

Research Consultants:

Gendered Perspectives on the Risks and Opportunities of AI for Defense and Security Institutions

Location:	Remote (must be available for online calls during CET office hours and to travel to Brussels and Geneva in the first half of 2024)
Application Deadline:	15. December 2023
Type of Contract:	Service Contract (approx. 10 working days)
Starting Date:	ASAP
Expected Duration of Assignment:	December 2023 – August 2024

Women in International Security (WIIS) Switzerland is looking for 1 or 2 **Research Consultants** to co-author a **policy brief as part of a research project on gendered perspectives on the risks and opportunities of AI for defense and security institutions**, in partnership with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and in cooperation with NATO.

On WIIS Switzerland:

WIIS Switzerland, founded in 2020, is an affiliate of Women In International Security (WIIS) Global. WIIS Global, based in Washington DC, is the premier organization in the world dedicated to advancing the leadership and professional development of women in the field of international peace and security. WIIS Global and its over 30 national affiliates sponsor leadership training, mentoring, and networking programs and organize events on current policy debates. WIIS Global and its affiliates also aim to inform and educate the broader public about the nexus between gender and international peace and security by supporting research and advocacy activities.

Background Research Project:

AI enables a wide range of actors to generate and amplify disinformation at much greater scale and to spread uncertainty and distrust through new forms of disinformation creating synthetic media, such as 'deepfakes'. Generative AI plays a growing role in the context of armed conflict and confronts institutions of international security with new challenges. Moreover, the gendered dimension of security threats posed by disinformation and deepfakes especially in contexts of armed conflict are still underexplored, even though a growing body of research shows how digital disinformation and deepfakes pose gendered risks and disproportionately affect women and other marginalized groups. To address this gap the project will discuss emerging security challenges associated with artificial intelligence and disinformation with a particular focus on deepfake technology, contexts of armed conflict and gendered security risks. Furthermore, the project will explore the possible value of new technologies in military operations, by specifically focusing on the gender perspective within AI and gender-sensitive deployment of such methods.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The consultant will work closely with WIIS Switzerland team members, other external consultants as well as project partners and advisors from the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign affairs and NATO to write a policy brief of 10-15 pages.

The time required for the consultancy is **estimated at 10 working days**; fixed remuneration for deliverables; **travel and accommodation expenses for the events in Brussels and Geneva will be covered by WIIS Switzerland.**

Your profile

- Min. Master's degree in political science, international relations or similar.
- Expertise in one or several of the following fields: Opportunities and challenges of AI (especially synthetic media generation and deepfake generation/detection) for international security, military AI, digital disinformation and international defense and security, and gendered perspectives on emerging and disruptive technologies.

Interested? Please send your CV, a cover letter and a writing example of a single-authored piece of research (ideally a policy paper) to switzerland@wiisglobal.org **by 15 December 2023.**

We look forward to hearing from you!