“Encounters with women who can change worlds”

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice
Now all we need is to continue to speak the truth fearlessly, and we shall add to our number those who will turn the scale to the side of equal and full justice in all things.

— Lucy Stone
1818-1893
Welcome to “Women, Media, Revolution,”

It has been said that the one who writes the stories determines history. Women correspondents, directors and citizen journalists who are invested in capturing the broader array of community voices can open doors to different futures leading away from the seemingly endless cycles and costs of conflict. Women and men sensitive to gender-inclusive perspectives commonly take steps toward justice by documenting more than the facades and remnants of events. In doing so, they take risks, confront – and occasionally influence – conventional reporting or move beyond the comfortably entrenched traditional authorities who remain unable or unwilling to let go of habitual points of view.

We applaud brave, committed storytellers, many who are gathered here for “Women, Media, Revolution.” While representing various forms of media, each has been successful in locating humanity in the myriad of troubles they have covered. Disclosing the stories of the venerable and vulnerable, the powerful and the humble, and those who risk everything in revolutionary calls for justice, these storytellers are courageous themselves. They bring ignored voices, dreams and possibilities forward. Using multiple avenues, they are pushing the domain of media to be responsible, to use its power for actions that integrate justice with rights.

This is a forum to explore how women and media can bring alternative, inclusive solutions to organizing efforts for democratic peacebuilding – and at what cost. We will consider whether it is possible to transition old cultures of silence, secrecy and convention into rights movements via citizen blogging and tweeting of revolutions and new media networks. And we will examine the consequences of what happens in the wake of deliberate or unintentional exposure on front-page news and webcast sightings. The films, stories and experiences of our reporters present us with platforms for pondering how the messages and ethical messengers might provide better routes to understanding the possibilities for creating histories with more peace, more justice.

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice and the Women PeaceMakers Program, along with our partners, welcome you all to bear exquisite witness to the possibilities we discover through the eyes of our presenters.

Dee Aker
Deputy Director
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice
Since 2000, the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) at the University of San Diego has been in the field working with local partners in conflict-affected countries to bring together governments, the military, human rights advocates and civil society, particularly marginalized groups, to advance human rights, address the inequalities that fuel conflict and find paths to sustainable peace. Through dialogue, training, negotiations and advocacy, the Institute includes social justice in peace processes in order to prevent a cycle of violence.

As part of the University of San Diego’s Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, the IPJ employs best practices in peacebuilding and uses its experience on the ground to contribute to research on effective peacebuilding strategies and techniques.

Through the Women PeaceMakers and WorldLink programs, the Institute puts a special emphasis on the impact that women and youth have in building sustainable peace. Outreach programs in San Diego include speakers, films, art and opportunities for discussion between students, community members, academics and practitioners on issues of peace and social justice, as well as dialogue with national and international leaders in government, nongovernmental organizations and the military.

By convening conferences on critical peacebuilding issues such as conflict prevention, human security, civil-military cooperation, transitional justice, international human rights law and gender dimensions of conflict prevention and resolution, the Institute serves as a global and local resource for the rapidly growing field of peacebuilding. Research and emerging concepts in the field are disseminated by the Institute through publications, presentations and all forms of media.

WOMEN PEACEMAKERS PROGRAM

Since 2003, the Women PeaceMakers Program, made possible by the Fred J. Hansen Foundation, has been documenting the stories and best practices of women leaders involved in human rights and peacemaking efforts around the world. Women on the frontlines of efforts to end violence and secure a just peace seldom have time or training to record their experiences, activities and insights. The Women PeaceMakers Program selects four women each year to participate in an eight-week residency, in which each one is paired with a professional writer who helps her to examine, document and share her unique story and peacebuilding practices.

In 2011, the University of San Diego was given a Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award from NAFSA: Association of International Educators, in recognition of the IPJ’s Women PeaceMakers Program.

