

Women, War and a New Paradigm of Power

Thursday, 18 May, 12:00 to 2:00pm, Manor Road Lecture Theatre,
Centre for International Studies, University of Oxford



Welcome to a creative roundtable conversation between distinguished women leaders from politics, business, peace and security, and the performing arts. We will challenge current paradigm of war and violence causing global turmoil today. We will discover through testimonies and theatre how new paradigms of power and peace are being pioneered by women across all sectors and continents. Keynote speakers will express their personal testimonies that informed their approaches to war, and offer their perspectives on how power could be redefined. Commentators and Audience members will step on stage to share their insights. Together, we will articulate new paradigms of power for our shared future.

Keynote Presenters:

- **Zahira Kamal** (Palestine), first woman secretary-general of a political party in Palestine, the Fidah Party/Palestine Democratic Union; first Minister of Women's Affairs in Palestine; Founder of Women's Studies Centre and Palestine Business Women's Association.
- **Scilla Elworthy** (UK), PhD, founder of Oxford Research Group, Founder of PeaceDirect. Thrice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, Laureate of Niwano Peace Prize; Councilor of World Future Council, Co-Founder of Rising women Rising World; Advisors to The Elders.
- **Rama Mani**, (France/India) PhD, Founder of Theatre of Transformation Academy, Convenor of Enacting Global Transformation Initiative at CIS, University of Oxford, Councilor of World Future Council and Co-Founder of Rising women Rising World.

Chair: Dr. Julia Amos, Coordinator, War and Peace at Oxford; CIS Management Committee; OxPeace Steering Committee; Advisor, Enacting Global Transformation.

Special Guests/Live hosts via video conference:

Annie Lim, PhD (Malaysia/Canada), Founder/CEO, WeWorld Network; Founder, LIFE Child Foundation, social venture activist.

Jocelyn Mercado (USA): Founder of Sacred Planet; author & environmentalist.

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