

WikiPeaceWomen Project Report (2015-2017)

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WikiPeaceWomen is one of the projects of PeaceWomen Across the Globe (PWAG). PWAG has as its main goals over the last decade to support deeper and sustainable connectivity of PeaceWomen around the world, to increase the visibility of their work, to expand their bodies of knowledge and skills, and to disseminate their expertise outside their own spheres of influence. Through launching the WikiPeaceWomen project and creating the WikiPeaceWomen website, we document more PeaceWomen stories and expand the network for connecting PeaceWomen across different backgrounds and languages. The WikiPeaceWomen Project's administration team is based in Hong Kong, with different language website coordinators in different corners of the world.

Work Progress since 2015

The WikiPeacewomen project was launched in October 2015 in Bern, Switzerland. Since then, the main work has been to form the core group team, to operate the language websites, to promote the project, and to solicit Million PeaceWomen stories. After collecting and uploading peacewomen stories onto the website in various languages, the team will also make an effort in translating a summary into English to give more visibility to the peacewomen.

(1) 8 Website Languages

There are 8 languages on the WikiPeaceWomen website. They are English, German, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Arabic. The Russian language website is under preparation.

(2) Uploading Thousand PeaceWomen Stories in Different Languages

The Thousand PeaceWomen nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 2015 had their stories written in several languages. The different language versions – English, Spanish, French, German, simplified Chinese, and traditional Chinese -- have been uploaded to the WikiPeaceWomen website.

(3) Updating Thousand PeaceWomen Stories

A project to reconnect with the Thousand PeaceWomen through updating their stories in the last decade has been coordinated by the Swiss Office team. The updated stories are presented on the WikiPeaceWomen website under “Thousand PeaceWomen”. The China Office has

updated 25 Chinese PeaceWomen Stories among 108.

(4) Nomination of Million PeaceWomen

English	340
Simplified Chinese	235
Traditional Chinese	57
Spanish	13
Total	645

We have uploaded 645 stories on to the Million PeaceWomen website.

(5) Seminars

7 seminars have been held from 2015 to 2017. Especially on 7 July 2017, the Seminar on Women Movements in Asia Building Peace was held in Lingnan University, Hong Kong, with participation of women from East Asia. All seminars were video-recorded, edited and uploaded on to the WikiPeaceWomen website. Please see Appendix A.

(6) TV Interview about the WikiPeaceWomen Project

An interview about a Hong Kong Million PeaceWomen and the WikiPeaceWomen project was done by Swiss TV SRF in June 2016, and broadcast on Sunday, 25 June 2017, 6pm.

Kin Chi Lau portrays dedicated women

<https://www.srf.ch/play/tv/mitenand/video/kin-chi-lau-portraitiert-engagierte-frauen?id=ff4b0330-d95e-4799-bc8d-489270fdb6ad>
<https://www.srf.ch/sendungen/mitenand/kin-chi-lau-portraitiert-engagierte-frauen>



From Hong Kong, Kin Chi Lau portrays women and their projects. Together with colleagues around the world, she is developing the Internet project «WikiPeaceWomen». Their goal: by 2020, they want to portray and network a million dedicated women. *A report by Mitja Rietbrock*

(7) Videos

Videos on the launch of the WikiPeaceWomen project and related subjects were uploaded to the WikiPeaceWomen website:



20151023 Official Launch of WikiPeaceWomen Website in Bern, Switzerland.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYQy99jQOYo>

20151023 Panel discussion "Women's Participation in Peace Talks – Challenges and Solutions"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1i0K9n3jls8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-scZ9FQsVPc>

20151022 Peace Tables at Münsterplatz in Bern

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Qup6c7zsz0>

(8) Life and Thought Videos

In collaboration with Global University for Sustainability, WikiPeaceWomen has interviewed altogether 23 women on their Life and Thought, and the videos have been uploaded to the WikiPeaceWomen website. Please see Appendix B.

WikiPeaceWomen Project Team, please see Appendix C.

WikiPeaceWomen website: <http://wikipeacewomen.org/wpworg/>

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Appendix A: WPW Seminars

- (I) Beijing Seminar of the Commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of PeaceWomen Across the Globe on 13 June 2015**

http://wikipeacewomen.org/wpworg/en/?page_id=3521

- (II) Across The Desert, Travel Through History: Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of PeaceWomen Across the Global and exchange visit in Inner Mongolia and Ningxia, 20-25 August 2015**

http://wikipeacewomen.org/wpworg/en/?page_id=3466



- (III) Seminar on Women Movements in Asia Building Peace, 7 July 2017**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHZL5Lprsv8>



On 7 July 2017, the Seminar on Women Movements in Asia Building Peace was held in Lingnan University, Hong Kong, as an extended activity of the Fourth South South Forum on Sustainability (SSFS4), and was co-organized by the Department of Cultural Studies, Lingnan University; Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives (ARENA); Global University for Sustainability (Global U); and WikiPeaceWomen (WPW).

