Thursday 14 April 2016

14:30–15:00 Registration

15:00 Welcome by Irma Erlingsdóttir, Director of UNU-GEST and EDDA – Research Center, University of Iceland

15:05 Address by Lilja Alfreðsdóttir, Icelandic Minister for Foreign Affairs


Chair: Davíð Logi Sigurðsson, Advisor, Icelandic Crisis Response Unit (ICRU), Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland

Marriët Schuurman, Ambassador and NATO Secretary General’s Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security

*The uncomfortable truth: women as agents.*

Cynthia Enloe, Research Professor, Clark University
*How Has Patriarchy Become "Sustainable?"*

Kristian Berg Harpviken, Director, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
*Women and inclusive peace processes*

Gréta Gunnarsdóttir, Ambassador for Human rights, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland
*Meaningful Participation of Women*

17:00–18:30 Reception at the National Museum of Iceland

Friday 15 April 2016

09:00–10:30 Session 1: Gender Awareness in Violence and Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction

Chair: Valur Ingimundarson, Professor of History, University of Iceland

Georgina Holmes, Research Fellow, University of Reading
*Gender Mainstreaming in the Rwanda Defence Force*

Laura Khoury, Professor, Department of Social and Behavioural Science, Birzeit University
*Alienating the Discourse on Violence against Indigenous Women in UNSCR 1325*
Katharine Wright, Research Fellow, University of Surrey
*A European Approach to Women, Peace and Security? The Case of the European Union*

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45–11:45 Session 1 cont.
Kristian Berg Harpviken, Director, Peace Research Institute Oslo PRIO (PRIO)
*Prevention of Sexual Violence in Conflict*

Henri Myrttinen, Head of Gender Affairs, International Alert
*Applying a Comprehensive Gender Lens to Violent Conflict and Peace*

12:00-13:00 Lunch


Chair: Guðbjörg Lilja Hjartardóttir, Political Scientist, Reykjavik Academy

Cynthia Enloe, Research Professor, Clark University
*Lessons from Bogota and Sarajevo*

Marilou McPhedran, Director, Institute for International Women’s Rights University of Winnipeg
*Why Localization Strategies are Crucial for Implementing the 1325 WPS Agenda*

Ortrun Merkle, PhD candidate, UNU-MERIT
*Political Participation of Women – The Nexus of Patriarchy and Corruption*

Fatima Hossaini, Independent Researcher and GEST alumni (2010)
*Women’s Struggles for Peace Negotiations: Achievements and Challenges in Afghanistan*

14:40–15:00 Coffee Break

15:00–16:40 Session 3: Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Setting the Stage for a Gender-Sensitive Foundation for Peace

Chair: Guðrún Sif Friðriksdóttir, PhD candidate, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Iceland

Marriët Schuurman, Ambassador and NATO Secretary General’s Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security
Back to Basics: Why Gender Equality is not Optional but Fundamental for the Alliance

Marsha Henry, Deputy Director, LSE Centre on Women, Peace and Security

The Problem(s) of Peacekeeping for Women, Peace and Security

Rebekka Friedman, Lecturer of International Peace and Security, Department of War Studies, King's College London


Jessica Bombasaro-Brady, Independent Researcher on Gender and Security

Policing at Peace? Police Reform, Sexual Violence, and Restoring Civic Trust in Bosnia-Herzegovina

16:45 Close of conference