

# Women, Climate, & Insecurity

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# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Landscapes of Injustice:

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

Women, Climate and Insecurity Conference:

<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/UCVhyrVF X0sGMynDAA5edfAQ>

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 Justice issues, Michael Bettany Espionage case, the bombing of the Israeli embassy, the Jihadist fertilizer bomb plot, and the transatlantic bomb plot. She has championed law reform for women, especially relating to sexual and domestic violence and developed the defense of Battered Women's syndrome in the British courts. She has chaired the British Council and the UK Human Genetics Commission. She has been a member of the House of Lords for over 20 years, where she chairs The European Union Sub-committee on Justice issues. She is chair of Justice, the British arm of the International Commission of Jurists, and is the chair of the Booker Prize Foundation. She has recently taken over as the new Director of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute.

## Lorena Aguilar, International Consultant and Regional Director, International Cooperation and Research, ECLAC (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean)

Lorena Aguilar is a global leader passionate about gender equality, human rights, inclusion, and sustainable development, with over three decades providing strategic contributions to national and international policies. Leading inclusive collaboration with government counterparts, UN agencies, international organizations, and civil society towards advancing equitable sustainable development, she has field experience in more than 50 countries across Latin America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia. Lorena Aguilar also served as Vice-Chancellor of Costa Rica. She has been a pioneer in the creation of influential international gender networks such as the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders of the Environment (NWMLE) and the Global Gender and Climate Alliance (GGCA). She has authored numerous publications on gender, sustainable development, disaster risk reduction, forests, water, health and environment, and is an engaging speaker at international conferences, congresses and other high-level events.

## Vidhya Das, Agragamee

Vidhya Das, through Agragamee, has been working, since over 25 years, in the areas of policy advocacy, socio-economic and human rights of the tribal people, natural resource management, formal and non-formal education, awareness generation and skill development involving tribal people's participation and mobilization. She is fighting for the rights and empowerment of some of the most downtrodden, tribal communities residing in the areas of Kalahandi, Bolangir, Koraput, Rayagada districts of Odisha. Agragamee is known for its unequivocal stand for the rights and justice of the tribal, dalit and other underprivileged and exploited communities. Das is recognized for her numerous books and publications. She has written extensively on tribal socio-economic issues in local and national newspapers and social science journals to draw national and international attention to the injustices against tribal people. Through the work of Agragamee, a strong line of leadership within the village community has been created. The villages become self-reliant with the application of capacity building, sustainable and low cost technologies, market linkages. For over twenty five years Vidhya Das has directed her energy and efforts so as to enable the tribal and rural women and folks to attain better lives and livelihoods with dignity.



# APRIL 28TH

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8:00 AM

Introduction, Organizers

8:30-9:15 AM

Keynote

Baroness Helena Kennedy

9:30-10:45 AM

Gender Inequality and Escalating Crises: Intersectional Feminist Frontiers

Moderator: Vanessa Farr

- Freya Doughty, "Gendered International Climate Change Approaches: Victims or Agents of Change? Cop's Lima Programme v. CEDAW Committee Recommendations"
- Ayo Ayoola-Amale, "Climate Change and Gendered Vulnerabilities: Establishing Linkages"
- Belinda Walzer, "Climate Justice and a Rhetoric of Everyday Violence"

11:00-11:45 AM

Keynote

Lorena Aguilar, "Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality at the Center of Climate Action"

12:00-1:15 PM

Climate Change, Gender, Futurity

Moderator: Susan Strehle

- Thomas Bundschuh, "Bringing Down the Heat and Human Rights to Bear on Climate Change, Childbirth and Gender Equality"
- Raluca Andreescu, "Instead of the Past, It is the Future that Haunts Us Now: Climate and Reproductive Insecurity in Louise Erdrich's *Future Home Of The Living God*"
- Maja Robaszkiewicz, "The Border Of Humanity"

1:30-2:45 PM

Extractivism, Militarization, and Gender

Moderator: Vanessa Farr

- Carol Cohn and Claire Duncanson, "Extractivist Economies and the Prospects for Gender-just Sustainable Peace"
- Edwick Bee Madzimore, "Gendering Climate Change and Rural Livelihoods"
- Tamara Lorincz, "Disarming The Skies: Feminist Resistance to Fighter Jets, Carbon Emissions and Atmospheric Violence"

# APRIL 29TH

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8:00-8:45 AM

## Keynote

Vidhya Das, "Women, Climate Change, and Education in India"

