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IDENTITY & GENDER  
POLITICS

**WITHIN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

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CONFERENCE GUIDE

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# WELCOME

Dear Conference Presenters and Attendees,

On behalf of the American Graduate School in Paris (AGS) and the Conference Planning Committee, I would like to welcome you to Paris for the 8th Annual International AGS Student Conference.

The theme this year, “Identity and Gender Politics within International Relations”, has become once again a central research concern for academics and practitioners in International Relations. The importance of social justice, equality and recognition, concepts that were unheard of in much of the world not so long ago, are today demands made by the great majority of people.

Identity and gender are more than just biological happenings that are rigidly fixed – they are continuously evolving concepts through culture, society, governmental actions and the relations between states. As the politics change, so do these concepts. Although often analyzed, it seems essential to explore new ways of understanding identity and gender politics, often conditioned by class, race, biology and sexuality.

This conference will raise questions such as: Why have women, in the past and still today, been targeted either in times of peace or in war? Does gender-based identity have more of an impact on interstate policies or is it the opposite? Is International Relations still a “Man’s World” and are the women in it conforming to this or are they changing it?

Thank you for your participation and I sincerely hope that you will leave this conference with new understanding and insight into the topics being discussed.



*Eileen Servidio*

*President of the School of International Relations & Diplomacy  
American Graduate School in Paris*



# SCHEDULE

9.30 – 10.00 am **Registration and Breakfast**

10.00 – 10.15 **Opening Remarks & Welcome**

*Prof. Ruchi Anand*

10.15 – 12.15 pm **Panel I: The Complexities of Aid**

*Moderated by Prof. Steve McGiffen*

*Hana Cheng* (National Taiwan University, Taiwan)

“Explaining Taiwan's Foreign Aid Policy Through a Gender Mainstreaming Perspective”

*Jaya Gajparia* (London South Bank University, UK)

“Using Feminist Approaches to Investigate the Complexities of Poverty with Mumbai's Women and Girls”

*Alice Gritti* (Università di Milano-Bicocca, Italy) &

*Kaisa Wilson* (Edinburgh University, UK)

“Gender and Identity on Contested Ground - Aid Workers Negotiation of Gender in International Relations”

12.15 – 2.00

**Lunch Break**

2.00 – 3.30

**Panel II: Media as a Social Tool**

*Moderated by Prof. Joav Toker*

*Katherine Morton* (Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada) – “Poster Child: A Critical Analysis of the Visual Discourse of Famine”



THURSDAY

*Shanna Mumm (Dalhousie University, Canada)*

“Cixous and Senghor: Reviving the Dead Horse of Strategic Essentialism”

*Courtney Radsch (American University, USA)*

“Cyberfeminism? Reshaping International Power Dynamics in the Arab Spring”

3.30 – 4.00

**Session Break**

4.00 – 6.00

**Keynote Panel**

*Moderated by Prof. Lorraine Koonce*

*Jean-Marie Fardeau*

Director of Human Rights Watch, France

*Jane Freedman*

Program Specialist, UNESCO

*Alison Smale*

Executive Editor, International Herald Tribune

*Kimberly Adams*

Managing Partner, Flying Bridges

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6.00 – 7.00

**Reception**

Alliance Française Foyer



# SCHEDULE

9.30 – 10.00 am **Breakfast**

10.00 – 12.00 pm **Panel III: Gender-based Violence**

*Moderated by Prof. AJ Morgen*

*Aimé Césaire Atchom (University of San Francisco, USA)*

“Gendering the International Response to Sexual Violence in the African Great Lakes War”

*Seyward Darby (Yale University, USA)* – “Woefully Incomplete: Interrogating the Dominant Narrative of Rape as a Weapon of War”

*Hayrunissa Goksel (Northwestern University, USA)*

“Kurdish Women’s Political Activism Across Space: Narratives of Violence, War, and Migration”

*Zaïn Lakhani (University of Pennsylvania, USA)*

“Bodily Harm: Defining Sexual Violence in the History of American Human Rights Policy”

12.00 – 2.00 **Lunch Break**

2.00 – 3.30 **Panel IV: The Economics of Gender & Identity**

*Moderated by Prof. Tatiana Coutto*

*Lori Ann Campbell (Memorial College of Newfoundland, Canada)* – “Sex Tourism in Developing States: Diversities and Contradictions”

*Colleen Fulp (University of Washington, USA)* – “Women’s Empowerment through Small Business Ownership in Ghana”

*Clifford Mashiri (London South Bank University, UK)*

“Identity and Gender Politics: Identifying the North’s International Political Economy”

*Kathleen Stevenson (DePaul University, USA)*

“Microfinance in Haiti: How the Zafèn Project has funded Small and Medium Enterprises”

