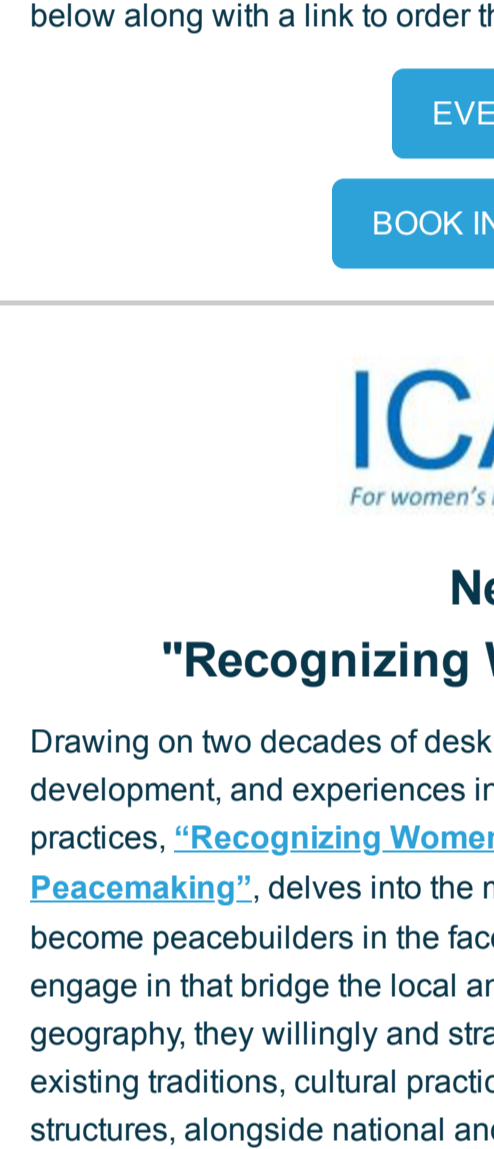
[STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT](#)

JOBS, UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Job Openings:

- [COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS - Research Associate, Women and Foreign Policy](#)
- [TETRA TECH - Gender Research Intern \(Remote\)](#)
- [CARE - Food Security and Resilience Advisor](#)
- [CARE - GBV in Emergencies Advocacy Officer](#)
- [ACLU - Winter/Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 Internships](#)
- [US DEPARTMENT OF THE AIRFORCE - Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Manager](#)
- [UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION - Program Coordinator, Teen Advisory Board, Girl Up](#)
- [GENDER HEALTH - Philanthropy Intern](#)
- [WOMEN FOR WOMEN INTL - Director, Global Business Development](#)

GLOBAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The Global Women's Institute (GWI) at the George Washington University launched in the Fall of 2012 as a university-wide measure to advance gender equality through various initiatives such as interdisciplinary research, education, policy and outreach.

[Click Here](#) to subscribe to GWI's weekly newsletter to stay updated with GWI news, events and more.

Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs

1957 E Street NW, Suite 501

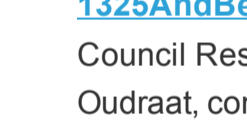
Washington, DC 20052

Visit our [Website](#)

Phone: +1 (202) 994-8483 | Email: geia@gwu.edu

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, DC

Share this email:



[Manage your preferences](#) | [Opt out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

[View this email online](#).

Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street NW Suite 501
Washington, DC | 20052 US

This email was sent to .

[To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.](#)

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.