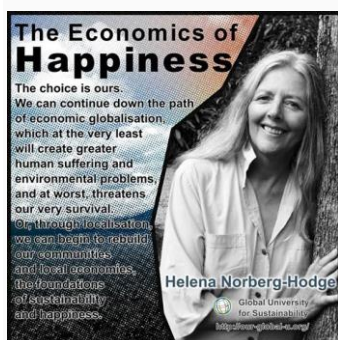
The Seminar was moderated by Lau Kin Chi. The ten speakers were Watanabe Mina (Japan), Lee Jung Ok (Korea), Son Dug Soo (Korea), Clarisse Culla (Philippines), Amy Yeung (Hong Kong, China), Jessica Tso (Hong Kong, China), Chan Shun Hing (Hong Kong, China), Dai Jinhua (Beijing, China), Tani Barlow (USA), and Auyeung Lai Seung (Hong Kong, China).

(IV) Seminar by Chantana Banpasirichote (Thailand)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kj5mLVT_STc

On 25 July 2016, at SSFS3, Chantana Banpasirichote gave a lecture on the Agrarian Questions in Asia.

(V) Seminar by Helena Norberg-Hodge



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWtwHNqnXpQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNfOIBZE9OA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsXf88fy8FU>

Helena Norberg-Hodge is the founder and director of the International Society for Ecology and Culture (ISEC) and its predecessor, the Ladakh Project. She is the author of *Ancient Futures: Learning from Ladakh* and co-author of *Bringing the Food Economy Home*. Her articles have appeared in numerous journals such as *The Ecologist*, *Resurgence*, and *YES!* magazine. Norberg-Hodge's ground-breaking work in the Himalayan.

(VI) Seminar by Dai Jinhua (China)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxosQKN3en8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxosQKN3en8&t=1042s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-NzhFt6v5c&t=1602s>

Dai Jinhua is professor of the Institute of Comparative Literature and Culture, and director of the Centre for Film and Cultural Studies, Peking University. She focuses on mass media, film and gender studies. She has been to dozens of countries in different continents to give talks and teach as a visiting scholar. A well-known film critic, she has been invited to serve as adjudicator of prestigious film festivals. She has also been long involved in environmental and rural reconstruction movements. She is an author of 15 scholarly monographs and her work has been translated into dozens of languages including English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, Korean, and Arabic.

(VII) Seminar by Lui Lai Hung, 13 April 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ov1MYfCpaA>

http://wikipacewomen.org/wpworg/en/?page_id=6907



Lui Lai Hung, in this public seminar conducted on 13 April 2017 at Lingnan University, Hong Kong, talked to the public about her life and thought, her work and involvement in Yuen Kong Kindergarten. This public seminar was co-organized by the Lingnan University Department of Cultural Studies, Lingnan Gardeners, Global University for Sustainability, and WikiPeaceWomen.

Appendix B: Life and Thought videos

(I) Nimalka Fernando (Sri Lanka)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbxv-bGBJoY>

Dr. Nimalka Fernando is an attorney-at-law and women's rights activist from Sri Lanka. She is a member of the Democratic People's Movement in Sri Lanka, which is a coalition of people's movements, NGOs and trade unions initiating action and dialogue for alternative development paradigms. She is President of the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR) and the Women's Forum for Peace in Sri Lanka. Nimalka is a founding member of Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives or ARENA and was a member of the ARENA Executive Board 1994 – 1997.

(II) Zone Narito (Thailand)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKiryZFZufQ>

Zone Narito, in this interview conducted on 21 November 2016 at the Institute of Peace and Development Studies (IIPDS), Bangkok, Thailand, talked to Lau Kin Chi and Sit Tsui Margaret Jade about her life history and her involvement in social movements.

(III) Nuria Costa Leonardo (Mexico)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdlOxK7xY8w>

In the interview conducted on 22 October 2015 in Berne, Switzerland, during the 10th anniversary event held by PeaceWomen Across the Globe (PWAG), Nuria Costa Leonardo, Regional Representative of PWAG, talked to Lau Kin Chi about her family, her childhood and teenagers in Mexico. She recounted the happiest moments in her life and narrated her work in the community in Mexico.

