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KOFF Roundtable: Feminist Peace Work in Conflict Zones

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Given the escalating global arms race, particularly in Europe following Russia's war on Ukraine, the prevalence of patriarchal violence and militarization continues to cause harm to the lives of many including women and children. In the face of the current peace and security situation, what should a feminist peace architecture address?

In line with the KOFF platform's commitment to fostering discussions on peacebuilding trends and amplifying the voices of feminist peacebuilders, we invite you to the **KOFF Roundtable "Feminist Peace Work in Conflict Zones"**. Organized in collaboration with PeaceWomen Across the Globe (PWAG), this event will focus on peace and security from a feminist perspective,

with four outstanding feminist peace advocates from conflict-affected regions joining us in Bern:

Olga Karatch: Head of the NGO Our House in Belarus, currently in exile in Lithuania. Olga is a passionate proponent of nonviolent peace policies and plays a crucial role as a human rights defender. She actively collaborates with local women's organizations, conscientious objectors, and engages in advocacy for migrants' rights (in Belarus, Lithuania, and Poland).

Olena Zinenko: Coordinator of the joint project "Women Platform for Peace in East Ukraine." She is a member of PWAG's partner organization, Kharkiv Regional Foundation Public Alternative. This organization has hosted several events promoting dialogue on experiences of violence, ideas for peace and security, and collective solutions in collaboration with PWAG and local NGOs in Eastern Ukraine.

Nora Ahmetaj: Expert in transitional justice and feminist peace activist from Pristina, Kosovo. She is committed to non-violent conflict resolution and has special expertise in the context of gender-based violence and femicides. During the armed conflict in Kosovo, she conducted investigations into war crimes and crimes against humanity for the Center for Humanitarian Law. She is the director of the Centre for Research, Documentation and Publication (CRDP), established in 2010 out of a need to achieve transitional justice, reconciliation, and the right to truth.

Mô Bleeker: Anthropologist, mediator, specialized in issues of dealing with the legacy of past atrocities and prevention. Until 2022, she acted as a Special Envoy for Dealing with the Past and Prevention of Atrocities for the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland, and Special Envoy for Peace, Colombia. Former Chair of the International Advisory Group of the Historical Memory Centre, Colombia. Mô Bleeker is the founder and former chair of the multilateral Prevention Platform GAAMAC, and she also served as the chair of the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) in Bansamoro, Philippines.

Dr Dana Landau, senior researcher in the swisspeace mediation program, will moderate this roundtable discussion.

Please register [here](#) and contact [Annemarie Sancar](#) if you have any questions.