



THE KOLO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S SUMMIT AUG. 6-9 2025

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AUGUST 6TH

DR. DANICA ANDERSON

Kolo Collaboration Founder

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PROGRAM FLOW

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Registration and Tech Check

10:15 - 11:15 AM

Opening Remarks Danica Anderson, Valley Reed

11:30 - 12:00 PM

Kolo Women War Crimes Survivors

12:00 - 1:30

Lunch - Keynote- Dr. Danica Anderson

Shame and Trauma

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Ahmica-Vittez Memorial Museum Trip

BREAK

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Dinner - Keynote

Dr. Yaeli Danieli - From Silence via Multidimensional
Dialogue to Identity Healing: Democracy Cannot Be
Built with the Hands of Broken Souls w/Q & A

7:30 - 8:00

Closing Remarks

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Dr. Danica Anderson

Shame and Trauma – Dr. Danica Anderson founded the Kolo Women's Cross Cultural Collaboration. Her doctorate in Clinical Psychology, concentration in Somatics and as a forensic psychotherapist attached to the International criminal court in Sub-Saharan Africa continue to add invaluable knowledge. Her intensified learning began with her mother who survived WWII concentration camp Jasenovac, former Yugoslavia. Her books include, *Blood & Honey Icons: Biosemiotics & Bioculinary* and *Blood & Honey: The Secret Herstory of Women*; *South Slavic Women's Experiences in a World of Modern-day Territorial Warfare* contain research and narratives from women war crimes survivors. Kolo trauma treatment books are *NonKilling Balkans* and *NonKilling Psychology Journals*.

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Dr. Yael Danieli

From Silence via Multidimensional Dialogue to Identity Healing: Democracy Cannot Be Built with the Hands of Broken Souls

Dr. Yael Danieli, (www.dryaeldanieli.com). Founder, Director and Senior Representative to the United Nations, International Center for MultiGenerational Legacies of Trauma (www.ICMGLT.org); Co-Founder and Director, Group Project for Holocaust Survivors and their Children; Co-Founder and Past-President, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.



AUGUST 7TH

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PROGRAM FLOW

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Registration/Breakfast

9:30 - 10:00 AM

Opening Remarks

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Dr. Serap Fiso - Echos of Displacement
Bosnia

11:00 - 11:45 AM

Ajsa Bahovic Latifovic - Gender Based Violence in
Patriarchial Societies - Remote from Serbia

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Lunch Keynote
Azra Dizdar Saric UNFPA
Bosnia

2:00 - 2:45 PM

Dr.Sabiha Husic - From Silence to Strength
Medica Zenica Bosnia

3:00- 3:45 PM

Dr. Amra Sabic-El-Reyess - Storytelling as Survival
Columbia University New York

4:00 - 6:00

Afternoon Break

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Dinner Keynote - Elina Viitasaari
Twenty-Five Years of UNSCR 1325 Women, Peace
and Security: From Resolution to Restoration"
Q & A

7:30 - 8:00 PM

Closing Remarks

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Dr. Serap Fiso

Echos of Displacement: Gendered Oral Memory of Bosnian Women IDP's.

Dr. Serap Fiso is a mission oriented researcher and storyteller who bridges academic inquiry with lived experience. She earned her PhD in Political Science and Sociology from the International University of Sarajevo. Her work focus areas are forced migration, post-conflict identity, and gendered memory within Bosnia and the Baltic region. Serap does not wait for paths to open, she builds them.



Ajsa Bahović Latifović

Gender-Based Violence in Patriarchal Societies: A Custom That Became Common Law

– Ajsa Bahovic Latifovic is dedicated to fostering social inclusion, and empowering vulnerable communities through educational initiatives and community support. Contributions include workshops and events that pave the way for families at risk, women impacted by gender violence, and displaced persons to have essential tools for social inclusion, reintegration, and solidarity building. Her humanitarian dedication and educational expertise deliver tangible and lasting change in communities.



