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Friday, 21 October 2022

Throughout
the day

Arrival of speakers
and participants

13:00

Launching
press conference

Saturday, 22 October 2022

08:00 – 09:00

Welcome and badge pick-up

09:00 – 09:20



Beethoven
Hall

**Forum
video**

**Opening
remarks**

▼ **H.E. Dr. Vjosa Osmani**
President of the Republic of Kosovo

▼ **Special video address**

▼ **H.E. Roberta Metsola**
President of the European Parliament
(**Video message**)

Master of ceremony: **Nafisa Latic**, International News Anchor
Co-moderator of the opening ceremony: **Adriatik Kelmendi**,
General Director of Klan Kosova

09:25 – 10:00



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**Keynote
addresses**

Welcome keynote
address:

H.E. Albin Kurti
Prime Minister of the
Republic of Kosovo

▼ **H.E. Jovana Marović**
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of European Affairs
of Montenegro

▼ **H.E. Artan Grubi**
Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic
of North Macedonia

▼ **H.E. J. Uduch Sengebau Senior**
Vice President of the Republic of Palau

▼ **H.E. George Vella**
President of the Republic of Malta

10:00 – 10:15



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**Presidential
Medal Awarding
Ceremony**

- ▼ Announcement of the Presidential Medal awardee
- ▼ Video message
- ▼ Speech by the recipient of the Presidential Medal

10:15 – 11:15



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**Lessons from
Albright's legacy
on WPS**

Secretary Albright was the embodiment of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. She was a trailblazer for women across the world.

During her tenure as first U.S. female Secretary of State, she turned into a fierce advocate for changing the face of politics and women's engagement, as

well as the importance of their involvement in promoting peace and security.

Secretary Albright lived the principles of the WPS agenda, raising a new generation of leaders and helping other women via her unmatched mentorship. This panel discussion will focus on:

- ▼ Lessons from her legacy of defending democracy and advancing women's leadership and role in peace and security processes.
- ▼ Discussions about her zeal, exemplary leadership, sharp focus and active engagement in addressing conflicts around the world.
- ▼ The special role of Secretary Albright in securing peace during the wars in Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Video message: _____

Wesley Clark

Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO (1997 to 2000)

Speakers: _____

Katarina Fotovat

Senior official to the Secretary of State in the office of Global Women's Issues

Monica McWilliams

Peace negotiator in the Belfast (Good Friday) Peace Agreement

Ann Linde

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden (2019 – 2022)

Ambassador

Jeffrey Hovenier

Ambassador of the U.S. to the Republic of Kosovo

Video address: _____

Senator

Thomas Daschle

Chair of the board, National Democratic Institute (Video message)

Moderator:

Nancy Soderberg

Resident Director for National Democratic Institute in Kosovo

11:15 – 13:00



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The Women, Peace and Security Agenda in light of a constantly changing security architecture

The unprovoked war of choice in Ukraine has shifted global dynamics, hence marking a significant and historical geostrategic inflection point.

Coming on the heels of COVID–19, the security, political, economic and social consequences of this war will span for years to come, impacting a full range of communities at the grassroots, local, national, regional and international level.

This forum convenes at a time when peace, democracy,

- ▶ European and global shifts in the security architecture and what that means for the WPS Agenda.
- ▶ Expanding the WPS Agenda – from women being victims of conflict to promoting women's many roles in activism, preventing conflict and violence, protecting people and the state, as well as,

- ▶ being present at the decision-making table nationally and internationally.
- ▶ Women, warfare and peacekeeping – evolving security sector roles for women on and off the battlefield.
- ▶ Action points for substantial and enhanced

human rights, freedoms and security are being threatened at the very heart of Europe, while other years-long conflicts and crises continue in many regions across the world.

Women and girls are at the center of violence, torture and inhumane treatment; however, women and girls must be at the heart of prevention, intervention, and protection by virtue of presence and participation.

