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Conference Dossier

Women, Peace & Security Reclaim Prevention!

18 September 2019, 9.15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Auditorium at Stiftung PROGR – Zentrum für Kulturproduktion
Waisenhausplatz 30, 3011 Bern




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About the conference

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Online Registration: Registration is closed. (Contact: andrea.grossenbacher@swisspeace.ch)

Language: The morning is in English and the afternoon in English with translation in German

Wheelchair accessibility: The auditorium is accessible by a platform lift and a lift. Wheelchair-accessible toilets are available.

This conference intends to raise awareness and prompt discussion regarding the future of WPS (Women, Peace & Security), and Switzerland's role in shaping that future. We also want to look closely at the PVE (Preventing Violent Extremism) agenda and its link to WPS and examine potential risks and challenges, as well as what possibilities might arise.

The conference takes place in the framework of the project "Civil Society Contribution to the implementation of the Fourth Swiss NAP 1325". The project aims at ensuring that the experiences and know-how of the civil society are taken into account in the official implementation of the Swiss NAP (National Action Plan) 1325. The main objectives of this four-year project are to strengthen a gender-sensitive peace policy in both Swiss domestic and international politics and to raise public awareness around the NAP 1325. The first phase of this project focuses on WPS and PVE and will culminate in this conference in September.

How can civil society play a role in shaping the debates on WPS, in Switzerland and beyond? How is the Swiss NAP on WPS connected to and reflective of peacebuilding and violence prevention work on the ground? What are the implications of its call for linking WPS to the PVE Agenda? How can the link between policy and practice level be strengthened?

These questions and many more lie at the core of this conference that will bring together civil society, academia and state actors in Bern. The conference will provide a space to discuss the Swiss NAP 1325 on WPS, its political relevance on the domestic as well as international level and enter into critical debates on the PVE Agenda with voices from a variety of perspectives and contexts.

In several workshops, we will critically discuss the implementation of the NAP 1325 in Switzerland, look at the future of WPS more broadly and discuss the linkage of WPS and PVE. In the afternoon, two panels will shed light on critical approaches to PVE and on the WPS agenda in Switzerland.

The conference will also allow for discussions of policy recommendations developed by the project committee. The conference is organized jointly by PWAG (PeaceWomen Across the Globe), cfd –the feminist peace organization and KOFF –Swiss Platform for Peacebuilding, and is supported by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Program

Part 1 (in English)

08:45 Coffee & Registration

09:15 **Welcome and Introduction:** Flurina Derungs, PeaceWomen Across the Globe

09:30 **Workshops**

- Implementation of National Action Plans on UNSCR 1325: Challenges and Opportunities
- The Future of the Women, Peace & Security Agenda: Towards a Sustainable Peace
- Linking the Women, Peace & Security and Preventing Violent Extremism Agendas: Tensions and Possibilities

10:45 Break

11:00 **Plenary: Key Messages from the Workshops**
Moderation: Anna Leissing, KOFF/swisspeace

12:00 Lunch

Part 2 (in English and German)

13:15 Opening Afternoon: **Welcome Speech by Pascale Baeriswyl** (State Secretary, FDFA)

13:30 **Parliamentary 1325-Ambassadors Input**

13:45 **Panel 1: Women, Peace & Security and Violence Prevention: Critical Reflections on the Preventing Violent Extremism Agenda**
Barbara Affolter (FDFA), Daniel de Torres (DCAF), Elizabeth Mesok (KOFF/swisspeace), Fauziya Abdi (WIIS), France Bognon (ICAN), Sima Samar (AIHRC)

Moderation: Anna Leissing, KOFF/swisspeace

15:00 Break

15:15 **Panel 2: Looking Towards the Future: Women, Peace & Security in Switzerland and Beyond**
Amal Khreishe (PWWSD), Magdalena Küng (GSoA), Maj i Gst Fabrice Dubosson (SWIS-SINT), Maria Butler (WILPF), Yannick Reichenau (FDFA)

Moderation: Flurina Derungs, PeaceWomen Across the Globe

16:45 **Closing:** An outlook: Virginie Poyetton, cfd-the feminist peace organization

17:00 Aperitif

Workshops

Implementation of National Action Plans on UNSCR 1325: Challenges and Opportunities

This workshop aims to question the different national practices on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 and to take a deeper look at the National Action Plans. Through the exchange of experience, participants will be able to develop a catalogue of best practices on 1325 NAPs. Some of the following issues will be raised : What role does civil society play in the drafting and implementation of NAPs? What are the obstacles encountered in the process? What improvements could ensure full and effective implementation of the UNSCR 1325?

