

# Women, Climate, & Insecurity

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# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Landscapes of Injustice:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/landscapes-of-injustice-tickets-306535825907>

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-climate-and-insecurity-conference-tickets-304660787617>

The Zoom link for both days of the conference will stay the same:

<https://shu.zoom.us/j/91664704787>

[Meeting ID: 916 6470 4787](https://shu.zoom.us/j/91664704787)

Please note that on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the *Women's Environmental Leadership II Panel* has an alternate link

<https://binghamton.zoom.us/j/93049672515>

The HRI-HKC YouTube where your conference proceedings will be posted after the conference:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVhyrVFX0sGMynDAA5edfAQ>

Check your Time Zone:

<https://www.worldtimebuddy.com/>

# KEYNOTES

## **Baroness Helena Kennedy QC**

Helena Kennedy QC is one of the UK's most distinguished lawyers. She has practiced at the Bar for over 40 years in the field of criminal law and has conducted many of the leading cases in those years, including the Balcombe Street Siege, the Brighton bombing trial, the Guildford Four Appeal, the European Union Sub-committee on

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■ Program Times are in ET +5 GMT & +6 SAST

8:00 AM

Introduction, Organizers

8:30-9:15 AM

Keynote

# APRIL 29TH

Program Times are in ET +5 GMT & +6 SAST

8:00-8:45 AM

## Keynote

Vidhya Das "Women's Environmental Leadership I: A Case Study of the Women's Environmental Movement in India"

9:00-10:15 AM

Women's Environmental Leadership II: A Case Study of the Women's Environmental Movement in India

Moderator: Sunita Toor

Raakhee Suryaprakash, "Feminist-led, SDG-centred Solutions for the Climate Crisis"

Aruni Samarakoon, "Environmental Security in Sri Lanka: a Case in South Asia"

Madhumita Pandey and Promil Pande, "The Women Warriors of The North-Indian State of Uttarakhand"

10:30-11:45 AM

Women's Environmental Leadership II: join using this Zoom link:

<https://us02zoom.us/j/6103012670515>

Simultaneous Spanish-English translation available

Moderator: Lourdes Peroni

Bernarda Pesoa, "Gender, Ethnicity, and Monocrops in Paraguay"

Lauren Fonto, "Keeping The Lineage Going: Continuation of Small-

Scale Farming in South Africa During the COVID-19

Pandemic (South Africa)"

Holly A. Pitcher "Exploring Gender Norms and Change in

Agro-pastoralist Communities: Female Empowerment in a Context of Fragility In Ethiopia and Somaliland"

12:00-1:15 PM

## Alternative Practices

Moderator: Lourdes Peroni

Alex Czeglédi on behalf of the HerStory Collective, "A Feminist Reading of Central and Peripheral Food Sovereignty in Hungary"

Ela Przybyto, "Walking Methodologies"

Audrey Golden, "Feminist Environmental Advocacy in the Work of Sámi Artist Maj-Doris Rimpí"

1:30-2:00 PM

## Wrap-up

Organizers

# ORGANIZERS

**Vanessa Farr** specializes in gender and crisis, with an increasing focus on the gendered impacts of climate disruption. She has worked for the past two decades on women, peace and security, and a spectrum of issues related to disaster response across Africa and the global south. Her research has focused on the intersection of patterns in how religious and other forms of extremism intersect with climate crisis, resulting in the destruction of livelihoods and the exacerbation of gender-based violence. She is a Research Associate at the University of Cape Town's Centre for Environmental Humanities South (South Africa).

**Alexandra Moore** is the Co-Director of the Human Rights Institute and Director of the Kaschak Institute for Social Justice for Women and Girls at Binghamton University (USA).

**Lourdes Peroni** is an Academic Researcher at the Paraguayan Research Council. She has held positions at the Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice at Sheffield Hallam University (Senior Lecturer), at the Human Rights Centre of Ghent University (Postdoctoral Research Fellow), at Yale Law School (Fellow) and at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Fellow). Her areas of work include equality and non-discrimination; gender and migration; gender and politics; and gender-based violence in the context of international human rights law and constitutional law.

# PARTICIPANTS

**Raluca Andreescu** is assistant professor in the Modern Languages Department of the University of Bucharest, Romania, where she focuses in the areas of American cultural studies, American law and literature, Gothic literature and culture, and academic fiction.

**Ayo Ayoola-Amale** is an attorney, certified conflict resolution consultant, trainer, peace builder, and President of WILPF's Ghana section.

**Thomas Bundschuh** teaches human rights at Sheffield Hallam University in Sheffield, England, as well as humanitarian work with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Uganda and with HRW in Rwanda. Recent essays have appeared in *Journal of Transitional Justice*. His research interests include children's rights and socio-economic rights as well as the capability approach, climate change litigation, health inequalities, post-conflict peacebuilding, and transitional justice.