3.30 – 4.00

### **Session Break**

4.00 – 6.30

### **Panel V: Identity Across Borders**

*Moderated by Prof. Ruchi Anand*

*Cailey Dover (University of Ottawa, Canada)*

“Exploring Diversity: The Queer Movement in the Caribbean”

*Joseph Gaylord (Graduate Institute, Switzerland)*

“A Man’s Place and Placeless Men: Masculinity Construction’s Role in Gender-Based Violence Among Displaced Persons”

*Nova Robinson (Rutgers University, USA)*

“Arab Women, The League of Nations and the Politicization of Women’s Rights”

*Brianna Russell (University of San Francisco, USA)*

“Women’s Mobilization in Latin America: A case Study of Venezuela”

*Sasha Taner (Rutgers University, USA)* – “Women Crossing Borders: Exploring the Precarious Relationship Between Gender, Identity and Displacement in Turkish Refugee Camps”

6.30 – 6.45

### **Closing remarks**

*The ‘Best Paper’, as judged by the panel moderators, will be printed in the AGS Academic Journal.*



## KEYNOTE PANEL

### **Kimberly Adams**, *Managing Partner at Flying Bridges*

Kimberly Adams is the Managing Partner and Founder of **Flying Bridges**, a social enterprise which specializes in bridging untraditional partners with untraditional thinking, and addresses critical issues that influence social development, economic progress, and business sustainability. She has a distinguished international career in both the private and public sectors, with organisations including **PwC**, the **Walt Disney Company** and **UNESCO**. She has also published research on the relationship between government policies and program outcomes and is currently researching a white paper on the economic impact of media on youth.

### **Jean-Marie Fardeau**, *Director of Human Rights Watch, France*

Before joining **Human Rights Watch** in 2007, Jean-Marie Fardeau served for nine years as General Secretary of the **Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development (CCFD)**, a major French NGO. He previously served as the Director of the leading French NGO focused on North-South issues, **Agir ici pour un monde solidaire**, which recently joined **OXFAM**'s international network. From 1999 to 2005, he was a member of the **High Council for International Cooperation**, an advisory body to the **French Prime Minister**. Trained as an agronomist, he also served as President of **CIDSE**, an international network of 15 European and North American development agencies.





**Jane Freedman, *Program Specialist, UNESCO***

In addition to her role at **UNESCO** as a Program Specialist in the Division for Gender Equality, Jane Freedman is a Professor at the Department of Sociology at **Université Paris 8**. Her research areas are the sociology of sexuality, migration, refugee rights, gender mainstreaming in international organizations and armed conflict, among other interests. Her publications include *Gendering the International Refugee and Asylum Debate* (2007), *Immigration and Insecurity in France* (2004), *Feminism* (2001) and *Femmes politiques: mythes et symboles* (1997).

**Alison Smale, *Executive Editor of the International Herald Tribune***

Alison Smale became, after being promoted from Managing Editor, the first woman to be in charge of the **International Herald Tribune**. *The Independent* called her "the most powerful British female editor overseas." Prior to this, she had been the Deputy Foreign Editor at **The New York Times**, organizing much of the paper's coverage of the Iraq war and the war in Afghanistan. In her reporting days, she was **The Associated Press** bureau chief for Eastern Europe, where she covered the rise of Slobodan Milosevic in Serbia and changes in Russia. She covered the anti-Communist revolutions in Eastern Europe and, on the night of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, crossed Checkpoint Charlie along with the first East Germans to do so.

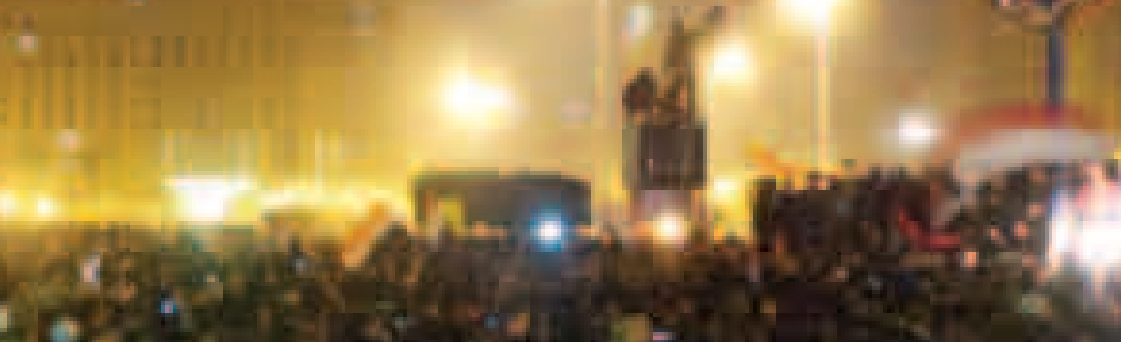


## MODERATORS

**Keynote Moderator: Professor Lorraine Koonce** teaches law in the Anglo American Law programme at the **University of Cergy-Pontoise**. She is a holder of the Francais Juridique certificate, is a New York lawyer and an English Solicitor. She also teaches international law, human rights, and the English and American legal systems at l'**Ecole de Formation professionnelle des Barreaux de la Cour d'Appel de Paris**, the Paris bar school.

