

# **Gender and Diplomacy Workshop**

**GenDip Program – University of Gothenburg**

**June 16-18, 2022**

**VENUE:** School of Business, Economics and Law (Handelshögskolan), University of Gothenburg  
Vasagatan 1  
Rooms: B44, B House, 4<sup>th</sup> floor (Thursday),  
Malmstensvåningen, A House, 6<sup>th</sup> floor (Friday and Saturday)

## List of participants

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## SHORT WORKSHOP PROGRAM

### Thursday June 16

- 9:30-10:00 Registration & Coffee
- 10:00-10:55 Opening welcome
- 11:00-12:20 Panel I: Queering Diplomacy (2 papers)
- 12:20-13:45 LUNCH
- 13:45-15:45 Panel II: Gender and the Security/Diplomacy Nexus (3 papers)
- 15:45-16:15 COFFEE
- 16:15-18:15 Panel III: Gender and the (Blurring of) West/Non-West Distinctions in Diplomacy (3 papers)
- 20:00 WORKSHOP DINNER at *Taverna Averna*, Tredje Långgatan 7

### Friday June 17

- 9:00-10:20 Panel IV: Gender and Foreign Policy I (2 papers)
- 10:20-10:50 COFFEE
- 10:50-12:50 Panel V: Gender and Foreign Policy II (3 papers)
- 12:50-14:40 LUNCH (including a walk to Skansen Kronan)
- 14:40-17:30 Panel VI: Women in MFAs and Foreign Service (2 x 2 papers, incl 10 min break)
- 18:00 WORKSHOP DINNER at the venue

### Saturday June 18

- 9:00-11:00 Panel VII: Examining Diplomacy Through Life Histories and Biographies (3 papers)
- 11:00-11:30 COFFEE
- 11:30-12:10 Panel VIII: Innovative Approaches to Studying Gender in Diplomacy (1 paper)
- 12:10-12:40 Concluding discussion: Potential for joint publications?
- 12:40-13:40 LUNCH (to eat at the venue or take away)

## **DETAILED WORKSHOP PROGRAM**

### **THURSDAY June 16**

Venue: Room B44, B House, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, School of Business, Economics and Law  
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#### **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE (9:30-10:00)**

#### **OPENING WELCOME (10:00-10:55)**

Ann Towns, Katarzyna Jezierska, Birgitta Niklasson and Monika de Silva, GenDip

#### **PANEL I. QUEERING DIPLOMACY**

**(11:00 – 12:20)**

**Chair and Discussant:** Niina Vuolajärvi (Assistant Professor, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK)

**Discussant:** Karmen Tornius (PhD Candidate, Department of Social Sciences and Business, Roskilde University, Denmark)

**Paper 1. “Queering the Contact Zone: Plural Figurations of the Current Chinese Ambassador in Nepal”**

Ze Zhou Yang (PhD Candidate, School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics, SOAS, University of London, UK)

**Paper 2. “Cartography of Queer Diplomacy - Mapping the lives and influence of LGBTI+ diplomats from a global perspective: a review of the literature”**

Jack Hayes (PhD Candidate, The Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University, Australia)

LUNCH (12:20-13:45)

## PANEL II. GENDER AND THE DIPLOMACY/SECURITY NEXUS

(13:45-15:45)

**Chair and Discussant:** Malena Rosén Sundström (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Lund University, Sweden)

**Discussant:** Khushi Singh Rathore (PhD Candidate, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)

### **“Bolstering the Boys Club: Security Vetting, Gender and Diplomatic Gatekeeping”**

Elise Stephenson (Research Fellow, Global Institute for Women's Leadership, Australian National University, Australia)

### **“Women Ambassadors on the UN Security Council: What difference do they make?”**

Torunn Tryggestad (Director, PRIO Centre on Gender, Peace and Security, Norway)  
Nora Stai (Coordinator, PRIO Centre on Gender, Peace and Security, Norway)

### **“Tropical Peace: Costa Rican Women’s role in Diplomacy, Demilitarization and Global Security”**

Elise Rainer (Assistant Professor of International Studies, University of Washington, USA)

COFFEE (15:45-16:15)

## PANEL III. GENDER AND THE (BLURRING OF) WEST/NON-WEST DISTINCTIONS IN DIPLOMACY

(16:15-18:15)

**Chair and discussant:** Harry Mace (PhD Candidate, Faculty of History, Girton College, University of Cambridge, UK)

**Discussant:** Yeonju Jung (PhD Candidate, Department of International Relations, Stockholm University)

### **“From household hierarchies to international power relations”**

Susanna Erlandsson (Researcher, Department of History, Uppsala University, Sweden)

### **“The rise of women’s organizations of diplomats and the queering of diplomacy: an ethnographic study of the Group of Brazilian female diplomats”**

Amena Martins (PhD Candidate, Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland)

### **“Reimagining diplomacy: Examining the site of non-western diplomacy through women envoys of India”**

Khushi Singh Rathore (PhD Candidate, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)

WORKSHOP DINNER 20:00 at *Taverna Averna*, Tredje Långgatan 7.