Resource persons:

Amal Khreishe (PWWSD), Jenny Hutter (SEM), Maj i Gst Fabrice Dubosson (SWISSINT), Isabelle Molo (FDFA) and Sarah Koch (FDFA)

The Future of the Women, Peace & Security Agenda: Towards a Sustainable Peace

This workshop will shed light on the potential of the Women, Peace & Security (WPS) agenda to bring about transformative development, on its role in preventing conflicts, protecting human rights and promoting recovery from conflict. What are the implementation gaps and emerging trends and priorities for actions to ensure just peace, inclusion, meaningful participation and the recognition of women's agency? How should the WPS agenda be pursued in practice intersectionally, connecting local and global efforts for peace and genuine security, sustainable development and human rights?

Resource persons:

Maria Butler (WILPF) and Sima Samar (AIHRC)

Linking the Women, Peace & Security and Preventing Violent Extremism Agendas: Tensions and Possibilities

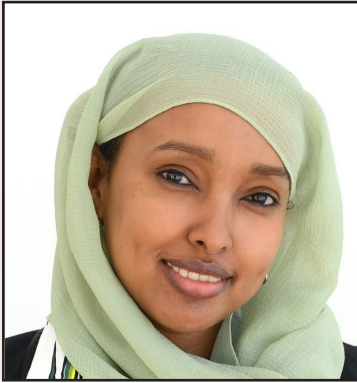
This workshop will critically reflect on issues raised by linking the Women, Peace & Security (WPS) and the Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) agendas. Are the objectives of WPS, such as women's empowerment and gender equality, compromised by the PVE agenda? How can WPS continue to promote women's leadership and decision-making in all realms of peace and security? How can WPS actors ensure that the principles of peacebuilding and human rights are promoted in any approach to violence prevention?

Resource persons:

Fauziya Abdi Ali (WIIS), France Bognon (ICAN) and Regula Gattiker (Helvetas)

Speakers and Experts

International



Fauziya Abdi

Fauziya Abdi is founder and **president of Women In International Security (WIIS) Kenya** and chair of Sisters without Borders, a network of Kenyan organisations dedicated to the prevention of violent extremism. She has achieved significant success in development projects that address issues such as peacebuilding, women's and youth programs, and conflict resolution. Ms. Abdi was awarded an Excellence Award for Effective Leadership while serving as Senior Project Development Officer for a USAID program in Kenya. In this role, Fauziya successfully supported the development of an accountability and advocacy charter on countering violent extremism, which was endorsed by 40 state and non-state actors, the first of its kind in Africa.



France Bognon

France Bognon is a **Programme Director at the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)** and is responsible for managing the Innovative Peace Fund as well as supporting its partners. Her activities include grant management, training and technical assistance in the prevention of violent extremism and violence against women. She has experience in strengthening local and national civil society, supporting women in the fight against extremism and promoting fundamental rights, peace and human security. Her commitment is aimed at deradicalising, rehabilitating and reconciling ex-combatants and strengthen resistance to extremist ideologies.



Amal Khreishe

Amal Khreishe is a human rights defender, feminist activist, gender expert and political leader who has been the **director of the Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (PWWSD)** since 2006. PWWSD is a feminist, national and developmental organization focusing on empowering women in the private and public spheres. In 2004, Ms. Khreishe became a member of the Higher Commission for the first local elections in Palestine. She is also co-founder of the Palestinian Civil Society Coalition for the Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and a member of the Palestinian National Commission for the Implementation of UN Resolution 1325.



Sima Samar

Dr. Sima Samar is **Special Envoy on Human Rights and State Minister on Human Rights and International Affairs** in Afghanistan. She studied medicine at the University of Kabul. Later she fled to Pakistan where she worked in an Afghan refugee camp. In 1987 she founded a hospital for women and children in the border town of Quetta. During the rule of the Taliban, she continued her commitment to the medical care of women and children and the establishment of schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. In 2001-2003 she was Minister of Women's Affairs under the government of President Hamid Karzai. 2012 Sima Samar received the alternative Nobel Peace Prize for her commitment to human, women's and children's rights in her home country.



Maria Butler

Maria Butler is the **Global Programmes Director of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)**. She is the author of numerous publications including the „Women, Peace and Security Handbook“, an analysis of the Security Council's resolutions, editorials and resources. Ms. Butler regularly holds briefings, training sessions and consultations across a range of policy, peace and security topics. She works directly with women advocates and partners in conflict-affected situations to link local and global policy implementation. She is a member of the New York State Bar and holds a Master's degree in Human Rights from the London School of Economics.