Visit http://peace.sandiego.edu/womenpeacemakers to read narratives from each Woman PeaceMaker, see interviews with the women, read reports from past Women PeaceMakers Conferences and learn more about the program.
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"Women, Media, Revolution" is a public forum to encounter frontline journalists, filmmakers and social media citizen activists engaged in the critical examination of how women are treated in conflict, as well as how they are using their voices in a revolution against ongoing political and cultural violence. It looks at how they are using new and traditional media to tell essential stories.

Coverage of women during conflict cannot only be manifest in the reporting on violations of women’s rights to physical security (sexual exploitation, rape) and psychological well-being (exclusion, trauma). It must also unmask the cultural traditions that deny women’s human rights or prevent their joining decision-making assemblies that could change the course of violence in their communities.

The journalists, activists and documentarians joining us are modeling a resistance against the tides of prejudice and habits that diminish ordinary people and prevent them from having a say in the direction of their lives. Women and gender-inclusive men are not only reporting from revolutions; they are encouraging an evolution toward human rights and justice that comes from essential voices being heard.

The forum explores strategies for amplifying the impact of new and traditional media. It considers the development of new communication channels that are intended to democratize access to and production of powerful, gender-inclusive media.
ACTING TOGETHER ON THE WORLD STAGE
West Coast Documentary Premiere

“From the boundary of human suffering and human possibility emerges a story that offers hope to our war-weary world. It is a story that arises on a contested boundary, but not the kind of boundary that divides people at war. It is rather the border between the violence and inequity of our current condition and the more just and peaceful world we seek, terrain where artists and peacebuilders engage people in creative acts of courage and moral imagination.”

“Acting Together,” a collaboration between Brandeis University and Theatre Without Borders, has been exploring this terrain for the past six years. The project documents peacebuilding performance, highlighting artists, peacebuilders and community leaders from every continent whose rituals and theatrical works speak truth to power and support communities to mourn losses and build bridges across differences.

5 p.m. Discussion and Introduction of Acting on the World Stage, A Companion Anthology: Performance and Creative Transformation of Conflict Volume I - Resistance and Reconciliation in Regions of Violence

PANELISTS: Cynthia E. Cohen, editor, Companion Anthologies and Tool Kits
Catherine Filloux, playwright
Roberta Levitow, Theatre Without Borders
RESPONDENT: Melissa Fitzgerald, actor, documentary filmmaker (Hope Not Lost)

6 p.m. BREAK
Food and refreshments available for purchase at La Paloma Café

7 p.m. WEAPON OF WAR
Award-winning film directed by Ilse and Femke van Velzen
Netherlands/Congo, 2009, French/Swahili, Subtitled

“Weapon of War” journeys to the heart of a crisis where we meet perpetrators — soldiers and former combatants who provide openhearted yet shocking testimony about rape in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Despite differing views on causes or criminal status, all reveal how years of conflict, as well as discrimination against women, have normalized brutal sexual violence. We also see former rapists struggling to change their own or others’ behavior and reintegrate into their communities. This film, a resource and exploration, provides unique insights into the strategic use of rape as a military weapon and the motives of men who employ it. This is a central companion to “Fighting the Silence,” an earlier film that provides portraits of Congolese rape survivors, and a new film, “Justice for Sale,” the third in the series that tells the tale of young, courageous human rights lawyer Claudine Tsongo.

8 p.m. Discussion of “Weapon of War” and trailer of “Justice for Sale” and how these films are used as educational tools for the Congolese army

PANELISTS: Ilse van Velzen, director
Femke van Velzen, director
Debra Zimmerman, executive director, Women Make Movies
Sylvie Maunga Mbanga, IPJ Woman PeaceMaker from Democratic Republic of the Congo
9:30 a.m.  COFFEE  ROTUNDA

10 a.m.  PRIDE AND PREJUDICE IN GENDER-INCLUSIVE REPORTING

A panel of journalists and experts will examine the value versus the cost of gender-sensitive reporting. How does the telling and selling of the story change when gender is a factor? Does investigative journalism or reporting that addresses women’s rights actually endanger the possibility of the reporter and her subjects’ own human rights? Does professionalism allow reporters to be a catalyst for human rights or is the job ethically limited to showing just the impact of conflict? Should women who work under the radar to save communities be exposed and lauded, or left alone? Do the experiences of journalists reporting from the frontlines suggest how to expose challenges, successes and realities in context without bringing greater confrontation?

