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Do you have any suggestions on what to share with members? Email us at: info@wide-network.org.

Upcoming hybrid event by GADIP, supported by WIDE+ on "Feminist Foreign Policy", 25 May, 18h CET, 2023

Panel discussion on the dismantlement of the Swedish FEMINIST FOREIGN POLICY 25th of May 18.00 (CET)

Participants: Priti Darooka, BRICS Feminist Watch (India)  
Mabel Bianco, FEIM & UN Women (Argentina)  
Ulrika Grandin, UN Women (Sweden)  
Ann Town, University of Gothenburg

Moderator: Edne Dominguez, GADIP & WIDE+

Location: Lecture hall 220, Annedalseminariet, Seminariegatan 1A, Campus Linné, the University of Gothenburg.

Zoom link: Please register in advance for the webinar  
https://se-se.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e_j2qYbTi00HRsnB6sLNg#registration


GADIP, supported by WIDE+ and ABF Sweden, is organising a hybrid panel discussion on the contributions of feminist foreign policy and what actions to take after the dismantlement in Sweden.

The participating speakers are:
• Priti Darooka, Global Coordinator, BRICS Feminist Watch.
• Mabel Bianco, President of FIEM (Fundacion para Estudio e Investigacion de la Mujer) and Civil Society advisor to UN Women.
• Ulrika Gradin, Operational Head, UN Women Stockholm.
• Ann Town, Professor of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg.

The moderator is Edmé Dominguez, Associate Professor at the School of Global Studies, the University of Gothenburg, president of GADIP, and board member of WIDE+. The panel discussion will take place at the University of Gothenburg, room 220, Annedalseminariet (Seminariegatan 1A, 413 13 Göteborg) and online via zoom.

Do register in advance for this webinar:
https://gu-se.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e_J2opwSTpa8HGmiW6SLNg

New WIDE+ resource: "A baseline study on the participation of migrant women in political and democratic life in Europe"

As part of our WE-EMPOWER project, together with partners, NGO Atina, Romanian Women's Lobby, ADRI Association, KULU-Women and Development and Gabriela Germany, we are excited to share with you our new resource, "A baseline study on the
participation of migrant women in political and democratic life in Europe”.

This set of five study papers that includes a series of factsheets aims to shed light on the state of migrant women’s participation in political and democratic life in Europe. There are four papers covering this topic at a national level in Denmark, Germany, Serbia, and Italy, and one paper looking at the EU level. The research is based on desktop analysis (including national/Eurostat data) and surveys with specific stakeholders, including migrant women, experts, and decision-makers.

The papers are intended to provide a clearer picture of the extent to which migrant women are represented in public decision-making at different levels, what are examples of participation, and barriers. They inform civil society representatives and decision-makers who are interested to enhance the participation of migrant women.

Download the set of study papers and factsheets here (Individualised report per country will be available soon).

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**General News**

**Call for applications from WIMN, "Leadership in Global Advocacy" (for Spanish speakers), deadline: 24 May, 2023**

Women in Migration Network (WIMN) is launching their new pilot program: Leadership in Global Advocacy. This WIMN's pilot program aims to strengthen grassroots voices in international migrant rights advocacy (or LIGA project for short). The program aims to create a strong, participatory, collective process that enhances leadership and skills through non-formal educational strategies.

During this 6-month long pilot, WIMN will hold a space for active listening and peer learning—a "popular education" approach that appreciates the lived experiences of all, and helps to build more powerful relationships and alliances. **Four Spanish-speaking organizations** from any region will be selected to contribute WIMN's analyses, policy positions and advocacy actions on key issues—particularly towards shaping a feminist, intersectional advocacy agenda on human rights of women in migration. The selected organizations will each receive a **$300 USD per month stipend** to support their participation.

To apply, one needs to fill the application form by May 24th. For more information on the program, contact Chus Alvarez from WIMN at marijalvajim@gmail.com.
Upcoming event by Women's Budget Group, "How the census can help bridge the gender data gap", 23 May, 12 noon CET, 2023

Data, such as that revealed in the census, is meaningless unless those whom it measures have a say in how it is interpreted and can hold policy makers to account for their actions. Join this panel of feminist researchers, chaired by Stella Creasy MP, to discuss the importance of data analysis in feminism and how we can use the census to bridge the gender data gap. Register here.

Panel:

- **Caroline Criado-Perez OBE**, Award-winning speaker, writer and campaigner, author of *Invisible Women: Exposing data bias in a world designed for men*
- **Jennette Arnold OBE**, Social Commentator, activist and former chair and member of the London Assembly
- **Dr Liz Hind**, Local Partnerships and Training officer, Women’s Budget Group
- **Dr Caitlin Schmid**, Research Fellow, the Global Institute for Women’s Leadership at King’s College London
- **Stella Creasy MP**, Member of Parliament for Walthamstow (chair)
Upcoming hybrid event, "Tackling Toxics: Gender dimensions of chemicals and waste policies", 11 May, 1815h - 1945h CET

New study by European Women's Lobby (EWL), "Taking Stock of Women's Representation in Politics across Europe"

The EWL maps out the current state of women's representation in politics across Europe, and highlights the different pieces of legislation and initiatives that exist in different European countries, as well as their success and limitations. These findings should inform policymaking and support ambitious and binding measures at the European Union level when it comes to women's representation in politics. Download the report here.

Beyond Growth Conference 2023, 15 - 17 May (online live stream)

The Beyond Growth 2023 Conference is a multi-stakeholder event aiming to discuss and co-create policies for sustainable prosperity in Europe, based on a systemic and transformative approach to economic, social and environmental sustainability and its encompassing governance framework.

Online course on feminist foreign policy by Gender Security Project

As a new field, Feminist Foreign Policies have been the site of much experimentation and there have been sites of discussion and conversation around what it might entail. Several policies promoted by governments do not include a full feminist approach, while women and non-binary people in the global south who have been "doing" feminist foreign policy for generations now.

This course recognizes and tries to address gaps and takes a deep dive into the field to build strong understandings of Feminist Foreign Policy as a concept. It offers a comprehensive overview of feminist foreign policies as they exist, presents the building blocks of such policies, and presents lessons from rich examples from the majority world. For more information, click here.

The European Parliament voted to ratify the Istanbul Convention - a landmark moment!

MEPs have voted to approve the European Union's accession to the Convention on preventing and
In-person registration is CLOSED but you can follow the livestream [here](#).

**New resource by Robert Bosch Stifung, "The Transformative Power of Intersectionality"**

![Image of children with rainbow flag]

How can intersectional approaches to reducing inequalities be applied in practice? Eleven organizations from around the world addressed this question. Their experiences, suggestions and insights have now been captured in an e-booklet on Intersectionality for anyone working to promote social justice. Download the resource [here](#).

Combating violence against women, concluding Parliament's role in the process.

Six years after the EU signed the Istanbul Convention - the first legally binding international instrument on preventing and combating violence against women and girls - it has still not been ratified because of the refusal of a few member states, despite [Parliament’s multiple calls to this end](#). However, the EU [Court of Justice’s opinion of 6 October 2021](#) confirmed that the European Union can ratify the Istanbul Convention without having the agreement of all member states.

**New report by European Network against Racism (ENAR), "The Climate Crisis is a (Neo)Colonial Capitalist Crisis"**

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