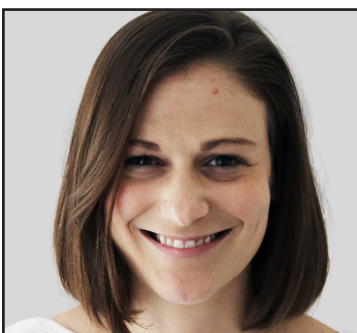
Regula Gattiker

Since 2015, Regula Gattiker has been working as a **Senior Advisor for Conflict Transformation at Helvetas**. She studied political science, international law, cultural management and mediation. She has devoted herself to conflict transformation, conflict sensitivity, development cooperation and culture & peacebuilding in different roles: as an analyst, pedagogue, project manager, consultant and is now particularly specialized in designing and facilitating processes and trainings in creative and participatory ways, as well as supporting her clients in developing tailor-made solutions for complex challenges. She developed a methodology for the first Helvetas PVE project in Kyrgyzstan and is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Swiss Peacebuilding Plattform KOFF and the Board of Peace Watch Switzerland.



Magdalena Küng

Magdalena Küng is a **board member of the Group for a Switzerland without an Army (GSOA)** - an anti-militarist organization that opposes any Swiss participation in war and is committed to global justice. She was also a council member of the Green Party of Wohlen in Aargau and a member of the board of „Nie-Wieder-AKW“ Aargau. Migration issues are also of great concern to her. In addition to her political commitment, Magdalena Küng studied sociology and law at the University of Basel.



Elizabeth Mesok

Dr. Elizabeth Mesok is **Senior Researcher at the Swiss Platform for Peacebuilding KOFF and in the Policy & Platform program at swisspeace**, a practice-oriented peace research institute. She holds a Ph.D. in American Studies and an M.A. in Politics from New York University. She was a Visiting Assistant Professor at New York University and a Lecturer at Harvard University, where she also held a postdoctoral fellowship in Global American Studies. Her publications can be found in the journals *Feminist Studies* and *Radical History Review*, as well as the edited volume *Sexual Violence Against Men in Global Politics*.



Daniel de Torres

Daniel de Torres **leads the Gender and Security Division of the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)**. A native of Spain, Daniel has enjoyed a varied professional career which includes emergency relief work during and after the war in Bosnia, an embassy posting in Washington, DC, service in the Spanish Marines, and over ten years of work on gender and security. During this period, he developed and managed field projects; designed and delivered training for military and police personnel, prosecutors, judges, parliamentarians, development professionals, and civil society organisations; and provided policy analysis and advice. A lively speaker, he regularly addresses a wide variety of audiences, from grass-roots civil society groups to Parliaments.



Pascale Baeriswyl

Pascale Baeriswyl has held the position of **State Secretary of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) and Head of the Directorate of Political Affairs** since 2016. In this capacity, she is the Federal Council's main point of contact for all matters concerning foreign policy. Ms Baeriswyl also deals with bilateral and multilateral affairs, and has substantial expertise on issues relating to peace and security. She is responsible for the strategic and conceptual development of Switzerland's foreign policy and for its operational implementation by the FDFA's external network, which comprises close to 120 embassies. Ms Baeriswyl is a historian and linguist and holds a degree in private and public law. After working as a researcher on the subject of violence against women at the Swiss National Science Foundation and as a judge at the civil court of Basel-Stadt, Ms Baeriswyl joined the diplomatic service in 2000. Recently Pascale Baeriswyl has been appointed by the Federal Council as the new head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York. She will continue to serve as State Secretary until the end of 2019 and will take up her new post in spring 2020.



Barbara Affolter

Barbara Affolter is a **Conflict & Human Rights Advisor at the Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC)**. For six years she has been responsible for advising programmes on conflict-sensitive programme design methods and for policy development in the areas of Nexus development and security, prevention of violence and conflicts, and in recent years in particular for the prevention of violent extremism. At the SDC, she also helped to set up the Global Programme Migration and Development and was Deputy Head of Communication until 2006. She gained experience abroad in international cooperation at the ICRC.



Fabrice Dubosson

Major (GS) Fabrice Dubosson is the **Deputy Commander of the SWISSINT Training Centre**. As a career officer, he was responsible for the training of personnel deployed in the Swiss contingents of KFOR (SWISSCOY), EUFOR and the Swiss UN military observers. He himself was deployed to KOSOVO in 2012 as a House Commander of a liaison and monitoring team. In addition, he is a member of a UN pool dedicated to the training of trainers for the training of staff officers.



