



Gender and Foreign Policy

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Gender is an increasingly salient factor in international affairs, and alongside the Scandinavian countries Australia is setting the pace in integrating gender equality in foreign policy.

Norway has launched a five-year action plan to integrate women's rights in its foreign and development policy. Sweden will become the only country in the world to adopt an explicitly feminist foreign policy.

In Australia, gender mainstreaming – assessing the implications for both women and men for any planned policy or action – prevents side-lining women's issues, and is a key goal of Australian foreign policy. Australia has increased aid spending to support women's empowerment, and took a leadership position promoting gender equality during its tenure on the UN Security Council.

Does foreign policy require more women leaders to achieve the goals of gender equality? Can these goals be advanced if foreign policy is dominated by men? What greater role can women play in peacebuilding and conflict prevention?

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