



From the Executive Director



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As the summer progresses, CWGL is gearing up for a busy fall season. Along with meetings on human rights and economic justice, CWGL continues to plan for the annual 16 Days Campaign. Please see below for full details on this year's theme. If you are in town, please make sure to join us at the IWL opening reception on September 15th and the CWGL reception with the Special Rapporteur on Food on September 16th. I would also like to note two major achievements in the area of social justice. Congratulations to women workers around the world that organized and campaigned toward the passage of the International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention on domestic work ([Convention Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers](#)) and to our colleagues, committed activists and women human rights defenders that worked on the United Nations Human Rights Council's passage of a [resolution on human rights violations based on sexual orientation and gender identity](#). CWGL welcomes these historic and significant victories. We hope you will take a moment to read our latest news and we appreciate your continued engagement and support. In solidarity, Radhika Balakrishnan, Executive Director, CWGL

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16 Days Campaign Theme Announcement



CWGL is pleased to announce this year's 16 Days Campaign theme: [From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let's Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women!](#) (available on our website in English, Spanish, French, BHS, and Indonesian). CWGL is developing the full 2011 Take Action Kit, including information sheets on each of the five focus areas. You can [sign up to receive a hard copy of the kit by mail](#) or download the documents from our website when they are available in early September. Leading up to the campaign, CWGL is also asking people to respond to the question, "What does security mean to you?" through short video or written statements. [Please participate in the initiative here!](#)

Strategic Conversation on the Intersections of Militarism & Violence Against Women



On June 9-11, 2011, CWGL hosted thirty feminist activists, academics, and experts from around the world for a [Strategic Conversation on the Intersections of Militarism and Violence Against Women](#). The main objectives of this conversation were 1) to better understand how militarism is manifested in different forms around the world and how it influences women's lives and 2) to identify successful strategies women have used to challenge militarism, and discuss desired policy changes and alternatives to militarism and militarization. The meeting also examined the multiple linkages between violence against women and militarism, specifically regarding the five sub-themes that will be discussed in this year's 16 Days Campaign. A number of exciting ideas emerged from the meeting, and CWGL will be working to incorporate them into the *Take Action Kit* for the 2011 campaign. A full report and advocacy videos from the meeting are forthcoming.

Meetings with UN Special Procedure Mandate Holders

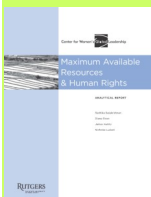
In June 2010, CWGL convened a [meeting](#) with the UN Independent Expert on the Question of Human Rights and Extreme Poverty, Magdalena Sepúlveda. Using the gendered analysis garnered from the June 2010 meeting, Sepúlveda issued a [report](#) on the the impact of global economic of those living in poverty for the Human Rights Council 17th Session. CWGL looks forward to its upcoming consultation which will be held in fall 2011 with Mr. Olivier De Schutter, the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food.

GEAR Campaign Update



CWGL and GEAR Campaign representatives were present at UN Women's second Executive Board meeting from June 27-30, 2011. GEAR Campaign Regional Focal Point, Mabel Bianco of Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer (FEIM), delivered the formal [campaign statement](#). One of the purposes of the Executive Board meeting was for Member States to endorse [UN Women's Strategic Plan](#). The meeting provided GEAR advocates a venue to check-in with UN Women staff about a number of concerns including civil society participation, country presence, funding and the use of a human rights framework. For UN Women to be effective on the ground Member States must not only commit to the vision of the new entity, but provide the necessary financial contributions to build up country offices and regional hubs. Visit UN Women [partnerships](#) for a list of Member State contributions and the [GEAR website](#) for updates.

Resources



[Maximum Available Resources & Human Rights: Analytical Report](#) by Radhika Balakrishnan, Diane Elson, James Heintz and Nicholas Lusiani



[A Feminist Approach to UN Women](#) by Margot Baruch, CWGL Program Coordinator



Executive Director Radhika Balakrishnan's new book, [Economic Policy and Human Rights](#), published by Zed Books will be available November 10th.

Events



September 15, 2011 (4:30pm): IWL Opening Reception, RDJC Building, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

September 16, 2011 (4:30-6:30pm): CWGL Reception with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, RDJC Building, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

October 14, 2011: Executive Director, Radhika Balakrishnan, speaking on *Ensuring Economic Equality for Women in a Global Society*, at the NAWJ Annual Conference, Rutgers University Law School, Newark, NJ

Inside CWGL

CWGL is pleased to welcome this year's summer interns and part-time workers. Thank you to Alex Anastasia, Leila Brollosy, Ria Dasgupta, Kristyn Manoukian, Melissa Moskowitz and Sarah Weirich for their hard work and dedication. It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to **16 Days Campaign Coordinator, Keely Swan**. With CWGL since 2008, Keely is leaving to attend graduate school in the fall. We will miss her steadfast commitment to CWGL, her invaluable contributions to our programmatic initiatives and her collaborative spirit. We wish her well! In the coming weeks, CWGL will begin a formal search for a **Program Coordinator** for its activities addressing violence against women (VAW) and women's leadership. The intersection of VAW and militarism in its various forms will be a major component of the work. CWGL is based at Rutgers University and all positions are posted at the Human Resources site. Please monitor [CWGL's website](#) for details on when and how to apply.

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The Center for Women's Global Leadership develops and facilitates women's leadership for women's human rights and social justice worldwide. CWGL's programmatic areas are: the promotion of women's leadership, the advancement of feminist perspectives in economic and social rights and the elimination of violence against women, in local, national and international arenas. CWGL is a unit of [International Programs](#) within the [School of Arts and Sciences](#) and is a member of the [Institute for Women's Leadership \(IWL\)](#)—a consortium of women's programs at Rutgers University that examines leadership issues and advances women's leadership in education, research, politics, science, the arts, the workplace and the world.

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