## FRIDAY June 17

Venue: Malmstensvåningen, A House, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, School of Business, Economics and Law  
(Handelshögskolan), University of Gothenburg, Vasagatan 1

### PANEL IV. GENDER AND FOREIGN POLICY I

(9:00-10:20)

**Chair and Discussant:** Ausra Park (Associate Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science and IR, Siena College, USA)

**Discussant:** Zezhou Yang (PhD Candidate, School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics, SOAS, University of London, UK)

#### **“Understanding the Deafening Silence of Italian Diplomacy on Feminist Foreign Policy”**

Elisa Piras (Postdoc, Institute of Law, Politics and Development, Sant'Anna School for Advanced Studies, Italy)

#### **“Interpretation of Gender Equality in Chinese foreign policy”**

Yeonju Jung (PhD Candidate, Department of International Relations, Stockholm University)

COFFEE (10:20-10:50)

### PANEL V. GENDER AND FOREIGN POLICY II

(10:50-12:50)

**Chair and Discussant:** Bahar Rumelili (Professor, Department of International Relations, Koç University, Turkey)

**Discussant:** Elisa Piras (Postdoc, Institute of Law, Politics and Development, Sant'Anna School for Advanced Studies, Italy)

#### **“Making Foreign Policy Feminist: the case of Sweden”**

Malena Rosén Sundström (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Lund University, Sweden)

#### **“Diversifying the Face of German Diplomacy and Foreign Policy? Gendered, Raced, and Sexualised Multi-Level Games”**

Karoline Färber (PhD Researcher, Department of War Studies, King's College London, UK)

#### **“Producing Benevolent Nations Through Governing Sexuality - Prostitution Policies as the New Swedish Gender Diplomacy”**

Niina Vuolajärvi (Assistant Professor, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK)

LUNCH (12:50-14:45) *Served outside the conference venue, followed by a walk to Skansen Kronan*

**PANEL VI: WOMEN IN MFAS AND FOREIGN SERVICE**

**(14:40-17:30 incl. 10 min break in middle)**

(14:40-16:00)

**Chair and Discussant:** Elise Stephenson (Research Fellow, Global Institute for Women's Leadership, Australian National University, Australia)

**Discussant:** Itzel Toledo García (Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Latin Amerika Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

**“Nordic Wannabes? Gender in diplomacy of the Baltic States”**

Ausra Park (Associate Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science and IR, Siena College, USA)

**“Women in Diplomacy: Towards Gender Equality in the Danish Foreign Service”**

Theresa Hogenhaug (Graduate Student, Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, France)

10 MIN BREAK (16:00-16:10)

(16:10-17:30)

**Still Chair (though not discussing):** Elise Stephenson (Research Fellow, Global Institute for Women's Leadership, Australian National University, Australia)

**Discussant:** Jack Hayes (PhD Candidate, The Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University, Australia)

**Discussant:** Karoline Färber (PhD Researcher, Department of War Studies, King's College London, UK)

**“Feminizing Diplomacy: Changing Role of Women in an Evolving Institution”**

Bahar Rumelili (Professor, Department of International Relations, Koç University, Turkey)

**“Gender Bias in Digital Diplomacy: Do Women Diplomats Receive more Negativity?”**

Yevgeniy Golovchenko (Postdoc, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Rebecca Adler-Nissen (Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

WORKSHOP DINNER at the venue (18:00)

## **SATURDAY June 18**

Venue: Malmstensvåningen, A House, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, School of Business, Economics and Law  
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### **PANEL VII. EXAMINING DIPLOMACY THROUGH LIFE HISTORIES AND BIOGRAPHIES**

**(9:00-11:00)**

**Chair and Discussant:** Kristin Eggeling (Postdoc, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

**Discussant:** Amena Martins (PhD Candidate, Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland)

#### **“Living international gender norms: experimenting with life histories approach in Ethiopia”**

Karmen Tornius (PhD Candidate, Department of Social Sciences and Business, Roskilde University, Denmark)

#### **“Diplomat women in the interwar period: revolutionaries Alexandra Kollontai and Palma Guillén”**

Itzel Toledo García (Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Latin Amerika Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

#### **“‘It is safer to send a woman than a man’: Representing Britain behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War”**

Harry Mace (PhD Candidate, Faculty of History, Girton College, University of Cambridge, UK)

COFFEE (11:00-11:30)

### **PANEL VIII: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO STUDYING GENDER IN DIPLOMACY**

**(11:30-12:10)**

**Chair and Discussant:** Susanna Erlandsson (Researcher, Department of History, Uppsala University, Sweden)

#### **“‘Mirror methods’, literary fiction, and the study of gendered tensions in diplomacy”**

Kristin Eggeling (Postdoc, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

### **CONCLUDING DISCUSSION: Potential for joint publications?**

**(12:10-12:40)**

GenDip: Ann Towns, Katarzyna Jezierska, Birgitta Niklasson

LUNCH SANDWICH (to eat at the venue or take away)