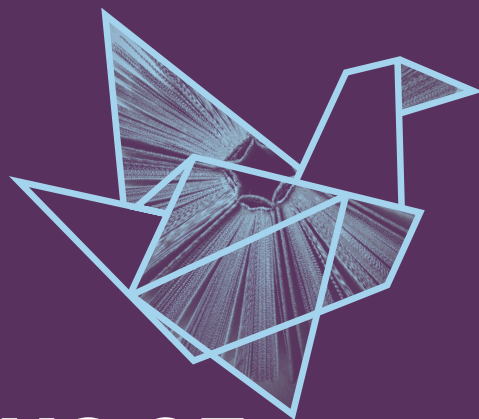


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VISIONS OF FEMINIST PEACE

14 September – 2 October 2020

PROGRAMME



Introduction

To mark the 40th anniversary of the launch of CEDAW, the 20th anniversary of the Security Council's Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda, and 25 years since the Declaration and Platform for Action at the conclusion of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, the AHRC-funded Feminist International Law of Peace and Security (FILPS) project is organising a series of virtual events in collaboration with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to build on visions of a feminist peace.

Women's tireless activism through political institutions and local communities, through protest, advocacy, litigation and scholarship, has been instrumental in securing the progressive development of policy and law, at national and international levels. Across the world, women's and feminist groups are using legal and policy tools creatively to advance equal rights. Yet transformative change remains slow. Women are still fighting for equality in all spheres of life. Peace remains an elusive goal. Women, and even more so minority women, continue to be excluded and marginalised from mainstream conflict prevention efforts to peacebuilding measures.

Visions of Feminist Peace brings together academics, advocates, practitioners, activists, artists, and students to showcase the plurality of peace visions, experiences, and discontents.





At a glance

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Speakers: **Mohbuba Choudhury, Cordula Droege, Monica Feria-Tinta, Patricia Sellers.** Chair: **Louise Arimatsu**



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Speakers: **Silvia Gallotti, Kate Kerrow, Rebecca Mordan, Emma Pizarro**
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Feminist Peace in International Law and The Academy: a conversation with Professor Di Otto

Speakers: **Louise Arimatsu, Professor Christine Chinkin, Professor Di Otto**
Chair: **Dr Keina Yoshida**



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Transforming Power to Put Women at the Heart of Peacebuilding

Speakers: **Professor Paula Banerjee, Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls,**

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Moderator: **Madeleine Rees**

This event is hosted by OXFAM.





At a glance continued...

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Strategies and Practices for Gender-just Peacebuilding

Speakers: **Visaka Dharmadasa, Helen Kezie-Nwoha**

Chair: **Dr Elena B Stavrevska**



Wednesday 23 September, 20.00 BST

Live performance: **The Citizens of the World Choir**



Monday 28 September, 15.00-16.30 BST

How Feminist Peace Can Transform Power, People and Our Planet

Speakers: **Jamila Afghani, Amani Beainy, Joy Onyesoh, Madeleine Rees, Melissa Torres**

This event is hosted by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).



Tuesday 29 September, 14.30-16.00 BST

International and Inter-Governmental Institutions: what mandate for a gender just peace?

Speakers: **Jane Connors, Professor Yakin Ertürk, Nahla Haidar**

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International Law and a Gender-Just Peace

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Tuesday 15 September, 10.00-11.30 BST

A discussion among international lawyers and experts, this panel explores what might be the components of a feminist peace, how such a vision might be possible in today's international law and what changes to the structures of international law might be needed.

Speakers: **Mohbuba Choudhury**, **Cordula Droege**, **Monica Feria-Tinta**, **Patricia Sellers**. Chair: **Louise Arimatsu**

Artistic contribution: Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan

Wednesday 16 September

Watch poet **Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan** perform two poems that critically engage with the concept of 'feminist peace'.

Can We Archive Memories? Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp & beyond

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This special panel event will include a discussion from the organisers of the Greenham Woman Everywhere project alongside **LSE Library** archivists, where we will explore some of the issues around archiving memories such as those of Greenham Common and beyond.