**Carol Cohn** is the founding Director of the Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She works across scholarly, policy, and activist communities to create the multidimensional, feminist gendered analyses that are imperative to finding sustainable and just solutions -- not only to wars, but to the structural inequalities and environmental crises that underlie them. Her work has been featured in *Foreign Affairs*, *Peace and Women's Agenda*, and *Global Health*. She has also published in *Journal of Peace Research* and *Journal of Human Rights*. Her latest book, *Gendered Security: Integrating Gender into both the Sustainable Peace and the Women, Peace and Security agendas through a collaborative international knowledge building project to create a "Feminist Roadmap for Sustainable Peace and Planet."*

**Alexandra Czeglédi** is an activist-researcher at Ecofeminist Herstory Collective as well as a Junior Research Fellow at the Environmental Social Science Research Group (ESSRG), where she focuses on participatory research processes, the concept of citizen science, and with NGOs, co-developing participatory projects. She also coordinates the development of ESSRG's citizen science digital tool called Passer-by Researcher (Járókel kutató).

**Freya Doughty** is a doctoral candidate in the School of Law at Washington University in St Louis (USA), completing her JSD thesis on the intersection of international human rights law, environmental law,

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**Claire Duncanson** is a Senior Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Edinburgh. She has published widely on issues relating to gender, peace and security, with a particular focus on gender and the environment. Her most recent book is Peacebuilding (Polity Press, 2016), and a range of publications on the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda and on gender in militaries. Claire works with Carol Cohn at the Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights on the "Feminist Roadmap for Sustainable Peace" Project (<https://genderandsecurity.org/feminist-roadmap-sustainable-peace>).

**Lauren Fronto** is a recent Anthropology graduate from the University of Toronto. She is currently a PhD candidate at the University of British Columbia, where she is studying the intersections of the marine environment and climate change.

**Audrey Golden**, currently a Visiting Scholar at Binghamton University, focuses on the interrelation of law, politics, and global culture. She is co-editing a volume on Global Indigenous Literatures and Human Rights (McKee College Press, 2019) and a book on Global Health; manuscript, Novel Repair. Her work has been published in Commonwealth Essays and Studies; Law, Culture and the Humanities; College Literature; Wake Forest Law Review; Antipodes: A Global Journal of Women's Studies; and Journal of American Studies; and several edited collections.

**Tamara Lorincz** is a PhD candidate in Global Governance at the Robtillie School for International Affairs (Wilfrid Laurier University). She was a co-founding member of the Vancouver Island Peace and Disarmament Network (now World Beyond War-Victoria), former Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Environmental Network, and co-founder of the East Coast Environmental Law Association. For several years she was on the national board of Ecojustice Canada and the Nova Scotia Alliance for Environmental Justice (Ecojustice NS). Her research interests are the military's impacts on the environment, climate change, international relations, Canadian defence and security, environmental justice, human rights, gender, peacebuilding, terrorism, NATO, and military sexual violence.





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**Holly Ritchie**, based in Kenya, is an independent consultant, academic (PhD) and social entrepreneur, with over 22 years of international experience. She is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Social Studies. Her research interests include institutional change, precarity and women's engagement in micro-enterprise in Afghanistan (Routledge, 2016). Post-doctorate research (2014- present) has investigated Somali and Syrian women refugees and economic engagement in fragile displacement contexts in urban Kenya and Jordan. Recently, she has explored refugee links to ICTs, culture and digital inclusion. She has published articles with World Development, Disaster Studies and New Media and Society.

**Maja Robaszkiewicz** is a Postgraduate Office Fellow at the Centre for International Justice (Sheffield Hallam University), MA Applied Human Rights graduate, and Salam Lab media department volunteer.

**Aruni Samarakoon** is a Postgraduate Office Fellow at the Centre for International Justice (Sheffield Hallam University) and a lecturer in Political Science at the University of Hull (UK) and a lecturer in Political Science at the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. Her research focuses on understanding post-war feminist discourse on national security in Sri Lanka and Northern Ireland.

**Raakhee** is the founder of Sunshine Millennium and is a Chennai-based environmental journalist. She curates content for her Sunshine Millennium blog, RE.Plastic blog & Facebook pages in an effort to promote sustainable development, SDGs, plastic alternatives, women's empowerment, environmental protection, and climate action. She has been part of Climate Tracker since 2016 and the Gender Security Project since its inception.

**Belinda Walzer** is a Postgraduate Office Fellow at the Centre for International Justice (Sheffield Hallam University). Her research focuses on rhetorics of resistance, temporality, and human rights as well as diversity, equity, and justice. She has published articles in the Journal of International Women's Studies, the Journal of Gender Studies, and the Journal of Gender Studies. She is also a contributor to the online journal Rendezvous Journal of Arts and Letters.