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20 Years on and 10 Resolutions in: Wither Women, Peace and Security?

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To date over 80 states have adopted National Action Plans (NAPs) on Women, Peace and Security since the Security Council adopted Resolution 1325 in 2000, in addition to regional organisations such as NATO, the AU, OSCE and the EU. The momentum at first glance seems unstoppable, yet this increased visibility leads to the question of whether the rhetoric lives up to the reality of action. There has also been significant pushback on gender equality and WPS at the national and international level, which makes progress made precarious and increasingly under threat. In addressing these issues, it is important to remember that UNSCR 1325 was a Resolution like no other, relying on advocacy from within civil society, the UN, states and from academics to realise its adoption. This roundtable reflects on where we are at and where WPS is going. We therefore bring together, scholars, practitioners, policy makers and civil society to interrogate the prospects for the next 20 years of WPS. The panel will consider: What should civil society's role in relation to WPS be? What obligations do regional organisations have under WPS? What barriers remain to realising a gender just world and is WPS a solution? And finally, do we need more Resolutions?

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