This event is hosted by the LSE Library.

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Artistic contribution: Millicent Chapanda

Thursday 17th September

Watch a performance by **Millicent Chapanda**, traditional mbira player, percussionist, singer, dancer and storyteller.

Feminist Peace in International Law and the Academy: a conversation with Professor Di Otto

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Monday 21 September, 09.30-10.30

In this conversation between project Principle Investigators and Professor Di Otto, the discussion will explore visions of feminist peace from the perspective of international law academics, with discussion also of a draft statement on feminist peace based on the research and interdisciplinary conversations undertaken within the Feminist International Law of Peace and Security project.

Speakers: **Louise Arimatsu, Professor Christine Chinkin, Professor Di Otto**

Chair: **Dr Keina Yoshida**

Transforming Power to Put Women at the Heart of Peacebuilding

Join here



Monday 21 September, 13.00-14.30 BST

A new discussion paper Transforming Power to Put Women at the Heart of Peacebuilding, a collection of regional-focused essays on Feminist Peace and Security will be launched on 21 September 2020. This day marks World Peace Day and launches a series of events leading up to the Open Debates for Women Peace and Security and the 20th Anniversary of UN1325 resolution.

This event is hosted by OXFAM.

Speakers: **Professor Paula Banerjee, Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls, Alisia Evans, Dr Zeynep Kaya, Helen Kezie-Nwoha.**

Moderators: **Madeleine Rees**



Strategies and Practices for Gender-Just Peacebuilding

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Wednesday 23 September, 11.00-12.30 BST

This panel is a discussion among women peacebuilders, exploring the strategies pursued by peacebuilders in reimagining and rearticulating peaceful geographies. The discussion will explore what constitutes a feminist peace and strategies to pursue it, as well as how we might articulate peace as plural, complex, intersectional and multi-sited.

Speakers: **Visaka Dharmadasa, Helen Kezie-Nwoha**

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Live performance:

The Citizens of the World Choir

Wednesday 23 September, 20.00- BST

The Citizens of the World Choir will perform via livestream, reflecting on the concept of 'feminist peace'

How Feminist Peace Can Transform Power, People and Our Planet

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Monday 28 September, 15.00-16.30 BST

Join feminist peace activists and WILPF leaders Joy Onyesoh, Amani Beainy, Jamila Afghani, Melissa Torres, and Madeleine Rees for a frank discussion and critical analysis of how feminist peace can transform the systems of power within our societies that generate inequality, violence, and environmental degradation. Together, panelists will explore feminist analysis, stories, and alternative paths toward change that centre the lived realities and experiences of women around the world.

*This hosted by the **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)**.*

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International and Inter-Governmental Institutions: what mandate for a gender just peace?

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Tuesday 29 September, 14.30-16.00 BST

This panel explores strategies and practices of feminist peace from the perspective of international mandate holders and institutions. It queries how such a vision might be secured, not least in the contemporary political climate and in light of the current global pandemic.

Speakers: **Jane Connors, Professor Yakin Ertürk, Nahla Haidar**

Chair: **Professor Christine Chinkin**

Artistic contribution: Amrit Kaur Lohia

Wednesday 30 September

Watch a performance by **Amrit Kaur Lohia**, a singer-songwriter, Sarangi player and vocalist in genres of Punjabi folk, R&B and soul.



Speakers



Jamila Afghani

(@Jamila_Afghani, Afghanistan) peace activist, has experience working in areas that include education, migration-related issues, gender issues, and democratic governance in post-conflict and transitional countries. She is a movement-builder, a trainer, and a woman who knows how to make things happen. Jamila also serves as President of WILPF Afghanistan and is the WILPF South Asia Regional Representative.



Amani Beainy

(@AmaniBeainy, Lebanon), peace and environment activist, is a jurist specialising in arbitration, a researcher in public law, a feminist, a political and human rights activist, a WILPF member, and a WILPF Standing Constitution Committee member. She is also a co-founder of the "Save the Bisri Campaign". In addition, Amani is a writer, poet, painter, and beekeeper.