Jenny Hutter

Jenny Hutter, **Chief of Staff, Staff Office Asylum, State Secretariat for Migration (SEM)** is a lawyer and has worked in different governmental departments such as the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the Federal Office of Justice and the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation. From July 2015 on she was a Legal Advisor to the Vice Director at the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM). Since March 2019, she is the Chief of Staff of the Directorate of Asylum at SEM. Her main projects cover a variety of political, strategic and legal aspects, particularly all tasks regarding the contingency planning in the field of asylum. She was in charge of the elaboration of the Federal Council's report on the "Analysis of the situation of refugee woman and girls in the federal asylum centers and the cantonal collective housing" which will be published in autumn 2019.



Sarah Maria Koch

As a diplomat at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Sarah is currently working as **gender advisor of the Human Security Division (HSD)**. In this function, she is responsible for “Women, Peace and Security”, including multilateral policy work, project management and the coordination of the inter-ministerial work for the implementation of the Swiss National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAP 1325). Before, Sarah worked with the Swiss Development and Cooperation (SDC) in Berne and with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and in international organisations in Vienna. Sarah holds a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) on Gender, Justice and Globalization from the University of Berne, a Master of Linguistics and Translation Studies for Sign Language as well as a Master of Psychology with a specialization in clinical-, social- and peace psychology.



Yannick Reichenau

Yannick Reichenau has been **Chief of Staff of the Human Security Division (AMS)** since 2018. Previously, he worked as Deputy Head of Policy at the Swiss Embassy in Beijing, responsible for China, North Korea and Mongolia, and as Deputy Regional Coordinator East Asia in Bern. From 2012-2013 he completed diplomatic training at the Swiss Embassy in the Philippines. Before officially joining the FDFA, he was a strategy consultant at Credit Suisse and worked for several months in the Directorate for European Affairs, the Swiss Embassy in Skopje, Macedonia and the UN Department of the SDC. He studied European Economic Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science and International Relations at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva.



Isabelle Molo

Isabelle Molo studied international relations and economics in Geneva and Lugano. She previously worked in the cultural and educational section of the Swiss Embassy in the United States of America and was based at the Swiss Consulate General in Atlanta. Currently, she is a **Program Specialist in peace policy** at the Human Security Division of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. In this position, she helps to coordinate and design the peace policy programs in the Sahel and the Great Lake regions within the Sub-Saharan Africa section. Her focus in the region is Chad and the DRC. Over the last two years, she has been the gender focal point of her team. Within this role, she is working on a process responding to the inquiry of the Chadian government to Switzerland, to help with the development of a national action plan to implement the UNSC Women, Peace and Security agenda.



Sibel Arslan

Sibel Arslan has been a **National Councillor for the Green Party** since 2015. There, she is a member of the Foreign Policy Commission and the Legal Affairs Commission. At the same time, she works as a lawyer in the General Secretariat of the Security Directorate of the Canton of Basel-Landschaft. She studied law at the University of Basel. Her political commitment focuses in particular on gender justice, environmental protection, the right to asylum and the protection of fundamental rights.



Yvonne Feri

Yvonne Feri has been a **National Councillor for the Social Democratic Party in Aargau** since 2011. From August 2012 to spring 2016 she was the President of the Social Democratic Women Switzerland. In addition to her political career, she also works for various NGOs. For example, she was/is President of the Swiss Child Protection Foundation, Member of the Board of Trustees of swissaid and Director of „Terre des Femmes“ Switzerland. Her policy focuses on a life in dignity. This ranges from acceptance of different family forms to ageing in dignity and self-determination. In summary, her focus is on the following topics: Equality for all, protection of minorities and protection for victims of violence as well as functioning and affordable health care.



Rosemarie Quadranti

Since 2015 Rosmarie Quadranti has been the **President of the Conservative Democratic Party (BDP)**. She has been **National Councillor** of the Canton of Zurich since 2011. Ms. Quadranti is committed to the compatibility of work and family life, the equality of lifestyles (e.g. marriage for all), a solid education and the 50+ generation. she is also involved in many other organisations that correspond to her values, such as the Swiss Childcare Association, the Pestalozzi Trogen Children's Foundation and the Swiss Music Council. She served in the military women's service as a driver and was a member of the civil defence in Volketswil.



Carlo Sommaruga

Carlo Sommaruga is a **National Councillor of the Social Democratic Party** and an independent lawyer at a Geneva Bar Association. In addition to his commitment to tenant's rights, he is also strongly involved in development cooperation issues. He was a member of the Geneva Third World Committee and participated several times to the World Social Forum. Mr. Sommaruga also chaired the Parliamentary Forum at the 2005 World Alternative Water Forum in Geneva. He is a founding member and Vice-President of the Association for a World Water Contract (ACME), active in the Council of the organisation Swiss Abroad and in the Foundation Council of the Swiss Institute in Rome. He advocates for the public service, a solid social security system, and a tolerant integration policy.

Questions?

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