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SPEAKERS

Kurt Jaeger is the Ambassador of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United States of America. From 2010-2016 he was Ambassador of Liechtenstein to the European Union (EU) and Belgium. He has over 25 years of professional experience in international regulatory affairs of which 15 years were acquired in the airline industry and civil aviation administration. Prior to his ambassadorial postings, Ambassador Jaeger was elected as one of three members of the Board of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Surveillance Authority in charge of monitoring and enforcing the application of EU law in the European Economic Area (EEA) by the three EFTA-States Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

Karen Mulhauser established Mulhauser and Associates in 1988 as a small, progressive, management and public affairs consulting firm. She works in partnership with clients to assess their needs, and to design and/or implement programs to meet these needs. Mulhauser is recognized for her coalition-building and inclusive management and organizing approach. In addition to consulting commitments, she has served on over 35 nonprofit boards and has organized electoral activities during every election cycle since the 1970s. Her areas of expertise include strategic planning, management assistance, board/staff development, program design, implementation and evaluation, and resource development.
**Ursala Knudsen-Latta** is a Policy and Advocacy Coordinator based in Saferworld’s Washington Office. She served two consecutive terms as Chair of the US Civil Society Working Group for Women, Peace and Security. In her role at Saferworld, Knudsen-Latta focuses on issues of violent extremism, gender and conflict, and SDG16. Prior to joining Saferworld, Knudsen-Latta worked at Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) and Women In International Security (WIIS). She also worked with the Anchorage Interfaith Council, and the North American Interfaith Network. Knudsen-Latta studied Religions and Theology at the University of Manchester and graduated with a Master’s in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University. During her Masters, she studied Urdu in Lucknow, India and attended Ulster University’s INCORE International Summer School on ‘Social Innovation, Technology and Peacebuilding.’

**Kathleen Kuehnast** is the Director of Gender Policy and Strategy at the U.S. Institute of Peace, where she has worked since 2008. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. As a socio-cultural anthropologist, Kuehnast has focused on the different gendered impacts of violence and conflict on both men and women. In addition, her efforts have focused on the U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325, including the critical role women should play in all aspects of peacebuilding. Prior to USIP, Kuehnast worked 15 years in the international development field, primarily with the World Bank, where her role as a senior social scientist included research and project management on the thematic streams of women and poverty, social capital and community driven development in fragile and post-conflict societies. Kuehnast holds a PhD in socio-cultural anthropology from the University of Minnesota.

**Dean Peacock** is the Senior Advisor for Global Advocacy at Promundo. Peacock provides strategic leadership on a number of global initiatives, aiming to advance policy and programmatic solutions related to healthy masculinities, gender equality, and violence prevention. He has established and coordinated ground-breaking local, national, and global initiatives, and has contributed to policy shifts within national governments, the UN system, and amongst bilateral donors. He is the founder of the Men Overcoming Violence Youth Program, one of the first youth-focused domestic violence prevention initiatives in the U.S. and co-founder of MenEngage Alliance, a global alliance of more than 700 NGOs. Peacock was Co-Founder and Executive Director of Sonke Gender Justice. He has served as an advisor to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and the Nobel Women’s Initiative, and he currently serves on the jury for the International Gender Equality Prize. Peacock has an Honors Degree in Development Studies from UC Berkeley, a Masters in Social Welfare from San Francisco State University, and is a candidate for an MSt in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University.
**Hannah Proctor** is a Gender and Global Security program assistant at WIIS. Proctor is a recent graduate from the inaugural MSc in Women, Peace and Security at the London School of Economics. Her dissertation focused on the role of girls' right to education in conflict prevention. Previously, she studied Women's Studies and International Affairs at the University of Georgia. Hannah's research interests include militarized masculinity's connection to sexual violence; the WPS Agenda; and bringing feminist perspectives to sustainable peace. She has experience planning the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, working with a Croatian soccer club developing the Girl's Empowerment Program, and working with low income families in Los Angeles.

**Donald Steinberg** is Executive Director of Mobilizing Men as Partners for Women, Peace and Security, co-chair of the board of the Women’s Refugee Commission, and a fellow at Our Secure Future. He served as deputy administrator at USAID under President Barack Obama, director of the State/USAID Joint Policy Council under President George W. Bush, and U.S. Ambassador to Angola under President Bill Clinton. He also served as an advisor to the U.N. Secretary-General for Women, Peace and Security.

**MODERATORS**

**Chantal de Jonge Oudraat** is President of WIIS since February 2013. She was the founding Executive Director and CEO of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute’s North America office. She has also held senior positions at the U.S. Institute of Peace; the Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and the UN Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva. She has been an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University. She received her PhD in Political Science from the University of Paris II (Pantheon).

**Sarah Kenny** is the Senior Program Assistant with WIIS. Kenny graduated from the University of Virginia in May 2018 with a major in Political Philosophy, Policy, & Law and minor in Women & Gender Studies. At UVA, Kenny served as the Student Council President. Her interests in violent extremism and WPS were catalyzed by the 2017 “Unite the Right” rallies and her thesis project, titled “*Women of the Alt-Right: An Intersectional Study of White Supremacism, Gender, & Identity in the United States.*” Kenny will pursue an MA in Violence, Terrorism, and Security at Queens University Belfast starting in September 2019.
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