This panel will seek to better understand:

- ▶ engagement and participation of Women in Peace and in Security – moving from armed conflict to exercising social, economic and political rights, freedoms without fear of violence or discrimination in peacetime.

Speakers: _____

Dr. Anna Lührmann
Minister of State for Europe and Climate in the German Foreign Office, Germany

Armend Mehaj
Minister of Defense of the Republic of Kosovo

Slavjanka Petrovska
Minister of Defense of the Republic of North Macedonia

H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni
Minister of Education, Bangladesh

Velislava Petrova
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria

H.E. Dr. Maitha bint Salem al Shamsi
Minister of State, United Arab Emirates

Ambassador Lydia Peralta Cordero
Vice Minister of Bilateral Affairs and Cooperation, Costa Rica

Video address: _____

Irene Fellin
NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security

Moderator:
Liza Gashi
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Republic of Kosovo

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch and Networking Session

14:00 – 15:30



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22 years after 1325: what have we (not) achieved?

Rapid change, development and dynamics have characterized the world since the adoption of the UNSCR 1325. Aside from conflict, we are faced with climate, health, energy, resource, as well as deepening social, economic and political crises.

These crises are threatening the trust and confidence in domestic and international institutions. We have gone from efforts to make war safer for women to seeking to ensure women are adequately represented in security

organizations and, ultimately, recognizing that women must be represented at the decision-making table at the local, national and international level.

This confluence of cross cutting awareness, roles, and circumstances cannot reduce the role of women to being victims requiring protection, but rather demands that we really look at gender representation and quality of participation in times of peace, crisis and war. This panel will focus on:

- ▼ What happened and did not happen in the 22 years since UNSCR 1325?
- ▼ If and how are we overlooking men as vulnerable and victims?
- ▼ Getting past semantics and looking at resources and representation, as well as, building bridges between grass roots and leading nations and organizations.
- ▼ How to transform the role of women from being vulnerable and 'victims' to claiming their roles as peacekeepers, peacemakers and warfighters?
- ▼ How are peace and security threatened by fear of violence, backlash and discrimination in exercising social, economic, political rights and freedoms in peacetime?

Speakers: _____

H.E. Atifete Jahjaga

Founder and Chair of the Board of Directors of Jahjaga Foundation/
President of the Republic of Kosovo (2011 – 2016)

H.E. Kersti Kaljulaid

President of Estonia (2017 – 2022)

Anita Vandenbeld

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development of Canada

Jo-Anne Bishop

UN Women, Deputy Regional Director ad interim for Europe and Central Asia

Greta Tuckute

WPS Advisor at the Office of the NATO Secretary General

Alicia Herbert OBE

Director of the Education, Gender and Equality Directorate (EdGE) at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and FCDO's Special Envoy for Gender Equality

Ambassador Eric Nelson

Associate Director of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

Wolfgang Ischinger

President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation

Presentation: _____

Facts and fables 1325 (Second edition) by **Igballe Rogova**
Executive Director, Kosovo Women's Network

Moderator:

Drita Perezic
External Security Sector Advisor to the President of the Republic of Kosovo

14:00 – 15:30



(Verdi Hall)

Youth perspectives and their powerful role in peace processes and dealing with the past

Even though youth's involvement in peacebuilding processes is of profound importance, their role is often overlooked and under-utilized, particularly when it comes to efforts to resolve or prevent conflict. The unique role of younger generations and their perspective holds a great potential for more creative and efficient conflict resolution, peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts.

Societies in and post-conflict situations exist in an intricate web of trauma as well as political and socio-economic

challenges from which young people are directly impacted and suffer from. Hence, creating space and channels for young people of diverse backgrounds to share their vision on peace and security is vital to enhance their role in challenging not only physical, but also structural and cultural violence in their communities. Ultimately, active involvement of youth in peace and security processes contributes to counteracting political stagnation and regenerating trust in public institutions.

