

# **INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES**

## **XV National Conference on Women's Studies**

### **Sub-theme-3**

#### **Women, Peace and the Women's Movement**

There is an increasing understanding globally that there can be no development without peace, thus the inclusion of Goal (16) of the SDGs. This is an important initiative as SDGs filter from the international to the local. The inclusion was not easy and was the outcome of a relentless struggle by CSOs especially women. This written word attains a dynamism as in recent years, within the UN itself there has been a growing marginalization of civil society especially of women in its debates.

As peace subdues and conflict increases across the globe, with millions of refugees moving across borders we need much more involvement of women in peace research and activism. In India peace is still an issue which is subdued and usually forced to remain outside the public discourse. As Kashmir comes to haunt us again, in North East a new type of imperialism raises its head in the form of economic militarization and in Naxal regions thousands of Adivasis/tribals face incarceration it is time to bring it into the centrality of our thinking.

This sub theme will bring into our discussions the role of the women's movement in creating a public discourse on the much needed aspect of women's inclusion in initiating debates on peace and security. The participants will discuss the specific roles that the women's movement can play towards creating a public discourse on AFSPA, UNSCR 1325 (National Action Plans vis a vis People's Action Plan) , gendered understanding of the increasing military budgets, women's inclusion in decision making processes in peace and security. It will identify the ways women in India have been reaching out to women across borders and new methods for creation of engaging with issues of peace and security. These will help conceptualize new theoretical research while strategizing on inclusion of more women in peace and security decision making.

Note from the Coordinators:

We will particularly welcome papers on the following topics

- Women in peace processes (official and non-official)
  - Women's peace activism
  - The women's movement and conflict, peace, militarism and security
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- We request you to make the abstract short, if possible, no more than 250 words.
  - If its related to one of the above topics, please indicate where you think it fits.
  - Descriptive titles that give us a glimpse of the contents will be useful.
  - If you have references in the proposal, please give us a bibliographic citation.

Feel free to email us with questions at [\*\*iawswomenandpeace@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:iawswomenandpeace@gmail.com)

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