

**American Women for International Understanding (AWIU)
Ninth Annual Symposium: Career Opportunities in International Relations (COIR)
*Women Building Bridges: Career Paths Amid Global Challenges***

Friday, November 7, 2025

**Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Library Conference Center
901 G Street, NW, Fifth Floor, Washington, DC**

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PROGRAM

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 9:10 am AWIU Welcome and Keynote Speaker Introduction:
Maggie Sabbag, former President, AWIU

9:10 am – 9:30 am Keynote Speaker Remarks: Sia Nowrojee; Associate Vice
President for Girls and Women Strategy, United Nations
Foundation

“Where the Future Was Built: Women’s Leadership and Global Cooperation”

9:30 am – 10:15 am Breakout Sessions

Session #1: “Responsible AI and Ending Online Violence”

*Isabel Linzer, Elections and Democracy Fellow, Center for Democracy and Technology

*Giulia Neaher, Research Analyst, Strategic Foresight Hub, Stimson Center

*Varina Winder, Co-founder, Arch Collaborative

Moderator: Miranda Cohen, Founder and President, Change Wave

Session #2: “Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation”

*Isabella Berkeley, Nonprofits Account Manager, Grassroots Analytics

*Bethany Rubin Henderson, CEO, Compass Pro Bono

*Rahama Wright, Founder, Shea Yeleen Products

Moderator: Rachel Unkovic, Executive Director, AWIU

10:15 am – 10:40 am Coffee Break

10:40 am – 10:45 am Introduction of Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Recipient of AWIU’s
2025 Internationalism Award

10:45 am – 11:15 am Conversation with Ambassador Swanee Hunt
Moderator: Mary Machado-Schammel

11:15 am – 12:10pm

Panel Discussion: *“Resiliency and Career Pivoting”*

*Hadeil Ali, Chief of Staff, Global Development Department and Director, Diversity and Leadership in International Affairs Programs, Center for Strategic and International Studies

*Katherine Norton, Director, Career Learning and Experiences Center for Career Services, The George Washington University

*Linda Robinson, Senior Fellow for Women and Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations

Moderator: Nancy Annick, President, AWIU

12:10 am – 12:15pm

AWIU Closing Remarks

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Networking