This panel will discuss:

- ▶ The importance of youth involvement and contribution in peace processes.
- ▶ The institutional responsibility toward enhancing youth involvement in peacebuilding processes.
- ▶ Current narratives on peace-oriented processes in and post-conflict: understanding the level and the nature of engagement of youth.
- ▶ How do existing narratives hinder peacebuilding processes, and what is necessary to counter these narratives?
- ▶ How can we amplify youth voices in combating discrimination and hate, and moving towards a more peaceful society?
- ▶ Existing obstacles in overcoming political stagnation through youth empowerment. How can we better utilize youth capacities in peace processes?

Artistic note:

Amina Kaja
Youth Activist

Speakers:

Albert Hani
Secretary-General, Regional Youth Cooperation Office

Maliha Iqbal
Head of Partnership, Youth Opportunities, Bangladesh

Chamithri Rambukwella
Diplomat and Communications strategist, Sri Lanka

Daniel del Valle Blanco
Attaché for Political and Youth Affairs at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations, New York

Neha Swain
Recipient Queen Elizabeth's Young Leaders Award & Co-founder Rubaroo NGO, India

Moderator:

Marigona Shabiu
Executive Director, Youth Initiative for Human Rights

14:00 – 15:30



(Vivaldi Hall)

The role of women in combating Antigypsyism

Antigypsyism is a specific form of racism, an ideology founded on racial superiority, a form of dehumanization and institutional racism nurtured by historical discrimination, which is expressed, among others, by violence, hate speech, exploitation, stigmatization and the most blatant kind of discrimination. Roma women and girls specifically are vulnerable to multiple, intersecting forms of discrimination and to violence, including gender-based violence and trafficking.

This discussion will focus on highlight the importance of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities' participation in political processes in order to break the vicious cycle of

discrimination, stigmatization and marginalization.

In the fight against Antigypsyism and discrimination, political will must be actively encouraged. While much has already been achieved there is still an evident set of challenges at both, national and local levels across Europe and beyond, which must be addressed in order to enable meaningful change for these communities. Inclusion and representation are preconditions for sustainable peace and general social well-being, hence this discussion will focus on exploring opportunities to support communities and empower them to claim meaningful roles in processes of peace and security.

Speakers:

Mimoza Kusari- Lila

Member of the Parliament, Republic of Kosovo

Adriatik Hasantari

Executive Director of NGO Roma, Active Albania

Vesa Batalli

Senior Program Manager, NGO Voice of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians

Mimoza Gavrani

Expert of National Policies

Moderator:

Isak Skenderi

Executive Director of NGO Voice of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians

15:30 – 17:00



(Beethoven Hall)

The role of parliaments – an opportunity for accelerated and advanced implementation of the WPS Agenda

The nature of the WPS Agenda is indeed global, but its objectives can only be reached through locally-driven implementation efforts. Parliaments, composed of elected representatives, are vested with the responsibility to ensure safer, more secure, and increased equal opportunities of participation, representation and engagement for their citizens.

As legislative bodies of governments representing their electorate, parliaments deliberate, consult, decide, make laws, fund, and ensure that the work of government and its spending are correct.

The participation of parliaments in efforts to support the WPS Agenda varies, with many parliaments still being unaware or uninvolved in its national implementation. Close to 80 countries now have WPS National Action Plans or capture the WPS Agenda in various sectoral strategic documents, policies and programs. So, when it comes to implementing the WPS Agenda, parliaments can and do play a significant role. Indeed, some could do more, while there is a lot to learn from others.

This panel will discuss:

- ▼ The crucial role of parliamentary committees and hearings in bringing together multiple WPS Stakeholders
- ▼ Linking the increasing number of women in parliaments to enhanced engagement with the WPS Agenda, National Action Plans and parliamentary action.
- ▼ The role of parliaments in implementing the WPS Agenda: lawmaking, budgeting, oversight, and partnering with field experts, as well as funding local community groups, civil society, and NGOs.