PANELISTS:  Prue Clarke, The Times (London); public radio; founder, New Narratives
           Jina Moore, Christian Science Monitor; Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting
           Sharon Moshavi, Boston Globe; Forbes; New Initiatives at the International Center for Journalists
           Farah Abushwesha, Libyan-Irish writer and filmmaker; founder, Women4Libya

MODERATOR:  Jennifer Freeman, program officer, IPJ Women PeaceMakers Program

11:30 a.m.  BREAK

Food and refreshments available for purchase at La Paloma Café

12:30 p.m.  THE SARI SOLDIERS

A film by Julie Bridgham
United States/Nepal, 2008, Nepali/English, Subtitled

Filmed over three years during the most historic and pivotal time in Nepal’s modern history, “The Sari Soldiers” is an extraordinary story of six women’s courageous efforts to shape Nepal’s future in the midst of an escalating civil war against Maoist insurgents and the King’s crackdown on civil liberties. The director asks us to look at the reality of a conflict from the various women’s perspectives.

When Devi, mother of a 15-year-old girl, witnesses her niece being tortured and murdered by the Royal Nepal Army, she speaks publicly about the atrocity. The army abducts her daughter in retaliation, and Devi embarks on a three-year struggle to uncover her daughter’s fate and see justice done. “The Sari Soldiers” follows her and five other brave women: Maoist Commander Kranti; Royal Nepal Army Officer Rajani; Krishna, a monarchist from a rural community who leads a rebellion against the Maoists; Mandira, a human rights lawyer; and Ram Kumari, a young student activist shaping the protests to reclaim democracy. “The Sari Soldiers” delves into the extraordinary journey of women on opposing sides of the conflict and the democratic revolution reshaping their country’s future.

2 p.m.  Discussion of “The Sari Soldiers”

PANELISTS:  Julie Bridgham, director, “The Sari Soldiers”
           Dee Aker, director, IPJ 10-Year Nepal Peacebuilding Initiative
2:30 p.m. INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY IN NEW GLOBAL NETWORKS

A panel of media network founders will assess the challenges and effectiveness of new media networks in filling gaps left by corporate media conglomerates. When corporations with tremendous financial power become classified as citizens, do human citizens have equal access to information in order to make informed decisions? Is the question of assuring women’s voices in an age of corporate colonization or media conglomerate consolidation problematic? Are nations in major transition experiencing positive or negative gender-sensitive coverage? Does the risk of political influence as well as corporate economic power overshadow accountability on coverage of gender issues? Are different journalistic networks validating or hindering coverage of women’s rights? Where are the tools to challenge traditional, narrow perspectives? Our panelists have experience in creating broad, fresh news gathering services and building training into local news resource development. What are the hardships related to getting stories from journalists in their countries? Where do relevancy and opportunity diverge or come together in promoting women’s voices in new media sites?

PANELISTS: Prue Clarke, founder, New Narratives
Cristi Hegranes, founder and executive director, Global Press Institute
Jennifer Pozner, founder and executive director, Women in Media and News
Kate Daniels, founder and executive director, The Women’s International Perspective

MODERATOR: Frieda Werden, founder and director, Women’s International News Gathering Service (WINGS)

4 p.m. PEACE UNVEILED

Episode 3 from new PBS Series: “Women, War & Peace”
A co-production of THIRTEEN and Fork Films

