**OxPeace Conference Saturday, 16 May 2020**

**Women, Peace and Security: Policy, Practice, Research**

marking the 20th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325

and the Women, Peace and Security agenda

**Programme**

***9.00 Introduction: Revd Dr Liz Carmichael MBE, Co-Convener, OxPeace***

### *9.01 Conference dinner address (would have been Friday 15 May): Teohna Williams*

### Teohna Williams is the CEO of Business Plan for Peace. Teohna worked with UNDP for five years, and has 12 years’ experience as a trainer, facilitator, and consultant on stability and governance in fragile states, with a particular interest in Haiti, South Sudan and Papua New Guinea. A former actress, Teohna believes strongly in the role of the arts in peacebuilding.

***9.15 Opening Address: Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini MBE***

Sanam Naraghi Anderlini MBE joined LSE as Director of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security in December 2019. Sanam is a globally recognised advocate in the field of women, peace and security, with 24 years’ experience as a peace strategist working on conflicts, crises and violent extremism with a mix of civil society, governments and the UN. Sanam is the founder and CEO of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) where she spearheads the Women’s Alliance for Security Leadership (WASL) comprising independent women-led organisations active in 40 countries, preventing violence and promoting peace, rights and pluralism.

**Panel I:** **Women in mediation and peacemaking**

***9.30 Dr Kevin McNicholl: “Using the PA-X Database to Understand Gender Perspectives in Peace Agreements”, https://www.politicalsettlements.org/events/psrp-un-women-video/***

Kevin McNicholl is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow working on the DfID funded project, the Peace Settlement Research Programme. His work focuses on inclusion and political power-sharing in peace agreements. This is his third post-doctoral position following his PhD at Queen’s University Belfast (graduated 2017) looking at “Cross-Community Identities in Deeply Divided Societies: The Case of the Northern Irish Identity". He also has research interests in national identity, political psychology, Northern Ireland, and Brexit.

9.45 ***Laura Wise: “Beyond Handshake Moments: Supporting Women's Inclusion in Contemporary Peace Processes”***

Laura Wise is a Research Associate with the DFID-funded Political Settlements Research Programme, and a member of the team behind the PA-X Peace Agreements Database. Laura’s research explores the intersections between minority and territorial politics in the context of peace processes and post-conflict societies. She focuses on sub-national political settlements, peace agreements and peace processes (especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1992-1995), ethnopolitics in post-conflict societies, and kin-state politics in borderlands, with a particular interest in Southeastern Europe.

***10.00*** ***Quhramaana Kakar***

Quhramaana Kakar is a peace activist and a development practitioner. She is founder and director of Women for Peace and Participation, an organisation providing platforms for communities in conflict regions and diaspora communities in UK and Europe – connecting the local to the global and the inclusion of women in the decision making around peace and security. She has worked in key positions for a number of International organisations and the Afghan government, including the UN, USAID international NGOs and the High Peace Council of Afghanistan. In recognition for her work and achievements for peace, Quhramaana was awarded by the UN N-Peace network as “Role Model for Peace 2012” and currently provides support to UN peace-network as advisor on the strategic board.

* 1. ***Q&A***

**Panel II: Women in peacekeeping and peacebuilding**

***10.30 Dr Suad Musa: “UNSCR 1352 and the experience of women in Sudan”***

Sudan is a country plagued by violent conflict since its independence in 1956. The context has generated an excessive impact on women and girls, the worst of which is gender-based violence, most notably rape. However, their involvement in the pursuit of peace as stipulated in the resolution is insignificant; and they still bear the brunt of wars.

Suad Musa (a PHD) is an independent researcher in gender issues. Her book ‘Hawks and Doves in Sudan conflict,’ published by James Currey - 2018, has been awarded the Aidoo-Snyder Prize of 2019.

***10.45 Captain Sophie Piper: “Uniformed Women in South Sudan”***

Captain Sophie Piper is currently serving with the UN peacekeeping mission in South Sudan.

Capt Sophie Piper commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in April 2013. She has spent time serving in Germany where she deployed on Op TOSCA as part of the British support to the UN Mission in Cyprus, before taking on a role in training future Army Recruits. Sophie moved to Nepal where she worked with the Gurkha Welfare Trust developing their community projects before continuing her work with the Gurkha as a Programme manager in Maidstone. She has recently returned from South Sudan on Op TRENTON, as part of the UK support to the UN mission.

***11.00 Q&A***

***11.15 Coffee Break and opportunity to engage with speakers in informal breakout sessions***

**Panel III: Combating sexual and gender-based violence, the search for justice and peace**

***11.35 Baroness Arminka Helic***

Baroness Helic was adviser to the UK Foreign Secretary between 2010-14. She is member of the House of Lords and the International Relations and Defence Committee.

***11.50 Dr Henri Myrttinen***

Henri has worked for numerous NGOs and research institutions on gender, peace and security, focusing mostly on Southeast Asia and Central Asia, but also on Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Central and Eastern Europe. He holds a PhD in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies and wrote his thesis on masculinities and urban violence in Timor-Leste. He has worked on gender-based violence prevention, on critically engaging masculinities, integrating diverse sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (SOGIE) perspectives into peace and security work, as well as the gender dimension of small arms and light weapons, armed conflict and formal and informal security sector actors.

***12.05 Q&A***

**Closing plenary: Reflections on the WPS agenda, and on the Conference**

***12.20 Frances Guy***

Frances Guy is currently UNDP Regional Gender Advisor based in Amman. She was previously Head of Middle East region at Christian Aid based in London. She worked as representative of UN Women in Iraq between May 2012 and December 2014, spending two years in Baghdad and six months in Erbil in northern Iraq. Prior to 2012, Frances was a career diplomat in the British Foreign Service where she served as ambassador to Yemen and to Lebanon. Her career was mostly focused in the Arab world and East Africa, although she also worked in Thailand. Before joining the diplomatic service, Frances worked for the British Council in Damascus and at the European Parliament in Luxembourg. Frances is currently president of the British Society of Middle East Studies (BRISMES).

***12:40 Final comments and thanks*.*Where to find the podcast.***

***12.45 Conference ends.***