Asra Dizdar Saric – UNFPA

Azra Dizdar is a development practitioner, gender policy expert, and former concert violinist from Bosnia and Herzegovina. She currently manages UNFPA's portfolio on Women, Peace and Security and gender-responsive policy reform, where she leads initiatives on conflict-related sexual violence, legislative advocacy, and inclusive service provision. Her work bridges institutional change with grassroots partnerships, grounded in long-standing collaboration with women-led CSOs and survivor networks across the country.

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Dr. Sabiha Husic

From Silence to Strength: Community-Based Healing and Justice for Women Survivors of Wartime Sexual Violence

Dr. Sabiha Husić, PhD in Social Sciences, psychotherapist, peacebuilder, educator, and researcher in the psychosocial field, focusing on stress, trauma, the consequences and dynamics of trauma, conflict transformation, and nonviolent communication. Author and co-author of over 40 professional and scientific works. Director of the NGO Medica Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Dr. Sabic-El-Rayess

Storytelling as Survival: Reclaiming Voice and Belonging After Genocide

Dr. Sabic-El-Rayess is Executive Director of The International Interfaith Research Lab at Columbia University. As a Bosniak (Bosnian Muslim) woman and survivor of the Bosnian Genocide, who immigrated to America, Dr. Sabic-El-Rayess has transformed from being an object of hate-fueled violence to a renowned scholar, author, activist, and storyteller who is an exemplar of resilience in the face of hate and extremism. Today, Dr. Sabic-El-Rayess is a professor and researcher at Teachers College, Columbia University.



Elina Viitasaari

Twenty-Five Years of UNSCR 1325 Women, Peace and Security: From Resolution to Restoration"

Keynote – Elina Viitasaari serves as the Gender Focal Point (UN Representative) at the Center for Global Nonkilling, focusing on sexual and gender-based violence in conflict. Her statements at various UN bodies address the rights and roles of women in conflict and post-conflict settings. She is a member of the steering group of Finnish Women, Peace and Security Network, supporting implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. With over a decade working with victims, perpetrators, and families affected by violence, Elina advocates for equality and minority rights in local, national, and international forums.



AUGUST 8TH

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PROGRAM FLOW

8:00- 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST

9:30 - 10:00 AM

OPENING REMARKS

10:00 - 11:30 AM

POLITICS 4 HER WORKSHOP - REMOTE

BREAK

BREAK

12:00-1:30 AM

LUNCH KEYNOTE - ANNA ENGEL

MOTHERLANDS DOCUMENTARY

2:00 - 2:45 PM

HIROKO TSUBOI-FRIEDMAN - BODIES OF MEMORY

3:00 - 4:00 PM

KATHLEEN BRANT - H.O.P.E. WORKSHOP

4:15 - 5:00 PM

LESLENE DELLA-MADRE - REMOTE

BREAK

6:00 - 7:30 PM

DINNER KEYNOTE - DR. WIOLA REBECKA

SILENCE AFTER WARTIME RAPE: A CONTINUATION
OF BODILY OPPRESSION – POLAND- HOLOCAUST,
AND BOSNIA - Q&A

7:30 - 8:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

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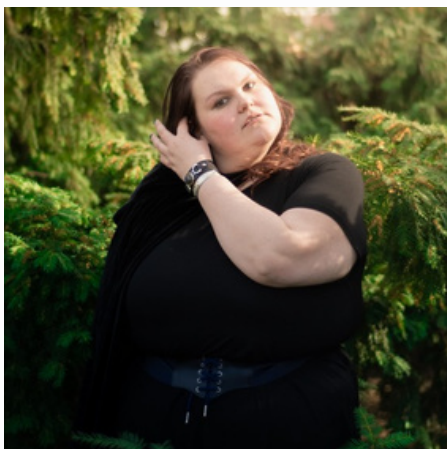


Politics 4 Her

Politics 4 Her Virtual Workshop with the Kolo WCCC

A youth-led NGO and movement advocating for more inclusive participation of young women, girls and minorities in politics and leadership. We have grown to over 100 members.

The Kolo presents a living example of how people can come together across borders, histories, and generations to share wisdom, hold space, and build toward healing futures.



