`Women, Peace, and Security' and Peace Processes: One Agenda or Many?

DATE	**Tuesday, 4 June 2019**
TIME	**5 to 7 pm**
LOCATION	C3 – Centrum für Internationale Entwicklung (Alois Wagner-Saal) Sensengasse 3, 1090 Wien
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In October 2020, the first UN Security Council Resolution on 'Women, Peace, and Security' (WPS), UNSCR 1325, will celebrate its 20th anniversary. The WPS agenda has been fairly successful at the international policy level, routinely being included in peacekeeping mandates and international development programming. In line with the ethos of the WPS agenda, contemporary peacebuilding strategy and programming has focused on 'inclusion'. However, the inclusion paradigm faces institutional and contextual frameworks that are often resistant to change. Continued and persistent calls demand to build a more coherent and effective agenda, even as there has been progress in the practices and institutionalisation of gender strategy building, gender budgeting and gender mainstreaming. This tension evolves against the increasing difficulty in the implementation of WPS in peace processes.

The panel aims to explore the reasons of the implementation gap beyond the commonplaces of 'more needs to be done'. Is WPS in peace process implementation even a coherent agenda? Can it be? What are the differences of working in a gender perspective at different peace process levels, internationally, nationally, or in project implementation on the ground? Where are the commonalities, differences, and delineations between gender advocacy, strategy and planning? What role and responsibility do mediation teams and programmes have in advocating for and advancing the WPS agenda in the implementation of the peace process?

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