**Professor Steve McGiffen** is a specialist in the European Union, global inequalities and international environmental politics. He currently works as a consultant for the **Socialist Party of the Netherlands**. He was previously a Member of the Secretariat and Advisor on Environmental Affairs in the **European Parliament United Left Group**, and is also the author of several books, including *“Poisoned Spring: The European Union and Water Privatization”* (London: Pluto Press, 2010).

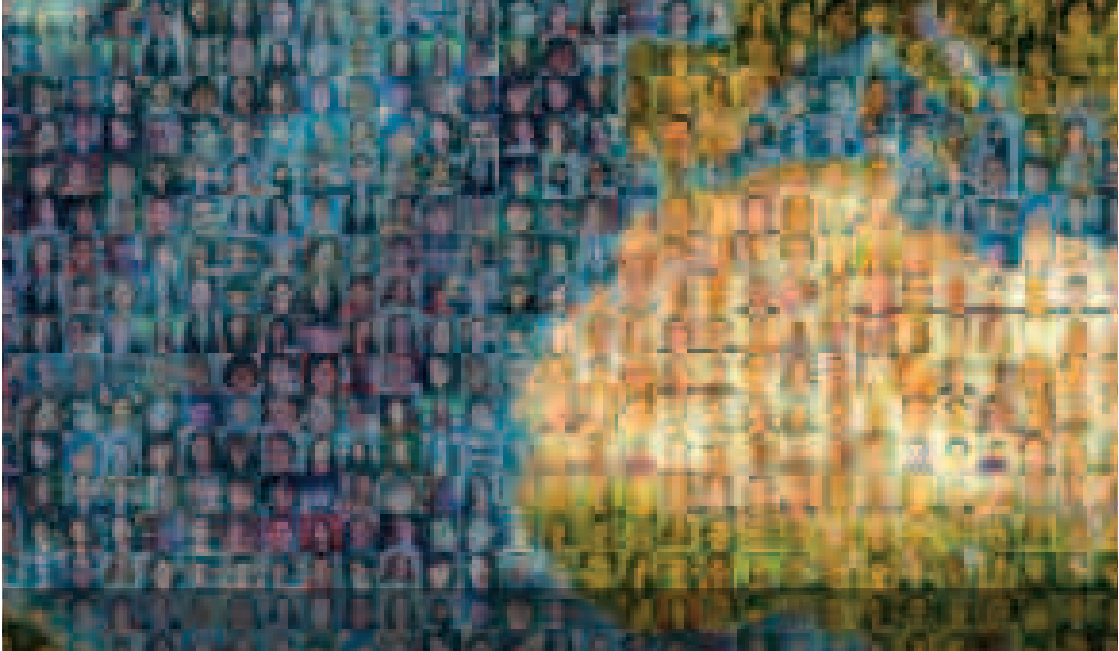
**Professor Joav Toker** is an expert in media and global communications, Middle Eastern affairs, European affairs, common EU diplomacy and defense policy. His has lectured at **Sciences Po Paris**, **New York University Paris** and **École Supérieure de Journalisme**. He has been the Editor-in-Chief at **The Evening News on Israeli Television** in Jerusalem and President of the **Les Lumières**, an association for the promotion of Francophone cinema by international media. He was recently published in **Le Monde** with the article **“Near In the Distance –The Sarkozy Years: A Presidency Under Strain”**.



**Professor AJ Morgen** specializes in gender issues and international humanitarian assistance. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in International Relations and Diplomacy at AGS while teaching in the undergraduate program. Her experience includes multiple publications within journals such as *Perspectives on Global Issues* and *The East African Journal of Peace & Human Rights*. Additionally, she serves as an International Advocacy Coordinator for Friends of Orphans (Uganda).

**Professor Tatiana Coutto** teaches at AGS and Université Catholique de Lille and collaborates with think-tanks and research institutions in Brazil and in Europe. She is the author of the book *The EU as an Actor in International Environmental Negotiations: Mixed Agreements and the Conservation of Marine Living Resources* (Saarbrücken, Lambert, 2012). Her current research activities deal with the EU as a global actor, and with foreign policy of emerging and middle powers.

**Professor Ruchi Anand** specialties include foreign policy, environmental policy, Third World politics and women's studies. She regularly teaches in the Junior Statesmen Summer Program at Stanford University, Princeton University and Georgetown University in the United States. Her publications include *Self-Defense in International Law* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2009) and *International Environmental Justice: A North-South Dimension* (London: Ashgate, 2004).



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