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on

**Gender, Peace and Security :
Challenges and Opportunities for Engagement**

by

Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath

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Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace
(WISCOMP), New Delhi

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Venue : **UMISARC AUDITORIUM**

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About the Speaker

Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath is currently Founder and Director of WISCOMP (Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace), an initiative that seeks to promote the leadership of South Asian women in the areas of peace, security and regional cooperation. She is also Principal Emerita of Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi and she has served the college as Principal for 26 years from 1988-2014. She was the first woman to serve as member of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) of India.

Dr. Gopinath is a member of multi-track peace initiatives in Kashmir and between India and Pakistan including the Neemrana Peace Initiative, the Pakistan India Peoples' Forum for Peace and Democracy and the Chaophraya Dialogue. She has authored among others **Pakistan in Transition**, and co-authored **Conflict Resolution – Trends and Prospects, Transcending Conflict: A Resource book on Conflict Transformation and Dialogic Engagement** and has contributed chapters and articles in several books and journals on Gandhi, the politics of Pakistan, the arts Conflict Resolution, Gender and Peace Building et al. She has received several awards including the Padma Shri Award, Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi Award, the Rajiv Gandhi Award for Excellence in Education and the Mahila Shiromani Award and the Delhi Citizen Forum Award and Qimpro Platinum Standard Award for Education and Celebrating Womanhood South Asian Recognition Award for Social Harmony and International Lifetime Achievement Award – 2009 for outstanding work in the field of justice, Equity, Peace and Progress and the L.M. Singhvi fellowship Award at the David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies (DDMI), University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Award of Honorary Doctorate Degree for significant contribution to the education of women and the commitment to fostering global peace through Conflict Resolution, La Trobe University, Australia and Honorary Adjunct Professor, La Trobe Asia, La Trobe University, Australia, Distinguished Alumna Award, by Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi for meritorious contribution in the field of Education and Visiting Distinguished Scholar 2015, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Gopinath serves on the Governing Boards of research institutes, NGOs, educational institutions and corporate bodies. She also is a member of the Nonviolent Peaceforce, International, The Club of Rome, Asian University for Women, Centre for Policy Research, Shri Ram Foundation, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation, Welham Girls School, Shri Ram School, Track Two initiatives in the South Asian region and many more. She has been a Fulbright scholar and has received several fellowships including the Australian International Education Foundation Fellowship (1996-97) and the University Grants Commission Indo-Israel Exchange Fellowship (1994-1996) among others.