(IV) Sonja Lokar (France)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHD0crppY5o>

Professor of sociology and French language, and Coordinator of the Ljubljana Office of the CEE Network for Gender Issues. She is a left wing politician, feminist, former MP, and has been working for the last 25 years as a peace and activist and feminist, mostly in the former socialist countries of the Balkans and CIS and in Arab spring countries.

(V) Maria Eugenia Santana (Mexico)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uy60jvH3QiY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y420t8YtXdc>

The interview was conducted in Spanish, with consecutive interpreting into English. In this interview conducted in Peru on 3 August 2014, Professor Maria Eugenia Santana, Autonomous University of Chiapas, Mexico, talked to Lau Kin Chi, Erebus Wong and Sit Tsui about her life and thought.

(VI) Tani Barlow (U.S.)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52n0NpTR39I>

Professor Tani Barlow, Professor of History of Rice University, USA, and Editor in Chief of Positions: East Asia Critique, talked to Professor Lau Kin Chi on 1 June 2016 at Lingnan University about her rebellious teenage years, her relationship with her father, her life as writer and editor, and what shapes her understanding of people and the world.

(VII) Beatriz Bissio (Brazil)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kh_TopKSo00

On 30 October 2015, at the Bandung+60 Conference in Indonesia, Beatriz Bissio, Professor at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), talked to Lau Kin Chi and Sit Tsui about her life experiences related to her childhood, family, study, work of journalist, colleagues and hardship during the time of Brazilian dictatorship.

(VIII) Sima Samar (Afghanistan)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irosE5WIJTc>

In the interview conducted on 22 October 2015 in Berne, Switzerland, in the mid of the 10th anniversary event held by PeaceWomen Across the Globe(PWAG), Sima Samar, currently as chair of Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, told Lau Kin Chi about her family, her education and her work, especially of building a hospital and school within Afghan society. She also shared her time when her brothers and her husband were taken away in mass arrest in 1979, during the time of the Soviet's occupation in Afghanistan. What's more, she spoke about her experience of being Minister of Women's Affairs of (Afghanistan). Throughout the interview, various aspects of life she shared are mostly related to women empowerment and the fight for women's rights.

(IX) Ute Scheub (Germany)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgyCK8Z8e6M>

In the interview conducted on 22 October 2015 in Berne, Switzerland, in the mid of the 10th anniversary event held by PeaceWomen Across the Globe(PWAG), Ute Scheubr, Ute Scheubr, Regional Representative of PWAG, talked to Lau Kin Chi about her family, her complicated feelings towards his Nazi father. She also deals with differences in attitudes towards Nazi Germany among German societies by discussing peace movement in Germany. Moreover she explained the failure of Germany to bring radical changes in 25 years after the fall of Berlin Wall by mentioning complexity in history of Germany.

(X) Melanie Budianta (Indonesia)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEDusgLvfkg>

Professor Melani Budianta teaches at University of Indonesia, Jakarta. On 1st November 2015, in Jakarta of Indonesia, she talked to Dr. Lau Kin Chi and Dr. Sit Tsui about her family, friends, colleagues, education, work of teaching at university and her involvement in different movements. Mainly, the interview is showing how her life was related to two significant parts of Indonesian history – the convergence of democratic movement and riot in 1998; and circumstances of 1965 in which there was violence not only against Chinese but also communists.

(XI) Anita Rampal (India)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVw3sS3QFYM>

- Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi
- Granted Ph.D in physics
- Having been a Scientist of the University Grants Commission, Fellow of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library
- Having held the Nehru Professor Chair at the University of Baroda
- Having worked at the grassroots in rural schools of India with school teachers to devise child-centered curricula, teaching learning materials and teaching strategies
- Former adviser for the new sets of books for schools in India prepared under the path breaking constructivist National Curriculum Framework 2005 of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), the apex curriculum and training body in India.
- Member of a number of high ranking committees and consultation groups formed by the Government of India that have been discussing reforms of Higher Education.

(XII) Margret Kiener Nellen (Switzerland)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eyoRitwCMk>

On 21 October 2015, in Berne, Switzerland, Margret Kiener Nellen, lawyer, a board member of Peace Women Across the Globe and a member of Swiss Parliament (National Council), talked to Lau Kin Chi about her re-election to Swiss Parliament, her background and how she gets to be what she becomes today.

(XIII) Fatima Harrak (Morocco)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9MTZLOep8w>

On 31 October 2015, at the Bandung+60 Conference in Indonesia, a historian Fatima Harrak talked to Lau Kin Chi and Sit Tsui about her education, family, friends and experience of learning Russian. More specifically, she talked about how the Cold War affected her decision over where to have her university education and how her family tradition has had an impact on her critical thinking.

