

## Connectivity and collaboration: potential avenues for the future of WPS

*Friday, 20 June 2025 15:00 (1h 30m)*

As the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda approaches its 25th Anniversary in October 2025, this panel focuses on the future of WPS in the context of perpetual political crisis (rise of populism, climate emergency, increasing disaster risks, lack of investment, disappearing interest and enthusiasm) and uncertainty. Here, the roundtable will focus on the potential and impact of connectivity and collaboration at both the conceptual and practical levels. It will ask if theorising and working from a holistic and interconnected perspective can support responses to the current and future crisis and uncertainty, how to work effectively across silos and boundaries, how to support connections between academia, CSOs and policymakers, and how WPS can learn from and connect to other movements. Together we will also explore the value (and limitation) of having the anniversary effect.

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