9:00-10:15 AM

## Women's Environmental Leadership I

Moderator: Sunita Toor

- Raakhee Suryaprakash, "Feminist-led, SDG-centred Solutions for the Climate Crisis"
- Aruni Samarakoon, "Who[se] Voice Matter[s]? Feminist Discourse on 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://binghamton.zoom.us/j/93049672515>

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 Fishing Despite Coastal Stressors, Policies, and (Later) A Pandemic (South Africa)"
- Holly A Ritchie, "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 in an Apocalypse: Reflections on Teaching Walking Methodologies"
- Audrey Golden, "Feminist Environmental Advocacy in the Work of Sámi Artist Maj-Doris Rimpi"

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 Islamic world. Her fieldwork is helping her identify patterns in how religious and other forms of extremism intersect with climate crisis, resulting in the destruction of waters and soils, food insecurity, militarization and gendered 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.

**Sunita Toor** is the head of Human Rights at the Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice at Sheffield Hallam University (UK).

# PARTICIPANTS

**Raluca Andreescu** is assistant professor in the Modern Languages Department at 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. He is a qualified lawyer with several years of practice in Germany as well as humanitarian work with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Uganda and with HRW in Rwanda. Recent essays have appeared in the Nordic Journal of Human Rights and International 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 current focus is on bringing feminist political economic analysis into both the Sustaining 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 (Járókelőkutató).

**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, and children's rights.



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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 peacebuilding. She is the author of *Gender and 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 Cape Town who aspires to build a social sciences career at 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* (Amherst College Press) and completing her first book 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 Australian/New Zealand Literature*; *American Book Review*; and several edited collections.

**Tamara Lorincz** is a PhD candidate in Global Governance at the Balsillie 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 Minister's Round Table on Environment and Sustainable Prosperity. Her research interests are the military's impacts on the environment and climate change, the intersection of security and peace, gender and international relations, Canadian defense and foreign policy, feminist foreign policy, disarmament, resistance to NATO, and military sexual violence.



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**Edwick Madzimure** is a Development Practitioner with a unique background in rural development, gender, and the empowerment of women and girls. Founding Director of WILPF Zimbabwe Section (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom), she is WILPF Zimbabwe's Project Coordinator (2021) on the Universal Periodic Review and has worked on issues related to community development, disarmament, and gender.

**Promil Pande** is the Founder and Executive Director of The Sidhast Foundation (TSF), based in Ranikhet, India. TSF promotes social initiatives for the artisans and craftsmen of India to continue their work in a sustainable, gainful and unadulterated manner. She has worked closely on developmental projects with the Ministry of Textiles and UNDP and has also held various academic positions, last one being Dean of School of Design, G.D Goenka University. She is passionate about indigenous craft and design practices, skill generation, and sustainability.

**Madhumita Pandey** is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at the Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice, Department of Law and Criminology at Sheffield Hallam University (UK). She works in the areas of sexual offending, sex offenders, and violence against women, particularly focusing on rape, in the Global South.

**Bernarda Pesoa** is a community leader, environment defender, crafter, popular educator, and member of "CONAMURI," an organization that brings together indigenous and farmer women in Paraguay. She currently leads a movement to defend the environment and the territory of the Qom from extractivist initiatives.

**Ela Przybyło** is Assistant Professor in English and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Illinois State University. She is the author of *Asexual Erotics: Intimate Readings of Compulsory Sexuality* (Ohio State University Press 2019), an editor of *On the Politics of Ugliness* (Palgrave 2018), and author of many peer-reviewed articles and chapters including in such journals as *GLQ*, *Sexualities*, and *Journal of Lesbian Studies*. Ela is a founding and managing editor of the peer-reviewed, open access journal *Feral Feminisms*.



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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, Erasmus University in the Netherlands. Her PhD looked at 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 Project Officer at the Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice (Sheffield Hallam University), MA Applied Human Rights graduate, and Salam Lab media department volunteer.

**Aruni Samarakoon** is a PhD candidate 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 Suryaprakash** is the founder of Sunshine Millennium and is a Chennai-based climate action activist. She curates content for her Sunshine Millennium blog, RE.Plastic blog & Facebook pages in an effort to amplify progress in renewable energy technology, 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 Assistant Professor of English at Appalachian State University. Her research focuses on rhetorics of resistance, temporality, and human rights as well as diversity, equity, and justice in higher ed. Her scholarship can be found in edited collections and journals including Philosophy & Rhetoric, College Literature, and Rendezvous Journal of Arts and Letters.