When the U.S. troop surge was announced in late 2009, women in Afghanistan knew that the ground was being laid for peace talks with the Taliban. “Peace Unveiled” follows three women who immediately began to organize to make sure that women’s rights would not get traded away in the deal. One is a savvy parliamentarian who participated in writing the Afghan constitution that guarantees equality for women; another, a former midwife who is one of the last women’s rights advocates alive in Kandahar; and the third, a young activist who lives in a traditional family in Kabul. Convinced that the Taliban’s demands will jeopardize women’s hard-earned gains, they maneuver against formidable odds to have their voices heard in a peace jirga and high peace council. We go behind Kabul’s closed doors as the women’s case is made to then U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women’s Issues Melanne Verveer, General David Petraeus and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who promises the women that “peace and justice can’t come at the cost of women and women’s lives.” Will this promise be kept? Narrated by Tilda Swinton.

5 p.m. Discussion of “Peace Unveiled” with director Gini Reticker

5:45 p.m. BREAK

Food and refreshments available for purchase at La Paloma Café
Zainab Salbi, founder of Women for Women International, will shed light on how her organization’s use of media creates opportunities and inspires projects led by women in post-conflict countries, strengthens rights for women in those areas and helps bridge religious divides in many settings. She is the author of national bestseller *Between Two Worlds: Escape from Tyranny: Growing Up in the Shadow of Saddam*, which documents her life under Saddam Hussein’s rule, and *The Other Side of War: Women’s Stories of Survival and Hope*, which focuses on transitions and responsibilities to change a culture of denial.

**INTERVIEWER:** Diana Kutlow, senior program officer, IPJ

**8:30 p.m.**

**BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION**  
**ROTUNDA**

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

**“BUILDING BRIDGES, REBUILDING SOCIETIES” WITH ZAINAB SALBI**  
JOAN B. KROC Distinguished Lecture Series &  
JANE ELLEN BERGMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES  
on Women, Children and Human Rights

**8:30 p.m.**

**BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION**  
**ROTUNDA**

**9 a.m.**

**COFFEE**  
**ROTUNDA**

**9:30 a.m.**

**DIGITAL BRIDGES AND CRUCIAL SOCIAL MEDIA**

Panelists will discuss the benefits and limitations of social media applications for bridging divides and providing platforms for citizen activists. Which of the new tools and social skills enable a gender-inclusive blogging of the revolution? What are the innovations and connections that are most influential or powerful in different settings? Is there a threat to the power of social media after London’s recent violence? What is working and what needs improvement? Which are the most powerful media tools and talents needed for a people’s revolution or evolution?

**PANELISTS:** Sapna Shahani, founder, WAVE India  
Heather Ford, partner, Ushahidi  
Jade Frank, online community manager, World Pulse

**10:30 a.m.**

**GLOBAL EXCHANGE: VOICES FROM THE GROUND**

Journalists and citizen activists on the ground in Africa, Nepal and Mindanao will join us on a virtual platform to share what works to connect citizens for action. What are the challenges faced in making connections with new media or traditional media? How are they getting the story out and promoting full and fair coverage? How can media, particularly new media, sharpen awareness of the universal need for women’s human rights, particularly in a sustained fashion so that it takes hold both in the culture and in the expectations of people working for democracy? Is there an ethical concern to digital direct action for them?

**PANELISTS:** Yasmine Ryan, from Tunisia (Al Jazeera English, *The New York Times*, *International Herald Tribune*)  
Mandira Raut, from Nepal (Today’s Youth Asia TV)  
Meriam Palma, from Mindanao (Mindanao Peoples Caucus)  
Zélie Pollon, from the United States (Reuters, Dallas Morning News)  
**MODERATOR:** Zahra Ismail, program officer, IPJ
11:30 a.m.  BREAK
Food and refreshments available for purchase at La Paloma Café

12:45 p.m.  THE PRICE OF SEX
2011 award-winning feature-length documentary by Mimi Chakarova

“The Price of Sex” follows young Eastern European women who have been drawn into a netherworld of sex trafficking and abuse. Intimate, harrowing and revealing, it is a story told by young women who were supposed to be silenced by shame, fear and violence. Photojournalist Mimi Chakarova, who grew up in Bulgaria, takes us on a personal investigative journey, exposing the shadowy world of sex trafficking from Eastern Europe to the Middle East and Western Europe. Chakarova was awarded the Nestor Almendros Award for courage in filmmaking at the 2011 Human Rights Watch Film Festival in New York. She is also a finalist for the 2011 Daniel Pearl Awards for Outstanding International Investigative Reporting. Chakarova will discuss the role and power of undercover photojournalism.