Special address: _____

H.E. Glauk Konjufca
Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo

Speakers: _____

Viola Von Cramon
Member of the European Parliament/EP Standing Rapporteur for Kosovo

Magnus Jacobsson
Member of Riksdag (Parliament), Sweden

Grida Duma
Member of Parliament of Albania

Dr. Draginja Vuksanović Stanković
Member of Parliament of Montenegro

Mimoza Kusari Lila
Member of Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo

Yevheniia Kravchuk
Member of Parliament of Ukraine

Ilhan Kyuchyuk
Co-President of ALDE and Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Samia bint Abdullah Bukhari
Member of the Saudi Arabia Parliament

Moderator:
Valbona Zeneli
Chair of the Strategic Initiatives
Departments George C. Marshall
European Center for Security Studies

15:30 – 17:00



(Verdi Hall)

Women at the negotiation table in peace processes around the world

Women's participation in conflict prevention and peace talks improve outcomes before, during, and after conflict.

However, they are often excluded from formal peace processes. Only around 15 per cent of peace talks around the world include women at the

negotiation table. Continued failure to include women ignores their demonstrated contributions and overlooks a potential strategy to respond more effectively to security threats around the world. The discussion will focus on identifying the following:

- ▼ Is the inclusion of women in a peace process a benefit or rather a necessary condition for a successful and lasting peace?
- ▼ What can women bring to peace and security? Do women negotiators need to focus only on women's priorities?
- ▼ How do women negotiators navigate stereotypes and judgments?
- ▼ The number of seats at the negotiating table is limited. How can men contribute so women are included in the peace processes?

Speakers: _____

Edita Tahiri

Chief Negotiator of the Republic of Kosovo in the Kosovo–Serbia Dialogue (2011 – 2017)

Sonja Biserko

Founder and president of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia

Monica McWilliams

Peace negotiator in the Belfast (Good Friday) Peace Agreement

Miroslav Lajčák

EU Special Representative

Rachada Dhnadirek

Deputy Government Spokesperson and Government Representative on Conflict Resolution for the Southern Border Provinces

Dr. Julia Stasheim

Deputy Managing Director and Programme Director for European and International Politics, Bundeskanzler Helmut Schmidt Stiftung

Moderator:

Besa Luzha

Programme Coordinator, FES Office Prishtina

15:30 – 16:30



(Vivaldi Hall)

**Launching Event:
1325 Facts & Fables:
A collection of
stories about the
implementation of
United Nations
Security Council
Resolution 1325
on Women, Peace,
and Security
in Kosovo**

The Kosovo Women's Network (KWN), a network of 190 women's rights organizations in Kosovo, will launch the second edition of 1325 Facts & Fables: A collection of stories about the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security in Kosovo.

The book reflects on the Resolution's implementation from 2000 to 2020. It follows the first edition, published in 2011, which covered the Resolution's first decade. The book includes "facts", that is, statistics, data, and names, and

"fables": stories of how people perceive the implementation of the Resolution, using oral history methodology.

This in-depth case study of Kosovo has many "lessons learned" and holds relevance on how to better implement the Resolution in other conflict and post-conflict areas. Although there are several "characters" in the book, this launching event will showcase the voices of local women's rights activists.

They will share their stories from the following chapters of the book:

▼ "What's the story?":

What's this book about and why did KWN write it?

▼ Participation:

"Mainstreaming or Side-streaming Gender"?