Keynote – Anna Engel

Motherlands Documentary

Anna Engel is the executive producer of Motherlands. As a recent graduate from Pacifica Graduate Institute, Anna weaves depth psychology and myth-making into her creative work as a multi-hyphenate filmmaker, writer, and artist. When she's not focusing on her work with Motherlands, she's writing novels, photographing the world, and trying to prevent her cat, Angelicat "Beelzibub" Schuyler, from achieving world domination.



Hiroko Tsuboi-Friedman

Bodies of Memory, Spaces of Resistance: The Statue of Peace and Cultural Rights of Survivors and Supporters.

Hiroko Tsuboi-Friedman is a consultant of UNESCO Expert Facility for 2005 Convention on Protection and Promotion of Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Combining academic foundations in art history, sociology and cultural anthropology with expertise in arts and culture, finance and public administration, she develops, implements and evaluates projects, conducts research, translates and lectures on topics related to the 2005 Convention and 1980 Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist.

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Kathleen Brant

Transgenerational Healing through the H.O.P.E. Framework

Kathleen Brant brings over two decades of expertise at the intersection of transgenerational trauma, child welfare, and social justice, with a focus on empowering women and families to heal from chronic adversity. Kathleen holds degrees and certifications from Stanford University, Harvard University, and Loyola University, including a master's degree in biology with an emphasis on Human Development.



Leslene della-Madre

Roots of Collective Trauma and PTSD in the Human Psyche: Collective Amnesia and Effects of Cataclysmic Events on Formation of Culture

Leslene della-Madre is an author, poet, artist, shamanic practitioner, Nature lover, and truth seeker. She is a feminist philosopher and independent scholar. A cousin of Einstein, she has challenged mainstream beliefs in patriarchal religions, physics, and cosmology which has been the focus of her latest book, *She Who Spins the Coils of Creation: Sacred Female Cosmology in the Electric PlasMA Universe*



Keynote-Dr. Viola Rebecka

Silence After Wartime Rape: A Continuation of Bodily Oppression – Poland- Holocaust, and Bosnia

Dr. Viola Rebecka is a psychologist, psychotraumatologist, and researcher specializing in war-related sexual violence. She is author of *Rape: A History of Shame – Diary of the Survivors* (NYC, 2021; Polish edition *Gwałt: Historia Wstydu – Pamiętnik Ocalałych*, 2024). An alumna of University of Warsaw and Touro University Los Angeles, she earned her doctorate in psychology based on 25 in-depth testimonies, of over 400 survivor accounts worldwide. Dr. Rebecka developed the War Rape Survivors Syndrome (WRSS) and the SERS method. She promotes a decolonial approach to trauma and serves as Vice President of the Polish Center for Torture Survivors. Based in New York City.



AUGUST 9TH

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PROGRAM FLOW

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Breakfast

9:30 - 10:00 AM

Opening Remarks

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Paper-making Workshop
Melissa Potter

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Lunch Keynote - Melissa Potter
The Feminist Seedbank: Cultivating
Women's Endangered Practices

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Workshop - Valley Reed
Collaborative Dreaming

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Dinner

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Melissa Potter

The Feminist Seedbank: Cultivating Women's Endangered Practices

Melissa Hilliard Potter is a feminist interdisciplinary artist, writer, and curator whose work has been exhibited in numerous venues including White Columns, Bronx Museum of the Arts, and Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, to name a few. Potter has been the recipient of three Fulbright Scholar grants, as well as funding from CEC ArtsLink, Trust for Mutual Understanding, and Soros Fund for Arts and Culture, all of which enabled her to build two papermaking studios at university art departments in Serbia and Bosnia & Hercegovina.



Valley Reed

Collaborative Dreaming – An Ecofeminist Approach to Healing the Stories of the Land.

Valley Reed is an activist, healer and dreamer who collaborates with our more than human relatives to delve into collaborative healing through dream archeology, and recovery of ancestral lineage through somatic dreaming practices guided by the drum. This interweaving of dream incubation rooted in the ancient world opens paths to what is possible now, and in the future. Chrysalis Healing Arts is her holistic practice in Dallas Tx. for over 25 years. She teaches her signature approach of Collaborative Dreaming in workshops and retreats, and monthly online Women's groups.



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Social Engagement with Kolo Music and Dance



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