2 p.m.  Discussion of “The Price of Sex” with director Mimi Chakarova

2:15 p.m.  INFORMED AND ALLIED FOR IMPACT!

In summation of the public forum, women who are working on the frontlines of peacebuilding in four countries (our 2011 IPJ Women PeaceMakers) will give their responses to three days of exploration on how media can make a difference. Joining them will be four Peace Writers, who are currently charged with documenting the peacebuilders’ stories during a two-month residency. All four writers are journalists and most have covered conflict and the backstories in conflict or crisis situations. They too will respond to the forum and discuss what they see as the need for greater media impact.

WOMEN PEACEMAKERS:  Wahu Kaara, IPJ 2011 Woman PeaceMaker from Kenya
Manjula Pradeep, IPJ 2011 Woman PeaceMaker from India
Claudette Werleigh, IPJ 2011 Woman PeaceMaker from Haiti
Rashad Zaydan, IPJ 2011 Woman PeaceMaker from Iraq

PEACE WRITERS:  Amy S. Choi, journalist based in Brooklyn
Bijoyeta Das, photographer and multimedia journalist based in New Delhi
Alison Morse, writer and educator based in Minneapolis
Nikki Lyn Pugh, writer and editor based in San Diego

MODERATOR:  Necla Tschirgi, professor of practice, human security and peacebuilding at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies

3 p.m.  CLOSING AND RECEPTION

GARDEN OF THE SKY
Farah Abushwesa, a Libyan-Irish writer and filmmaker, is one of the founders of Women4Libya, a campaign to get more women into leadership positions in the Libyan National Transitional Council. Her writings on women in Libya have been widely published. She also helped found the British Academy of Film and Television Arts’ Rocliffe New Writing Forums, a platform for new screenwriting talent, and is author of the forthcoming book, Rocliffe Notes: How to Get Your Screenplay Out There. She has made three award-winning short films, and her film production works includes “Late Bloomers,” with William Hurt and Isabella Rossellini.  
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Dee (Dianne) Aker, Ph.D., deputy director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) at the University of San Diego, is a psychological anthropologist and conflict resolution professional with 30 years of experience working with international communities and individuals in transition in Europe, Africa, Central America and South Asia. She has also produced and hosted a television series of 234 30-minute interviews with women leaders, pioneers and survivors from around the world and as a freelance journalist and monthly columnist focused on human rights and gender integration in conflict recovery. At the IPJ, Aker created and directs the Nepal Peacebuilding Initiative, WorldLink and the Women PeaceMakers Program.  
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Julie Bridgham, a Sundance Institute Documentary Fellow, is the director and producer of the award-winning documentary “The Sari Soldiers,” for which she received the 2008 Nestor Almendros Prize for courage and commitment in human rights filmmaking. She has traveled extensively and produced and directed numerous documentaries, including for the United Nations, the BBC, the Discovery Channel and TLC. She worked in Costa Rica as a project officer for a United Nations environmental project and in Bolivia as a researcher for a human rights organization. She holds a bachelor’s degree in international affairs and environmental studies from the University of Colorado, Boulder.  
www.sarisoldiers.com/the-film/filmmakers