Security: "We Don't Want Flowers. We Want Justice for Survivors of Sexual Violence"



A Broader Sense of



Security Conclusions: Implementing Resolution 1325 in Kosovo over two decades

Speakers: _____

Igballe Rogova

Executive Director, Kosovo Women's Network (KWN)

Ariana Qosaj Mustafa

Women's rights activist and Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) Advisory Board Member

Feride Rushiti

Executive Director, Kosovo Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims and Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) Board member

Tijana Simić LaValley

Executive Director, Women's Rights

Majlinda Behrami

Co-author, Kosovo Women's Network (KWN)

19:30



(Emerald Hotel)

Official dinner hosted by the President of the Republic of Kosovo, H.E. Dr. Vjosa Osmani Sadriu

Invitation only

Sunday, 23 October 2022

08:30 – 09:15

Arrival and registration of guests

09:15 – 09:30

Opening remarks:

H.E. Donika Gërvalla Schwarz
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of the Republic of Kosovo

Video addresses:

H.E. Mariam bint Ali bin Nasser Al Misnad
Minister of Social Development and Family of the State of Qatar

H.E. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović
President of the Republic of Croatia (2015–2020)

09:30 – 11:00



(Beethoven Hall)

The WPS Agenda as an opportunity for gender sensitive transitional justice

Resolution 2467 (2019) of the Security Council calls for women’s meaningful participation in transitional justice processes, which often do not adequately deal with the multi-dimensional intersection of gender and justice. This is due to the way women are treated during conflicts and with women’s roles and positions in societies in general before, during, and after conflicts often resulting in women lacking access to justice, remedy, and resources.

Too often, potential to more robustly contribute to the process remains underutilized while their suffering is not fully understood or addressed. Hence, ensuring that women are part of transitional justice endeavors is ultimately about achieving prevention, peacebuilding and reconciliation objectives and more importantly tackling the inter-related root causes of conflict.

This panel will discuss:

- ▼ Why is it important for women to participate in transitional justice processes?
- ▼ What are some of the specific skills and areas of expertise that are needed within transitional justice mechanisms, to ensure that gender considerations, including women’s participation and redress for sexual and gender-based violence, are fully addressed?
- ▼ How can transitional justice processes contribute to efforts to address the root causes of conflict and violence, specifically, gender inequality / conflict-related sexual violence?
- ▼ What is a “survivor-centered approach” to transitional justice, and how can this approach strengthen transitional justice processes?

Speakers:

Albulena Haxhiu
Minister of Justice of the
Republic of Kosovo

Yevheniia Kravchuk
Member of Parliament
of Ukraine

Delphine BORIONE
Ambassador at Large for
Human Rights, France

Drita Hajdari
Prosecutor for the Special
Prosecution Office of the
Republic of Kosovo

Dr. Kathleen Roberts
Co-director of Partners
in Justice International

Emily Kenney
Policy Specialist, Rule of Law
and Transitional Justice,
UN Women

Feride Rushiti
Director of the Kosovo Center
for the Rehabilitation
of Torture Survivors

Moderator:

Rozafa Kelmendi
Spokesperson and Advisor on Transitional Justice to the
Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

09:30 – 11:00



(Verdi Hall)

**Amplifying
WPS voices:
the role of the
media and civil
society
organizations**

The need to amplify the voices of women and translate grassroots demands into policy action remains as important as when the 1325 UNSC Resolution was first adopted. Likewise, in today's digital world, information can be manipulated and weaponized just as easily as it can be used to enlighten and liberate. We not only have more data when it comes to the WPS Agenda 20 years on – we have more voices and information platforms reaching women and men across oceans and cultures in real time. However, the digital space for women is getting increasingly more challenging, as they become more exposed to different forms of virtual intimidation, threats, and violence.

- ▼ The role of the media in implementing the WPS Agenda.
- ▼ The ability of women's rights organizations to amplify the voices of women through the media.

The media and civil society are central human rights pillars and key to strengthening the standing of women in society. They often put themselves at risk in order to ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard and action is taken.

The WPS Agenda – and everything that came before or after – hinges on more than a specific set of international commitments, but rather the basic ability to access and to be seen, heard, and represented so that resources, responses, laws, policies and programs during times of crisis, times of conflict, or in peace, are equally available.