Mohbuba Choudhury

is a Policy Officer at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Bangladesh working on the Rohingya refugee response. She has co-authored a number of publications on asylum and refugee issues. Her research interests include international refugee law, international humanitarian law, trafficking, statelessness, and the intersection between humanitarian and development spheres in the forced displacement context.



Jane Connors

is the Victims' Rights Advocate for the United Nations, a post at Assistant Secretary-General level, to which she was appointed in August 2017. Immediately prior to this appointment, Jane was Amnesty International's Director of International Advocacy. From 1996 to 2015, she held increasingly responsible posts in the United Nations.



Visaka Dharmadasa

(@venuwan) founded the Association of War Affected Women (AWAR) in 2000. Visaka was nominated for a collective Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 as part of the 1000 Peace Women Across the Globe. She set up AWAR to create a space for war-affected women, specifically mothers and wives of those who are missing, to come together across the divide to work for peace.



Cordula Droege

(@CDroegelCRC) is the chief legal officer and head of the legal division of the ICRC, where she leads the ICRC's efforts to uphold, implement and develop international humanitarian law. She joined the ICRC in 2005 and has held a number of positions in the field and at headquarter, including as head of the legal advisers to operations, and most recently as chief of staff to the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross.



Professor Yakin Ertürk

professor emeritus of sociology, undertook international consultancies on rural development projects; served as director of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (UNDAW) and The International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW); held international and regional human rights monitoring mandates, including special rapporteur

on violence against women. Recent publication: "Political Economy of Peace Processes and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda," Conflict, Security and Development (2020).



Monica Feria-Tinta

(@MFeriaTinta) is a barrister specialising in public international law. She was lead counsel in the Castro Castro prison case, which initiated the feminisation of human rights law in the Americas. She advised on gender justice cases arising from South Sudan (CEDAW) and is counsel on a number of cases relating to de-colonization, extractivism, and climate change, world-wide.





Nahla Haidar

is a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ). Nahla has over 30 years of professional experience mainly within the United Nations System, ranging from Social Development, to Relief Coordination, to Emergency Management training and capacity-building to Development Cooperation to Peace-Building to Human Rights.



Helen Kezie-Nwoha

(@keziehelen) is a feminist peace activist and a women human rights defender from Nigeria. Helen is currently the Executive Director at the Women's International Peace Centre (@TheWIPCentre). Helen has extensive experience working on women's rights, gender, peacebuilding, conflict resolution and governance. She has led peace advocacy efforts at international, regional and national levels.



Joy Onyesho

(@JoyOnyesho, Nigeria), International President of WILPF and Country Director of WILPF Nigeria, holds a doctoral degree in Transformative Studies and is a Professor of Community Development. She specialises in the Women, Peace and Security agenda, movement building, and transforming gendered power structures. She is a visionary leader, an author, a strategist, and a protector of women's rights – always with a touch of spirituality.



Professor Dianne Otto

is Professorial Fellow at Melbourne Law School. Her research in the field of public international law and human rights law includes addressing gender, sexuality and race inequalities, the UN Security Council's peacekeeping work, technologies of global 'crisis governance' and the transformative potential of people's tribunals. Publications include *Queering International Law: Possibilities, Alliances, Complicities, Risks* (Routledge 2018)



Madeleine Rees

(@WILPF, global citizen), WILPF Secretary-General, is a human rights lawyer and LSE Centre for Women, Peace and Security Visiting Professor in Practice. Especially known for her work on promoting and advocating for feminist peace, she is a visionary revolutionary, a bridge builder, and a dot-linker – and indeed a rebel with a cause.



Patricia Viseur Sellers

is an international criminal lawyer. She is the Special Advisor for Gender for the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. Patricia is a Visiting Fellow at Kellogg College of the University of Oxford and a Practicing Professor at London School of Economics. She was the Legal Advisor for Gender and a prosecutor at the Yugoslav (ICTY) Tribunal and Rwanda Tribunal (ICTR).