“The media is absolutely essential to the functioning of a democracy. It’s not our job to cozy up to power. We’re supposed to be the check and balance on government.”  —Amy Goodman
MIMI CHAKAROVA, a photographer and filmmaker, has covered global issues examining conflict, corruption and the sex trade for the past decade. Her most recent project is “The Price of Sex,” a feature-length documentary about young Eastern European women drawn into a netherworld of sex trafficking. She has had numerous solo exhibitions on South Africa, Jamaica, Cuba, Kashmir and Eastern Europe. In 2007, Chakarova became the series curator of FRONTLINE/World’s FlashPoint, featuring the work of established and emerging photographers from around the world. Chakarova, who grew up in Bulgaria, teaches photography at the Graduate School of Journalism at UC Berkeley, where she earned her M.A. in visual studies.

www.mclight.com

AMY S. CHOI, a 2011 Peace Writer for the Women Peacemakers Program, is a freelance journalist based in Brooklyn, N.Y. Her work has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Business Week, Women’s Wear Daily, The Philadelphia City Paper and Time Out New York, among other publications. Over the past decade Choi has worked with organizations such as Minds Matter and The All-Stars Project to reach out to low-income urban youth in New York using writing and performance. Taking a sabbatical in 2010 to travel through the developing world, Choi emerged with a commitment to report and write about human rights and peace activism both domestically and globally, as well as a deep commitment to gender issues. Choi holds undergraduate degrees in journalism and poetry from Northwestern University.

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KATHARINE DANIELS is the founder and executive editor of The WIP, a global source for news and women’s perspectives. Her vision is of a world where women and men value and embrace the feminine perspective for global problem solving. Daniels earned a master’s degree in applied linguistics from Columbia University and has studied internationally. She is a member of the Global Women’s Leadership Network and a graduate of their Women Leaders for the World program at Santa Clara University’s Leavey School of Business. She is an adjunct instructor in the women’s studies department at Monterey Peninsula College.

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BIJOYETA DAS, a freelance photographer and multimedia journalist based in New Delhi, has reported from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Turkey and the United States. Her work has been published in *Women's eNews*, Deutsche Welle, WAMC Northeast Public Radio, All India Radio, Tribal Truth, FotoWitness and SocialDocumentary.net. Her photo story “Dreams of a Goddess” won the Silver Medal at the TashkentAle-2010 photo festival in Uzbekistan, and her short documentary film “Branded Girls” was a finalist and screened at the 2011 Women’s Voices Now Film Festival in Los Angeles. Das holds an M.A. in journalism from Northeastern University in Boston and a B.A. in history from Delhi University in India. Das is a 2011 Peace Writer for the Women PeaceMakers Program. http://peace.sandiego.edu/womenpeacemakers

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CATHERINE FILLOUX is an award-winning playwright who has been writing about human rights and social justice for the past 20 years. Her new play “Action Hero” (working title) will premiere in 2012 at La MaMa in New York City, where she is an artist in residence. Her plays have been produced in New York and around the world. She is a co-founder of Theatre Without Borders and is featured in the documentary film “Acting Together on the World Stage.” She received her M.F.A. in dramatic writing from Tisch School of the Arts at NYU and her French Baccalaureate with Honors in Toulon, France. www.catherinefilloux.com

MELISSA FITZGERALD is an actor, producer and social activist. She is best known for playing the role of Carol on the award-winning political drama “West Wing.” In 1995, she co-founded Voices in Harmony, a nonprofit youth arts organization committed to empowering at-risk teens by cultivating personal, academic and artistic excellence. Fitzgerald is currently involved in advocating for peace in Central Africa and has spoken several times on Capitol Hill. She produced the just completed “Staging Hope,” a documentary that tells the riveting story of a cross-cultural collaboration between a group of American actors and 14 Ugandan teenagers as they work together on a theater program in war-torn northern Uganda. www.melissafitzgerald.com/page5.html
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JADE FRANK, in three years, has built World Pulse’s online community of 10,000-plus grassroots women leaders and citizen journalists from 185 countries. She developed campaigns to connect the testimonies of women globally to support gender equality advocacy efforts at the U.S. Department of State and the United Nations. She designed the World Pulse community leadership model, a tool to recognize leaders in an online community and empower them to activate, manage and grow a global online movement. Frank is currently piloting an outreach strategy in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to bring media training, networking opportunities and resources to women in conflict regions. 
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CRISTI HEGRANES founded Global Press Institute five years ago. The award-winning international nonprofit organization uses journalism as a development tool to educate, employ and empower women throughout the developing world. It now operates news desks in 24 countries. The recent recipient of a Jefferson Award for Public Service and the Ida B. Wells Award for Bravery in Journalism, Hegranes holds a master’s degree from New York University. She has served as a fellow-in-residence at The Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, and teaches news entrepreneurship at San Francisco State University and international media courses at California State University. 
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www.ifproductions.nl/eng
www.weaponofwar.nl