This panel will discuss:

- ▼ The negative portrayal of women in the media and the international standards for protection.
- ▼ The missing puzzle: how to fill the gaps when moving from grassroots to systemic change?

Speakers:

Christine Dankbar

Berliner Zeitung

Fatou Warkha Sambe

Video Journalist/Senegalese feminist activist

Ines Leskaj

Executive Director of Albanian Women Empowering Network

Jennifer Adams

Expert on gender, media, and international development, Council of Europe

Ognen Janesk

CoE and EU's No Hate Speech Ambassador for Western Balkans & Gender and Media Expert at British Council's "Media for All" Project, Republic of North Macedonia

Paola Severini

Journalist, Director of the News Agency Angeli Press, Organizer of "Dialoghi a Spoleto," Italy

Teuta Arifaj

Journalist, ATV

Moderator:

Donjeta Miftari

Chief Communications Advisor to the President of Republic of Kosovo

11:00 – 12:30



(Beethoven Hall)

The plague of violence against women during wars and the aftermath

The link between the WPS agenda and CEDAW towards a full comprehensive women's human rights language.

The ground of war and peace has never been gender-neutral. Violence against women is a form of discrimination and a violation of human rights. Be it from war to post conflict settings, women and girls are disproportionately impacted, particularly as far as the level of violence against them is concerned. Conflicts can result in even higher levels of gender-based violence against women and girls in all its forms, from sexual violence, to trafficking, forced marriages, arbitrary

killings, torture as well as an increase in other forms of gender-based violence already widespread in times of peace, such as domestic violence.

The WPS Agenda calls for protection of women and girls from gender-based violence and the end of impunity. However, stronger linkages between the WPS Agenda and traditional human rights instruments have been demanded as an opportunity to both strengthen the human rights component of the WPS resolutions and enhance the accountability of member states.

This panel will focus on:

- Discussing the disproportional burden imposed by wars and non-conflict grounds on girls and women, particularly with regard to violence against them.
- Why is the link between WPS goals and other human rights instruments so important to comprehensibly address the scope of violence against women and girls?
- Outcomes of women engagement in conflicts and post-conflicts.
- What lessons and policies strengthen social resilience and prevent inequality in conflict and crisis?

Speakers:

Nita Shala

Deputy Minister of Justice/National Coordinator against Domestic Violence of the Republic of Kosovo

Dr. Nina Nordström

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe

Tanya L. Domi

Adjunct Professor, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs

Luljeta Demolli

Executive Director of Kosovar Gender Studies Center

Dubravka Šimonović

UN special rapporteur on violence against women and girls (2015 – 2021)

Tijana Simić LaValley

Žensko Pravo

Moderator:

Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark

Head of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo

11:00 – 12:30



(Verdi Hall)

Emerging challenges of the WPS Agenda: Integrating climate change and women economic empowerment

The consequences of climate change and the COVID-19 economic recovery processes both provide an important opportunity to rethink what the future implementation of the 'relief and recovery' pillar of the WPS agenda could look like.

Climate change and Women, Peace and Security are often treated as two separate, distinct and unrelated issue areas. However, the commonalities between the two are evident.

The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security's

- ▼ Discuss how the dominant focus on hard security within discourse and programming on WPS is insufficient to secure sustainable peace and security for women and states.

- ▼ Reflect on the impacts of climate change in women and most vulnerable groups of society.

- ▼ Address how policies, investments, and local interventions can accelerate action to

2021-2022 Global Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Index report measuring 170 countries found that countries that score better on the WPS Index are also more peaceful and stable. The impact of poverty is not gender neutral. It creates an uneven burden on women and girls and exposes them to greater levels of vulnerability that stretches across the climate, security and gender equality spectrum. These developments indicate the obvious, that poverty and climate change directly impact peace and security. This panel will:

- ▼ inclusively tackle the climate crisis while leveraging the contributions of women on the frontlines.

