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Reading List: @AfricaAtLSE Blog Celebrates International Women's Day 2017 #IWD2017 #BeBoldForChange

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In honour of International Women's Day 2017 on March 8th, we've explored our archives and come up with a list of the most compelling #LSEWomen blog posts covering women in Africa over the last few years. If you missed any of these, here is your opportunity to catch up!

1.

From Conversation to Action: The Role of Women Empowerment in Transforming Africa – Dr Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi (@VensonMoitoi), current Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the

Republic of Botswana, discusses the investment needed to further harness the potential for women on the African continent in transforming their societies.

2.

'For the Elections We Want Women!' – Why? What Explains Growing Support For Women Leaders? – LSE alumna Alice Evans

(@_alice_evans) investigates why there is growing support for women leaders. Across the world, there is rising support for women's political participation and leadership. What explains this egalitarian social change? And how can it be amplified? Watch her video abstract on this topic here.

3.

Book Review: Crossroads: Women Coming of Age in Today's Uganda edited by Christopher Conte – Richard Stupart (@wheretheroad)

*reviews Crossroads: Women Coming of Age in Today's Uganda, explaining how it provides a compelling picture of the lives of women in contemporary Uganda. Although the book cannot be taken to represent Ugandan women everywhere, Richard Stupart says this collection of personal stories is timely. Take a look at his blog **Where the Road Goes** here.*

4.

Book Review – African Theatre 14: Contemporary Women Edited by Jane Plastow, Yvette Hutchison and Christine Matzke – Yovanka

Perdigão reviews African Theatre 14: Contemporary Women, which looks at the lives, challenges and contributions of African women from across the continent to making and participating in theatre in the 21st century. Yovanka Perdigão calls this book a useful aid to further the conversation on how to improve accessibility and the work of African women in theatre.



*Students at Aberdeen Primary School on June 22, 2015 in Freetown
Sierra Leone*

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5.

“Am I Going to Eat Peace?” – The Politics of Redistribution and Recognition in Women’s Peace Activism – *Simukai Chigudu* (@SimuChigudu) *investigates how the experiences of female victims of conflict and violence expose the shortcomings of the global feminist movement.*

6.

Women in Nigeria make up 49 per cent of the population, but only four per cent of lawmakers – *LSE alumna and LSE Programme for African Leadership* (@LSEPfAL) Fellow *Nwamaka Ogbonna* (@amaka_og) *argues that, if Nigeria is to achieve the sustainable development goal of ensuring gender equality in the political and business arena, there is a lot of work to be done. Read her checklist for the government, private sector and civil society. You can also have a look at her blog [@ogbonnanwamaka.wordpress.com](http://ogbonnanwamaka.wordpress.com).*

7.

Far from being victims, women’s networks have led the way in campaigning for peace and justice – *LSE’s Simone Datzberger*

(@SimoneDatzberge) explores the role of women's networks in championing the rights of women in fragile states.

8.

Book Review: Women and Power in Postconflict Africa by Aili Mari

Tripp – *In Women and Power in Postconflict Africa*, Aili Mari

Tripp provocatively argues that major conflict can have disruptive, egalitarian effects, catalysing women's increased legislative representation. She demonstrates how conflict has often pushed women into socially valued domains, where they demonstrate their equal abilities and thereby undermine prevailing gender ideologies. Alice Evans (@_alice_evans) explores the theoretical insights of this important scholarship, arguing that the book sheds light on much broader processes of egalitarian social change common to the Global North and South alike.

9.

Does more mean better? #SDGs and the (unmet) need for measurable indicators of egalitarian social change – *Notwithstanding their*

commendable inclusion of a broad range of feminist concerns, as part of the Africa at LSE, South Asia at LSE and IGC cross-blog series on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Alice Evans (@_alice_evans) argues that the SDGs will only accelerate egalitarian social change if they comprise measurable indicators of real progress. Equally important to sustaining momentum are the subsequent processes of regional benchmarking and peer review.

10.

Book Review: Women and ICT in Africa and the Middle East: Changing Selves, Changing Societies Edited by Ineke Buskens and Anne Webb –

While the empirical account of Women and ICT in Africa and the Middle East is evocative and revealing, LSE's Atta Addo (@atta_addo) writes that the brevity of the articles made it difficult to assess the rigour of the studies.

11.

Book review: Women and the Informal Economy in Urban Africa – From the Margins to the Centre by Mary Njeri Kinyanjui – LSE

alumna Rochelle Burgess (@thewrittenro) says that Women and the Informal Economy in Urban Africa – From the Margins to the Centre by Mary Njeri Kinyanjui could be a landmark publication in changing perceptions of how development should be viewed.



Is the presence of more women in the labour force having an impact on gender sensitisation? Photo Credit: Alice Evans

12.

Women in United Nations Peacekeeping: Holding up Half the Sky? –

Women peacekeepers from China and India do pioneering work in South Sudan, Liberia and elsewhere. Yet, a lot remains to be done to achieve greater inclusiveness and gender equality in peacekeeping, write LSE's Dr Olivia Gippner (@oliviagipp) and Dr Garima Mohan (@GarimaMo).

13.

Participation of women in leadership must be a common agenda for both men and women – LSE's Jescinta Izevbigie examines the

obstacles faced by African women in entering the public life.

14.

Women and Conflict: Why We Should Not Separate Rape in War from the Everyday Reality of Violence – Jelke Boesten (@jelkeboesten)

outlines why we should not focus on rape in war without taking into account the fact that sexual violence permeates the everyday lives of women throughout the world.

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