

U.S. Naval War College Call for Papers on Women, Peace, and Security

The Naval War College (NWC) welcomes proposals for papers in preparation for its 9th annual Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Symposium, 26-28 April 2023, in Newport, Rhode Island. The event will bring together U.S. and international scholars, researchers, civilian and military practitioners, and leaders to share their knowledge on warfighting and conflict resolution focusing on the gender perspective. The aim is to better understand our complex and dynamic security environment by examining women's influence and experience as stakeholders and catalysts of change – alongside men. The format will be hybrid, in-person and online. Select papers will be considered for publication in a book related to the Symposium theme “**Women, Peace, and Security in a Fragile World: Perspectives on Warfighting, Crisis Management, and Post-Conflict Transitions.**”

Symposium objectives are aligned with: (i) United Nations Security Council's landmark resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace, and Security, a transformative vision seeking women's meaningful participation in all phases of strategic planning and operations to generate outcomes advancing state and human security,¹ (ii) U.S. WPS Act of 2017,² and (iii) U.S. DoD's WPS Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan.³ The event will present commentaries and case studies, current and historical, from any country or region demonstrating that women's visible and meaningful participation in peace and security, official or unofficial, leads to enduring and innovative outcomes. Likewise, a critical mass of women in leadership roles fosters cultural change in organizations, societies, and the global environment. Analyses of women's roles in (i) Defense, deterrence, and war termination, (ii) Humanitarian crises and disaster management, (iii) Conflict prevention, resolution, and transformation, and (iv) Post-conflict state stabilization and institution-building processes will be central to the discussion. To connect the dots, examination of women's relationship with conflict as victims and targets, their active participation in war and violence, and their roles and positions within societal structures, necessitating the gender perspective in complex problem-solving are encouraged. Potential speakers may submit their ideas or consider those below.

Women in Conflict Zones: Victims, Targets, and Perpetrators

- Gender-based sexual violence in complex emergencies
- Genocide
- Human trafficking
- Organized Transnational Crime

¹ “The Security Council adopted ([resolution \(S/RES/1325\)](#)) on women and peace and security on 31 October 2000. The resolution reaffirms the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations, peace-building, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction and stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security.” Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women accessible at: <https://www.un.org/womenwatch/osagi/wps/>

² PUBLIC LAW 115-68, Octo.6, 2017 accessible at: <https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ68/PLAW-115publ68.pdf>

³ Department of Defense Women, Peace, and Security Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan (2020) accessible at: https://media.defense.gov/2020/Jun/11/2002314428/-1/-1/1/WOMEN_PEACE_SECURITY_STRATEGIC_FRAMEWORK_IMPLEMENTATION_PLAN.PDF

- Piracy
- Radicalization
- Refugees and displaced communities
- Sexual slavery in conflict zones
- Terrorism and insurgencies
- Weaponization of sexual violence in war

Defense and Security

- Cybersecurity and Information Warfare
- Female Engagement and Cultural Support Teams
- Gender Advisors in military operations
- Gender inclusion: Organizational barriers and best practices
- Intelligence and covert operations
- Leadership and strategic decision-making
- Male allyship
- Maritime stability operations
- Mixed-gender team performance and decision-making
- Prisoners of War
- Space security: Trust, transparency and Confidence-Building Measures
- Special Operations
- Women in combat

Humanitarian Crises and Disaster Management

- Access to technology and digital services
- Capacity building of vulnerable groups
- Cultural competencies
- Gender-inclusive disaster planning
- Gender mainstreaming in emergency management
- Pandemics and health emergencies
- Peacekeeping operations

Conflict Prevention, Resolution, and Transformation

- Arms control and disarmament
- Climate change adaptation and resilience: Blue and green economies
- Diplomacy and foreign policy formulation
- Peace negotiation and mediation
- Peace processes
- Peace and reconciliation
- Legislative representation

Post-Conflict Transitions

- Democratic institution building
- Deradicalization, rehabilitation, and reintegration
- Digital access, literacy, and use of technology in women's labor force participation
- Economic growth and sustainable development
- Gender perspective in science and technology innovations

- Grassroots political participation
 - Inter-faith dialogue and engagement
 - Justice and law enforcement
 - Transitional justice and international law
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- **Proposal submission deadline: December 10, 2022**
 - **Maximum 500 words**
 - **Email Dr. Saira Yamin at saira.yamin@usnwc.edu. Women, Peace, and Security Chair, Naval War College.**
 - **Subject line should state WPS Call for Papers: Last Name**
 - **Please include a short bio of no more than 100 words**

Selection of papers will be subject to a review of the first draft, 2,500 to 4,000 words, due by or before Feb 10, 2023. Final papers will be between 4,000-6,000 words and due for preliminary editorial review by August 15, 2023.