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The Role of Women Exiles in Peace Processes

A lecture by **Dr. Arancha (Araceli) Garcia del Soto**

Monday, May 18, 12:30-14:00 (to be followed by a reception)

Room # 32, Media Department, Library for the Humanities and Social Sciences

Chair: Prof. Dan Miodownik, Academic Director, the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations

Dr. Garcia del Soto is a Doctor Member of Center for Applied Social Studies, Juan March Foundation (Madrid, Spain), and Affiliated Faculty of the IIHA, Fordham University (New York, USA). She teaches and practices international humanitarian work in Europe, Colombia, Africa and Sri Lanka among immigrants, refugees and IDPs. Dr. Garcia del Soto is currently working on the exile team of the Colombian Truth and Reconciliation Commission while supporting gender and psychosocial work in South Europe.

The deliberate engagement of women (as women) in peace processes is a relatively new phenomenon. The involvement of exiles—of all genders—in such processes is often contested. This talk will focus on the main challenges and opportunities women exiles deal with when involved in the so-called Transitions and Peace Processes (and their aftermaths).

The intertwining of the changing gender roles, with the generational differences and the migration models, create different opportunities for the visibility of women that bring diverse expectations from their countries of origin to reshape those, along with their families, in the new countries they arrived to. Analyzing the political and social commitments of these women, their approaches to collective regulations and to conflict resolution, as well as their diverse participatory styles is essential for enhancing their contributions to securing rights and advancing peace both back home and in the hosting countries. A few examples of women returnees in Spain and Liberia, and the role that women are playing nowadays in the current Diasporas from the Middle East and Colombia in Europe and the US.



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