Video address:

Carlien Scheele

Director, European Institute for Gender Equality

Artane Rizvanolli

Minister of Economy of the Republic of Kosovo

Laura Altinger

Regional team leader, Nature, Climate and Energy Bureau of Policy and Programming Support at UNDP

Viola Von Cramon

Member of the European Parliament/ Rapporteur for Kosovo at the European Parliament

Clare Hutchinson

NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security (2018 – 2021)

Video address:

Mag. Mateja Norčič Štamcar
Acting Director-General of the Directorate for Common Foreign and Security Policy, Slovenia

Lucy Maycox

Researcher on Women Peace and Security, Oxford University

Moderator:

Vesa Reznjqi Pallaska
Gender Specialist at UNDP Kosovo

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch and Networking Session

10:00 – 12:00



(Strauss Hall
Roundtable discussion)

Fostering participation. Empowering women. Building peace together.

Participation of women in public life frequently comes with a great cost. In contrast to their male counterparts, women face a significantly higher level of scrutiny, a heavier burden in terms of family life, as well as greater

challenges in their active engagement in politics or in their participation in processes of peace and security.

The key questions that will be addressed in this roundtable are:

- ▼ Does women's engagement in public life and politics contribute to more peaceful societies?
- ▼ What are some key lessons learned from women's engagement in politics? Does gender matter in politics?
- ▼ Are peace processes gender-blind?
- ▼ What does evidence say: do women indeed contribute to more resilient, inclusive and successful peace processes?
- ▼ Are we witnessing any change with regards to the engagement of women in politics?
- ▼ How do we build support mechanisms that help women become more resilient, prosperous and empowered in post-conflict settings?

Speakers: _____

Jeta Statovci

Member of Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo

Albena Reshitaj

Member of Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo

Dr. Granit Almog-Bareket

Senior faculty member at Ben-Gurion University and the founder of a leadership laboratory at the Faculty of Management

Vlora Çitaku

Vice President of the Democratic Party, Republic of Kosovo

Marijana Grandits

Lecturer/Academic Advisor, Vienna Master in Applied Human Rights, University of Applied Arts

Heidi Meinzolt

Member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Moderator:

Jeta Xharra

Country Director of BIRN

Jehona Lushaku Sadriu

Chair of the Women's Forum of the Democratic League of Kosovo, Republic of Kosovo

Dr. Ruth Gaby Vermot

Co-President of PeaceWomen Across the Globe, Switzerland

Monica McWilliams

Peace negotiator in the Belfast (Good Friday) Peace Agreement

Juraj Sevela

Foreign Policy Counsellor to the President of the Slovak Republic

Clare Hutchinson

NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security (2018 – 2021)

13:30 – 15:00



(Beethoven Hall)

Women as security Providers challenging gender stereotypes in the security sector

UNSCR 1325 addresses the need to provide equal opportunities for women and men in peace and security efforts. Women's views have often been neglected, raising doubts if security access is equally provided to all communities due to women's perspectives being left out of the solution.

Women and men appear to have different **perspectives on security efforts, and peaceful resolutions**, whilst gender inclusion in the security sector means considering the needs of both. Despite various actors acknowledging the need to integrate more women in the security sector (as regulated by domestic and international

legislations) **women are still exposed to operational challenges, unequal treatment, and lesser/limited opportunities to treat security challenges**. The actual disparities have encouraged fewer women to join the security sector, albeit often, their efforts in solving issues have been higher and more efficient, raising the question of "How to encourage women to join the security sector?"

This panel aims to present successful stories of women's contribution in the security sector and to advocate that more women join efforts to increase security among communities, and will focus on:

▶ Promoting integrated gender perspective in the security sector problem-solving and decision-making processes.

▶ Addressing challenges of women in the security sector: fighting toxic working environments, unequal treatment and operational challenges.

▶ Reducing the gender representation gap by encouraging increased women's participation in the security sector.