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www.wmm.com
The feature documentary “Acting Together on the World Stage” highlights courageous and creative artists and peacebuilders working in conflict zones. It features theatrical works and rituals that reach beneath people’s defenses in respectful ways that support communities to configure new patterns of meaning and relationships.

“Acting Together on the World Stage” grows out of a six-year initiative of Theatre Without Borders, Brandeis University and filmmaker Allison Lund. Dynamic footage of performances, rituals and candid interviews with artists and peacebuilders place case studies in their socio-political and cultural contexts. The documentary is designed for students, practitioners, educators and policymakers in fields related to performance and to peace and conflict studies, and for others who believe – or who want to be convinced – that human communities have the creative capacities to transform conflict nonviolently.

“We in Northern Ireland take comfort in watching this film, in knowing we are not alone in this journey; there are many more cultures emerging out of conflict, genocide and war… we have new tools to help us excavate our truths and our troubled pasts, to speak to them and to dare envision a future where our broken world will be healed.”

— Pauline Ross, Director of Derry Playhouse, Northern Ireland
WEAPON OF WAR

In no other country has sexual violence matched the scale of brutality reached in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). During nearly two decades of conflicts between rebels and government forces, an estimated 150,000 Congolese women and girls fell victim to mass rape. That figure continues to rise.

“Weapon of War,” an award-winning film honored by Amnesty International, journeys to the heart of this crisis, where we meet its perpetrators. In personal interviews, soldiers and former combatants provide openhearted but shocking testimony about rape in the DRC. Despite differing views on causes or criminal status, all reveal how years of conflict, as well as discrimination against women, have normalized brutal sexual violence. We also see former rapists struggling to change their own or others' behavior, and reintegrate into their communities.

This indispensable resource provides unique insights into strategic uses of rape as a military weapon - and the motives of the men who employ it.

“The filmmakers go beyond mere description of the crimes, searching for solutions that would allow the victims and perpetrators to reclaim their sense of dignity.”
—Planet Doc Review Film Festival, Warsaw, Poland
Filmed over three years during the most historic and pivotal time in Nepal’s modern history, “The Sari Soldiers” is an extraordinary story of six women’s courageous efforts to shape Nepal’s future in the midst of an escalating civil war against Maoist insurgents, and the King’s crackdown on civil liberties. When Devi, mother of a 15-year-old girl, witnesses her niece being tortured and murdered by the Royal Nepal Army, she speaks publicly about the atrocity. The army abducts her daughter in retaliation, and Devi embarks on a three-year struggle to uncover her daughter’s fate and see justice done.

“The Sari Soldiers” follows her and five other brave women, including Maoist Commander Kranti; Royal Nepal Army Officer Rajani; Krishna, a monarchist from a rural community who leads a rebellion against the Maoists; Mandira, a human rights lawyer; and Ram Kumari, a young student activist shaping the protests to reclaim democracy. “The Sari Soldiers” intimately delves into the extraordinary journey of these women on opposing sides of the conflict, through the democratic revolution that reshapes the country’s future.