(XIV) Kamla Bhasin (India)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uM5n0o43KoU>

Kamla Bhasin is Co-President of Peace Women Across the Globe (PWAG). On 22 October 2015, in the mid of the 10th anniversary event held by Peace Women Across the Globe (PWAG), she talked to Lau Kin Chi about her childhood, family, friends, education and work. She also revealed why she has been so involved in social changes. In the basis of her observation of her home village, she showed problematic role of girls at home and her gratefulness for her freedom in being outside and playing with other children, mostly boys. Apart from this, she made a reflection on Indian culture in which boys and girls were treated differently.

She commented how meaningless her university education in India was – there were numerous exams but no understanding and learning. When she studied Sociology in Germany, she started to think critically and hence to look at the world. Later when she worked at NGO, she discovered something that she has never learned from the university textbooks – poor status of rural areas and rural women / complexity in relations among environment, government, class and gender. Since then, she has been engaging in various campaigns or training programmes for the young.

(XV) Naruemon Thabchumpon (Thailand)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjEts7VxIBE>

In this interview conducted on 8 March 2015 in Chiangmai University, Thailand, Naruemon Thabchumpon, professor at Chulalongkorn University, talked to Lau Kin Chi and Auyeung Lai Seung about her involvement in the academia and in politics in Thailand.

(XVI) Maren Haartje (Germany and Switzerland)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lYuAaOxZVys>

In the interview conducted on 22 October 2015, in Berne, Switzerland, Maren Haartje, former coordinator of PeaceWomen Across the Globe Association, talked to Lau Kin Chi about her family background and the course of how she has been focusing on issues including peace, war, violence and women.

(XVII) Faiha Abdulhadi (Palestine)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IdmPu_pa0E

On 22 October 2015, in Berne of Switzerland, in the mid of the 10th anniversary event held by Peace Women Across the Globe (PWAG), Faiha Abdulhadi, a member of the Palestinian National Council, told Lau Kin Chi about her childhood, family, education and work. She pointed out how her childhood was related to her commitment to people, women and her country and that her complex identity as a Palestinian and a woman provoked her reflections on connection among women's oppression and the one of nation. What's more, she talked about how inspirational literature was to her life and her work: inter-connections among different fields in literary world helped her understand the World and literary themes of love/ justice/peace gave rise to her desire to work on peace. She also shared diasporic experience and her stories of being imprisoned during Israeli Occupation(which could date back to 1967). She also talked about her life after being back to her homeland.

(XVIII) Margo Okazawa-Rey (USA)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8cmy_4Cijw

Margo's primary areas of research and activism: the interconnections of militarism, capitalism, and religious fundamentals and their impacts on women Having worked in East Asia, West Africa, and Palestine Member of International Board of Peace Women across the Globe in Bern Switzerland and of Highlander Research and Education Center in New Market Tennessee, USA In the interview conducted on 22 October 2015 in Berne, Switzerland, in the mid of the 10th anniversary event held by PeaceWomen Across the Globe(PWAG), Margo Okazawa Rey, PWAG's regional representative of the US, told Lau Kin Chi about her time of living in Japan when her 'hybrid' family encountered refusal of Japanese traditional culture to embrace difference in races and its effect on her mother's status in the family -being kicked out by Margo's grandfather.

(XIX) Seiko Ohashi (Japan)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeCXzp-qQzM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDXU-YetZnM>

(XX) Yin Yuzhen - Life in the Desert (China)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCHikK36SqM>

(XXI) Jin Meihua - Life Devoted to Education for Chinese Muslim Women (China)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnyPV6o1cLc>

On 25th August 2015, in her son's flat located in Wuzhong, Ningxia, Jin Meihua talked about her 10 year life of teaching Chinese Muslim women and how important education is to Chinese Muslim Women.

(XXII) Ma Xinlan - Her Life as A Teacher in A Chinese Muslim Community (China)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSiRKPBIx7E&t=388s>

On 25th August 2015, in the office of Weizhou Ethnic Kindergarten, Weizhou, Tongxin County, Ningxia, Ma Xinlan talked to Lau Kin Chi about her long experience of being a teacher in the Chinese Muslim community and a problematic traditional perception of the role of a girl in Chinese Muslim families.

(XXIII) Julie Richardson



https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=193&v=pEHQETxzygQ

In this interview conducted in Bristol, United kingdom, Julie Richardson, Senior lecturer in the Economics for Transition at Schumacher College, on 11 July 2014, talked to Lau Kin Chi, Erebus Wong and Sit Tsui about her life and thought.