Speakers: _____

Mgr. Bc. Šárka Havránková
Vice-President of INTERPOL,
INTERPOL Executive Committee

LTC Laura L. Lyons
Defense Policy Advisor,
Defense Operations Directorate,
U.S. Mission to NATO

Major General Manushaqe Shehu
Deputy Chief of the General Staff
of the Albanian Armed Forces

Lt. Col. (res.) Avital Leibovich
Director of AJC Jerusalem

Arta Bilalli Zendeli
Head of Delegation of the
Republic of North Macedonia at
the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

General Irfete Spahiu
Inspector of the Kosovo
Security Force

Commissioner General Catherine Bourdes
Ministry of the Armed Forces of
the French Republic

Colonel Taibe Canolli
Director of Human Resources
Department in Kosovo Police

Brigadier General Pamela McGaha
Commander of the
NATO HQ Sarajevo

Moderator:
Mentor Vrajolli
Executive Director at Kosovar Centre for
Security Studies (KCSS)

13:30 – 15:00



(Verdi Hall)

Technology and gender equality: a challenge or an opportunity?

In the 'age of technology', women's participation in the digital ecosystem remains challenged by systematic gender-based bias. From lack of participation and access to harassment and abuse, women's experiences in the technology space and with digital platforms are often amplifying inequalities. For policymakers, the costs of ignoring these trends could lead to new technology, peace and security structures, processes that endanger and weaken core human rights, and gender equality norms. Although women have benefited from outstanding possibilities on the internet and

via new technologies, both in terms of power and visibility and in terms of access and opportunities, they are also at threat of violence in dire ways in the digital world. On the other hand, women in conflict areas are increasingly turning to technology to build peace and reduce gender inequality in conflict and war zones. Given the role of technology in facilitating political engagement and development, attention to the digital divide could provide new modalities for women to offer input into peace processes and other WPS initiatives.

This panel will discuss:

- ▼ How is the current digital ecosystem reflecting and amplifying existing gender inequalities in society?
- ▼ The importance of understanding gender dynamics and their significance for the future of technology development, as well as technology and policy-making.
- ▼ The importance of standardizing commonly accepted definitions of the various forms of violence targeting women online.
- ▼ The repeating gendered problems in the digital ecosystem as an early warning indicator of systemic weaknesses and failures of existing policies and regulation.
- ▼ The lack of awareness about existing international human rights and gender equality frameworks among those working in the technology space.
- ▼ The hindrance that online abuse poses to women representation in leadership and decision-making roles.

Speakers:

Katrina Fotovat

Senior official to the Secretary of State in the office of Global Women's Issues

Donjeta Sahatçiu

Deputy Mayor of Municipality of Prishtina

Tamara Srzentić

Minister of Public Administration, Digital Society and Media of Montenegro (2020 – 2021)

Moderator:

Teuta Sahatqija

Women in Tech Kosova

Arbesa Kastrati

VP, Strategy and Implementation at DAZN

Roxanne Turner

WPS Fellow, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies

Mergim Cahani

CEO, Gjirafa

15:00

Closing remarks:

Saranda Bogujevci

Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo

18:30



(Klan Arena)

**WPS Forum
closing event**

**Panel discussion:
“The role of women artists
in peace building”**

Speakers:

Emma Andrea

Actress, producer,
and lecturer

Rada Borić

Feminist and peace activist,
member of the Assembly
of City of Zagreb, ex-member
of Croatian Parliament

Hedwig Fijen

Curator, cultural advisor,
Founder of Manifesta

Blerta Zeqiri

Filmmaker and playwrighter

Maja Mitić

Actress/ Director/ Artistic director
of International Nisville
Jazz Theater Festival

Moderator:

Zana Hoxha

Theater director, activist, Founder
& Executive of Artpolis and
FemArt Festival

Theater play:

The Haunted Land

Followed by a cocktail reception

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