Linking the Security of Women to the Security of States
April 27th
Washington D.C.


Meals & Refreshments: In addition to breakfast and lunch, there will be refreshments available throughout the day and a reception at the conclusion of the full-day session.

Agenda: Linking the Security of Women and the Security of States
This working laboratory brings together experts and leaders from a diverse array of relevant sectors. The day will be designed to engage all participants in conversation and discussion. Each segment of the agenda will begin with comments from select experts who will briefly set out key information and then we will move to a facilitated discussion in which all participants will offer their expertise and contribute to a rich discussion.

8:15 – 9:00 Breakfast

Welcome and Opening Remarks
❖ Wynnette LaBrosse, President and Founder, Open Square
❖ Esta Soler, President and Founder, Futures Without Violence

Introduction:
❖ Maria Alexandra Arriaga, Senior Advisor to Futures Without Violence and Managing Partner at Strategy for Humanity

Keynote:
❖ The Honorable James P. Moran, Senior Legislative Advisor, McDermott, Will & Emery, and former Congressman from Virginia

Facilitators review expectations, agenda, and desired outcomes.

❖ Jonathan Capehart, member The Washington Post editorial board who also writes about politics and social issues for the PostPartisan blog; MSNBC contributor
❖ Jamille Bigio, Adjunct Senior Fellow in the Women and Foreign Policy program, Council on Foreign Relations, and Senior Director at Amida Technology Solutions

Why Does the Security of Women Matter for the Security of States?

National Security Lens
❖ Seamus Hughes, Deputy Director, Program on Extremism, Center for Cyber and Homeland Security, The George Washington University

Research Findings
❖ Valerie Hudson, George H.W. Bush Chair, The Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University
The Science Behind Gender-Based Violence and Childhood Trauma

- **Theresa Betancourt**, Director of the Research Program on Children and Global Adversity, and Associate Professor of Child Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- **Christopher Dean**, Senior Fellow for the Global Center on Cooperative Security (UK) and Director of Identify Psychological Services Ltd., providing specialist psychological services to counter violent extremism.
- **James Mercy**, Director of the Division of Violence Prevention, Center on Injury Prevention & Control, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

11:00 – 11:15 Break

How is GBV Being Used by Extremist Groups?

The Impact of Violent Extremist Groups and the Responses from Affected Communities

- **Karima Bennoune**, Professor of International Law at University of California, Davis, School of Law; United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. She has worked on issues of fundamentalism and terrorism for more than 20 years.

Extremist Groups/Terrorism

ISIS/ISIL
- **Harleen Gambhir**, Counterterrorism Analyst, Institute for the Study of War
- **Sherri Kraham Talabany**, President and co-founder, SEED for Change (Iraqi Kurdistan)

Boko Haram
- **Mausi Segun**, Nigeria Researcher, Human Rights Watch (Nigeria)
- **Hilary Matfess**, Research Analyst, Center for Complex Operations at the National Defense University; Freelance Journalist; Contributor to Nigeria Social Violence Project at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies

Al-Qaeda
- **Katherine Zimmerman**, Research Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

12:45 – 2:00 Luncheon Presentation: Social Media, GBV and Extremism

Introduction by:
- **Sean Aday**, Director, Institute for Public Diplomacy & Global Communications, The George Washington University

Presentation:
- **Trisha Ripley**, Countering Violent Extremism Officer, Directorate of Strategic Operational Planning, National Counterterrorism Center

Commentary:
- **Rabia Chaudry**, President and Founder, The Safe Nation Collaborative
- **Mayesha Alam**, Associate Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace & Security
Solutions for Disrupting the Violence
The afternoon is dedicated to working together to identify the core components for a comprehensive set of policy, research and programming recommendations. We will begin in a large group with a summary of U.S. government efforts to counter violent extremism. We will then describe the work assignments for small breakout sessions. At the close of the day, all participants will engage in a read-out of each group’s discussion.

Current U.S. Government Efforts to Counter Violent Extremism

Blueprint Break-out Group Overview
We will describe the purpose of afternoon breakout sessions as an opportunity to identify the core components needed in effective interventions for preventing and countering violent extremism, with a focus on components relating to GBV and trauma.

- Ambassador Don Steinberg, CEO of World Learning Inc. and President of the School for International Training. Former Deputy Administrator at the United States Agency for International Development.

3:00 – 3:15 Break

Break Out Working Groups
Participants will convene in small groups focusing on functional areas: policy, programming, research, or outreach.

Research
- Alessandra Guedes, Regional Advisor, Family Violence, Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organization (WHO)
- Erin Miller, Program Manager, Global Terrorism Database (GTD), National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), A Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence, University of Maryland

Policy
- Ariela Blätter, Managing Partner, Strategy for Humanity
- Julia Santucci, Countering Violent Extremism, Office of the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women’s Issues, U.S. Department of State

Programming
- Heidi Lehmann, Principal at The Lehmann Group Consulting, and Consultant to Futures Without Violence
- Jennifer Collins-Foley, Senior Advisor, Inclusive Development, World Learning
- Rapporteur: Morgan Pinckney, Capstone Fellow, The George Washington University
Outreach

- Leila R. Milani, Senior International Policy Advocate, Futures Without Violence
- Maurice Middleberg, Executive Director, Free the Slaves
- Rapporteur: Wendy Gutierrez, Policy and Communications Associate, Futures Without Violence

Large-Group Read Out
Reconvene in a large group. Facilitators will encourage participants to share highlights from their sessions, discuss key points, and note findings, observations and recommendations.

4:45 – 5:00 Wrap Up & Next Steps
- Esta Soler, President and Founder, Futures Without Violence

5:00 – 6:00 Reception