Appendix C: WikiPeaceWomen Project Team



Kin Chi Lau - Project Leader

The professor of Cultural Studies teaches literature, critical pedagogy, global culture, governance and dealing with violence at Lingnan University in Hong Kong. She is co-chair of ARENA, Vice-President of the World Forum of Alternatives, and Co-Organizer of the South-South Forum on Sustainability. She has written contributions to modernization, rural reconstruction, the resurgence of patriarchy, and alternative practices in China. Kin Chi Lau is responsible for the projects on sustainable development and food security of peace women worldwide and is a regional representative for China.(Email : laukc@ln.edu.hk)



Lai-Seung Au-Yeung – Project Coordinator

Lai-Seung Au-Yeung is the coordinator of the WikiPeaceWomen project. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in cultural studies at Lingnam University. She is a fellow of the Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives and a member of the China Social Services and Development Research Center. As a founding member of the Global University for Sustainability, she also supports the coordination of different research projects. Lai-Seung has been practicing Tai Chi and martial arts for more

than ten years and is currently a tai chi teacher. (Email : aylaiseung@gmail.com;
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Kin Ching Lau - Web Administrator

Kin Ching Lau is responsible for the programming and design of the WikiPeaceWomen website. He is a Fellow of the Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives and a founding member of the Global University for Sustainability, whose website he also maintains. (Email: kc.kclau@gmail.com)



Peiyun Jin - Coordinator for WikiPeaceWomen Chinese-language website

Peiyun Jin is responsible for the Chinese-language website of the WikiPeaceWomen project. She holds a master's degree in agricultural sciences from the Renmin University in China. For ten years she was active in the rural reconstruction movement in China. From 2008 to 2011 she did reconstruction work, in Sichuan after the 2008 earthquake and in ecological settlement projects for nomadic groups in Tibet. Since 2011, Peiyun Jin has been working in the area of ecological rural development and is in charge of a research project on campus organic farming at Lingnan University. (Email : jin_peiyun@126.com)



Kiu Chi Lee - Coordinator for WikiPeaceWomen English-language website

Kiu Chi Lee works as a research assistant in the Department of Cultural Studies at Lingnan University in Hong Kong. In addition to the English-language website of the Global University for Sustainability, he also coordinates the English-language website of WikiPeaceWomen. (Email : leekiuchi@gmail.com)



Andrea Grossenbacher – Coordinator for WikiPeaceWomen German Language Website

She was PWAG Project Assistant, and currently volunteers to be German website coordinator. She is finishing her studies for a Master Degree in Britain. (Email : andreagrossenbacher@outlook.com)



Caroline Morrissey – Project Core Group Member

Caroline Morrissey is an expert in cultural relations and supports PWAG on a voluntary basis. As a former director of the British Council in Switzerland, she is very experienced in designing, developing and implementing programs and projects in Switzerland and worldwide. (Email : caroline.morrissey@1000peacewomen.org)



Gabriele Grossenbacher – Project Core Group Member

She is volunteer and coordinates the collection of peacewomen stories in Bangladesh. (Email: gabrielegrossenbacher@gmail.com)



Aida Abu Ras – Arabic Language Website Team Member

Our regional representative for the Middle East is from Jordan. Now based in Qatar, she has been working in the area of human rights and gender for the past ten years. She is a co-founder and board member of an NGO defending the rights of women migrant workers. Currently, she is regional gender advisor at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA) in Beirut. (Email : aida.aburas@yahoo.com)



Marina Pikulina -- Russian Language Website Team Member

She studied Central Asian Politics, Economy, History, Culture and Islamic Studies at the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Tashkent State University. She now works in the field of peace and justice. Since 2013, she has been a member of the network for refugees' rights in Israel. She has worked with women's organizations in Afghanistan, and in 1996 initiated a collection for humanitarian aid for Afghan women and children in Uzbekistan. From 2002 to 2007, she was the Country Coordinator for Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan for the [swisspeace](#) early warning program, FAST International. She served as director of the non-governmental Analysis Group S-Monitor and provides educational gender programs for women in the Makhalla social and welfare fund at the Center for Research on Islamic Studies in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. (Email : turpik@yahoo.com)



Zainap Gaschaeva – Russian Language Website Team Member

An economist from Chechnya, Zainap Gaschaeva is president of Echo of War, an inter-regional humanitarian NGO that promotes peace and brings together Russian and Chechen women. During the Chechen War and up to the present day, she assembled a substantial archive of photographs and films documenting human rights violations perpetrated by members of the Russian armed forces. For political reasons she is currently living in Switzerland. (Email : ehovoyni@mail.ru)