“It captures ordinary women’s extraordinary lives and reveals them as important pieces of history. Anyone concerned with social justice, gender justice and human rights should see ‘The Sari Soldiers’.”
—Rama Lohani-Chase, Women’s and Gender Studies Department, College of New Jersey

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“Women, War & Peace” is a bold five-part PBS television series, beginning October 11, challenging the conventional wisdom that war and peace are men’s domain. The vast majority of today’s conflicts are not fought by nation states and their armies, but rather by informal entities: gangs and warlords using small arms and improvised weapons. The series reveals how the post-Cold War proliferation of small arms has changed the landscape of war, with women becoming primary targets and suffering unprecedented casualties. Yet they are simultaneously emerging as necessary partners in brokering lasting peace and as leaders in forging new international laws governing conflict. With depth and complexity, “Women, War & Peace” spotlights the stories of women in conflict zones from Bosnia to Afghanistan and Colombia to Liberia, placing women at the center of an urgent dialogue about conflict and security, and reframing our understanding of modern warfare.

“Women, War & Peace” is the most comprehensive global media initiative ever mounted on the roles of women in war and peace. The series will present its groundbreaking message across the globe by utilizing all forms of media, including U.S. and international primetime television, radio, print, web and worldwide community screenings, and will be accompanied by an educational and outreach initiative designed to advance international accountability in regard to women and security.
“Fearlessly researched and undeniably urgent, ‘The Price of Sex’ earned Chakarova the Nestor Almendros Courage in Filmmaking award at the Human Rights Watch fest and placed solidly among the audience favorites at SilverDocs.”
—Variety

“The result of [Chakarova’s] courageous efforts is a film that shines the light full blast on the dark crimes of sex slavery, particularly those perpetuated on Eastern European women... and throughout the areas of the world that both supply and demand this horrific skin trade.”
—Huffington Post

**THE PRICE OF SEX**

“The Price of Sex” is a feature-length documentary about young Eastern European women who’ve been drawn into a netherworld of sex trafficking and abuse. Intimate, harrowing and revealing, it is a story told by the young women who were supposed to be silenced by shame, fear and violence. Photojournalist Mimi Chakarova, who grew up in Bulgaria, takes us on a personal investigative journey, exposing the shadowy world of sex trafficking from Eastern Europe to the Middle East and Western Europe. Filming undercover and gaining extraordinary access, Chakarova illuminates how even though some women escape to tell their stories, sex trafficking thrives.
RESOURCES

AJE-Al Jazeera English
http://english.aljazeera.net

Afghan Women’s Writing Project
www.awwproject.org

Africa Renewal
www.un.org/africarenewal

AWID (Association For Women’s Right in Development)
www.awid.org

Christian Science Monitor
www.csmonitor.com

DCAF: a centre for security, development and the rule of law
www.dcaf.ch

Essence Magazine
www.essence.com

Gender Action
www.genderaction.org

Global Press Institute
http://globalpressinstitute.org

Global Room for Women
www.globalroomforwomen.com

Huffington Post
www.huffingtonpost.com

International Media Project
www.radioproject.org

Internews
www.internews.org

IWMF (International Women’s Media Foundation)
www.iwmf.org

International Museum of Women
www.imow.org

Isis Women’s International Cross Cultural Exchange
www.isis.or.ug

Latina Magazine
www.latina.com

MADRE
www.madre.org

Ms. Magazine
www.msmagazine.com

PeaceWomen Project of WILPF
www.peacewomen.org

Peace X Peace
www.peacexpeace.org

The OpEd Project
www.theopedproject.org

The WIP
www.thewip.net

UN Women
www.unwomen.org

Vital Voices Global Partnership
www.vitalvoices.org

Witness: See It, Film It, Change It
www.witness.org

Women’s eNews
www.womensenews.org

Women for Women International
www.womenforwomen.org

WLP (Women’s Learning Partnership)
www.womenforwomen.org

Women Thrive Worldwide
www.womenthrive.org

Women’s United Nations Report Network
www.wunrn.com

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www.un.org/womenwatch

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www.iccwomen.org
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