Melissa Torres

(Mexico/United States of America), WILPF Vice-President, holds a PhD in Social Work and is the Director of Human Trafficking Research at the University of Texas. She is a volunteer, a trainer, and a researcher with a strong focus on the power of intersectionality and diversity.



Artistic contributions

Millicent Chapanda



Millicent is a British-based Zimbabwean Shona cultural artist, traditional mbira player, percussionist, singer, dancer and storyteller. Her music is nourished by Zimbabwean traditional ceremonials. Millie's mission is to bring the lived experience of women in Zimbabwe onto the international world music stage through performance. She is keen to sing out loud for change on gender issues and the barriers affecting women in the diaspora & back in her home-country.



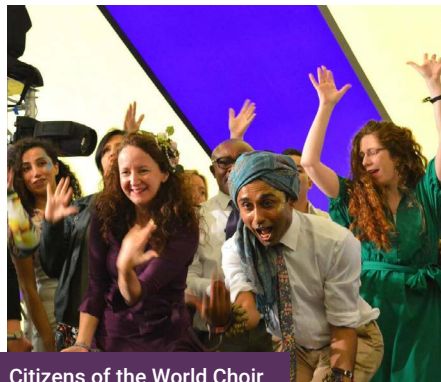
Millicent Chapanda



Citizens of the World Choir



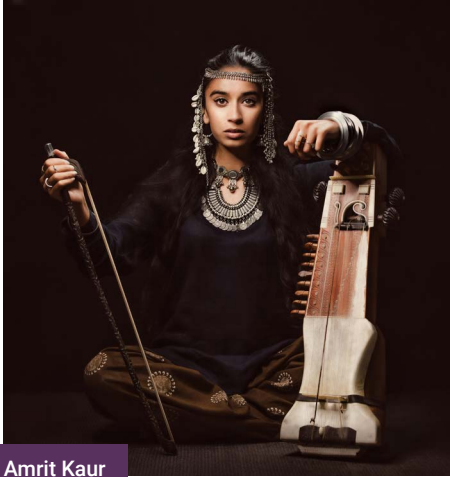
A choir for people who are refugees, asylum seekers and the wider community of Londoners, currently representing over 25 different nationalities. We are proudly non-politically affiliated and use our platform to advocate for refugee and human rights, whilst creating powerful musical arrangements with global influences, that delight and capture our audiences with powerful performances.



Citizens of the World Choir



Amrit Kaur



Amrit Kaur

Amrit is a Sarangi player and singer-songwriter. A graduate of SOAS, her musical repertoire is influenced by the social history and culture of Punjabi women. She was named a BBC Asian Network Future Sounds 2020 Artist as well as BBC Music Introducing artist. She recently featured in the new version of Bob Marley's iconic song One Love alongside the Marley family and musicians from around the world for UNICEF.



Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan

Suhaiymah is an educator, writer and poet from West Yorkshire, UK. Her work disrupts questions of history, race, knowledge and power - interrogating the political purpose of narratives about Muslims, migrants, gender and violence. Suhaiymah is the author of poetry collection, POSTCOLONIAL BANTER and co-author of the anthology, A FLY GIRL'S GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY: Being a woman of colour at Cambridge and other institutions of power and elitism.



Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan



Coming soon...

A Feminist Vision of Peace

As part of the FILPS project, we have spent the past year discussing the methodology of alternative resolutions, visions, declarations, utopias and demands that centre peace rather than security in international law. Following a workshop in September 2019, we began to develop a set of feminist demands grounded in international law to mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and the 20th anniversary of the Women, Peace and Security agenda. The demands will be made available on our website and we encourage you to consider what demands you would make to the member states this year to mark these anniversaries.

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The Security Council does not address how militarism, availability of arms, colonial depredation, discriminations, neo-liberal economic policies and environmental or climate harm all undermine peace. Nor does it recognise the diversity of women and their situations.

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