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The Italian Cultural Institute (IIC) in Brussels and the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at the University of Rome Tor Vergata are delighted to partner with the WSPS at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the National School of Public Administration (SSPA) to host the *Women Leaders in International Relations Training Course* at the IIC beautiful premises. The project benefits from the financial support of the European Commission, *Verona Fiere, VinItaly*, the Italian Ministry of University & Research, the University Association of Contemporary European Studies (UACES).



Other partners include: *Women's Campaign International (WCI)*; the *Global Women in Leadership Initiative* and the *Center for Transatlantic Relations* at SAIS-Johns Hopkins; the *Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI)*; *Women in International Security (WIIS)*; *Collegio Nuovo-Pavia, Business and Professional Women International (BPW)*, *Professional Women International (PWI)*.



"Foreign policy is a very male world. The women who have made it are a small and closed club. (Prof. Anne Marie Slaughter, Princeton University; former Head of the Policy Planning at the US Department of State).

I wish I had this training in the early stages of my career and that is why we have create it! The program can benefit all women leaders working in international relations: public servants, NGOs, scholars, business, etc. We look forward to welcoming you in Brussels!! (Prof. Federiga Bindi—Director IIC Bruxelles and Scientific Coordinator of the program).



Italian Foreign Minister Emma Bonino with Afghan Trainees in one of our past trainings



WOMEN LEADERS in INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

BRUXELLES, 8-12 JULY 2013

I have always believed that **WOMEN ARE NOT VICTIMS,**

we are **AGENTS OF CHANGE,**

we are **DRIVERS OF PROGRESS,**

we are **MAKERS OF PEACE -**

all we need is a **FIGHTING CHANCE.**

- Hillary Clinton
 Founder of Wilson Center's
 Women in Public Service Project

Are you a women leader involved in international relations? Join us for an exciting week in Brussels, the Capital of Europe. Get inspired and improve your capacity to successfully lead, communicate, negotiate and build trust, as a woman, in a international and too often male dominated environment.

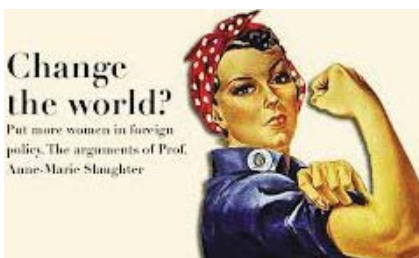
A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE IN WOMEN LEADERSHIP

What are the specific features that characterize women leadership in international relations? Do women really make the difference when they are at the helm of foreign policy? What are the specific difficulties that women leaders have to face in negotiating internationally and making their way through in international relations?

On December 15, 2011, former **U.S. Secretary Hillary Clinton** announced the historic launch of the **Women in Public Service Project (WPSP)** in partnership with the Seven Sisters Colleges (Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mt. Holyoke, Smith and Wellesley Colleges) and the State Department. The WPSP is now housed at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and has grown to include Mills, Mount St. Mary's, Scripps, City College of New York and other colleges and universities around the world.

For the first time, a *Women in Public Service Project* (WPSP) affiliated program will focus on Women Leadership in International Relations. **Women Leaders in International Relations. Comparing EU and U.S. Experiences** - will take place in **Brussels, from the 8 to 12 July 2013**. This event will serve as an incubator for transformative and inclusive global leadership for women engaged or willing to work in foreign policy and will inspire future generations of women leaders.

LOOKING FOR EMERGING WOMEN LEADERS—APPLICANTS PROFILE



We are seeking **emerging women leaders** involved in international relations in the public sector (national and international) or women aspiring to such roles in government and currently working in other fields to share ideas and experiences and cross fertilize transnational strategies to advance women's leadership in this critical area of public service.

APPLICATION AND DEADLINE

English proficiency is required. To *apply* please send a CV and a motivation letter including names and contacts for 2 referees. The deadline for *registration* after acceptance is July 3rd, 2013; Acceptance will be notified on a rolling basis.

COSTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The enrolment fee comprises course material, coffee breaks, lunches and networking dinners on all days, video of your practical trainings in negotiations, final diploma, etc. The fee is 1500€ for officials sponsored by their institutions and 750€ for the others; there are also plenty of opportunities for scholarships fully or partially waiving the fees.

ACCOMMODATION

Travel and lodging expenses are not included in the fees. The Institute will be happy to assist with logistics (ex. hotel).

FOR MORE INFORMATION & UPDATES

Please visit <http://roleofwomenininternationalaffairs.blogspot.it>.

PROGRAM

In line with the **rigorous WPSP curriculum and guidelines**, we have designed an **intensive week** focused on how to successfully tackle and overcome the specific difficulties embedded in negotiating internationally as a woman leader: communication skills; building self-confidence and mutual trust in a often male-dominated and foreign environment; building partnerships and effective networking and the difficult management of work-family balance (often at a distance), etc.



The program will be structured in **three parts** and has a **threefold objective**.

- **Learn from those who did it:** We often claim that with more women at the helm, the world would be a better place. But nobody has actually ever analyzed this claim in a thoughtful scholarly and comparative way to prove it right: with the help of renown scholars we will explore the role of **women leaders in foreign policy in the EU and the US**.

- **Intensive training sessions** will include such topics as leadership, communication, advocacy, negotiating techniques, building trust, networking, dress code, managing work-family balance etc as women in an international and often multinational and multicultural arena. The cultural barriers to effectiveness when women negotiate in international settings will be addressed.



Women's Campaign International (WCI), an NGO dedicated to the empowerment of women, will lead the trainings with a spectacular group of experienced trainers, among whom are **Marjorie Margolies**, WCI founder and former United States Congresswoman and **Valerie Biden Owens**, communication expert and manager of her brother VP Joe Biden's campaigns. The training sessions will be highly interactive, with practical exercises and the possibility for participants to see their presentations on video and receive feedback from the experts.

- **International conferences open to the public in the evenings** to discuss with current international women leaders in the beautiful setting of the theater of the Italian Cultural Institute, followed by **international networking cocktails**. **Prof. Anne-Marie Slaughter**, the former Director of Policy Planning at the U.S. Department of State and the author of the highly influential article on the role of women in the twenty-first century published on *The Atlantic* last year, and **Italian Foreign Vice Minister Marta Dassù** and leader of *Women in Diplomacy* will offer speak at the official opening conference on July 8th. We will continue on July 9 with **Androulla Vassiliou**, EU Commissioner for Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, **Monica Frassoni**, President of the European Greens and a **spectacular group of speakers** from both Europe and the US.

