

Women, Power and Politics

Global Online Exhibition

March 8 – December 31, 2008



The International Museum of Women (I.M.O.W.), a non-partisan social change museum, confronts provocative stereotypes about women in politics in the new global online exhibition *Women, Power and Politics* at www.imow.org.

Launched on March 8, 2008, the cutting-edge, multimedia exhibition connects visitors to stories of remarkable women claiming and exercising their power to transform the world. The exhibition showcases 50 countries, crossing international borders and engages a global audience in four languages—*Arabic, English, French and Spanish*—until December 31, 2008.

Each month, new topics are explored through interviews, essays, art, film and photography. People of all countries, cultures, and political affiliations are invited to participate by starting the conversation in the online community, submitting original essays, film, audio, artwork and political cartoons, and logging on to explore some of the exhibition's monthly themes.

SPEAKER SERIES

The *Extraordinary Voices, Extraordinary Change* Speaker Series in San Francisco kicks off on May 14 with **Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga**, former President of Latvia, followed on July 16 with **Malalai Joya**, a member of Afghanistan's parliament and proclaimed "the bravest woman in Afghanistan," and concludes on November 18 with **Beatriz Merino**, the former prime minister of Peru and the country's first woman National Ombudsman.

FILM FESTIVAL

The *Women, Power and Politics* exhibition presents a one-of-a-kind Film Festival, **Women Wielding Cameras**, at the San Francisco Public Library's Koret Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public on June 14.

GLOBAL COUNCIL

The Global Council is an international group of diverse community leaders committed to strengthening and improving the lives of women throughout the world. A public forum with the council will be held in San Francisco on September 15.

POWER OF POLITICS CAMPAIGN

The International Museum of Women is spearheading a timely online campaign to inspire people around the world to connect with each other and spark a global dialogue on why women's political power matters. The **Power of Politics Campaign (P.O.P.)** provides **five easy steps** which include connecting to I.M.O.W.'s online community, taking action in your own community to help increase political knowledge, becoming active in the political process or supporting women who are interested in running for both informal and formal political positions worldwide. Visit www.imow.org to learn more.

ABOUT I.M.O.W.

The mission of I.M.O.W. is to value the lives of women around the world. I.M.O.W. exhibitions, education and events programming are offered globally and locally in the San Francisco Bay Area.

MONTHLY THEMES

MARCH - What Difference Do Women Make?

Explore the stories of women who are making a difference in six countries: India, Nigeria, Norway, Morocco, the U.S. and Mexico.

APRIL - What Does Power Look Like?

Why does the media pay more attention to a woman leader's hairstyle than her policies? Do women lead differently than men?

MAY - Is Biology Destiny?

What happens when the only political tool a woman can use is her own body? Look at power in the home, kinship and the ongoing vulnerability of female bodies in public space and political life.

JUNE - Can Women Save the Earth?

Examine women's participation in ensuring land rights, environmental justice and ecological sustainability, from historical movements around the world to the most recent efforts to curb global warming and climate change.

JULY - Women, Spirituality and Politics

Explore the power of faith, spirituality and religion in enabling, unleashing and sometimes restricting women's political participation around the world.

AUGUST - How Have Women Brought About Democracy?

Shift focus to more formal politics, examining the processes of democracy. Meet with women warriors, revolutionaries and peacemakers and discuss women's role in democracy.

SEPTEMBER - Why is Voting Important?

Why will some women risk their lives for the right to vote, while others who already have that right choose not to exercise the privilege?

OCTOBER - Women Running for Office

How do women candidates experience campaigns and elections? What is it like to campaign? What does it take to win?

NOVEMBER - Women Working Together Across Borders

How do women coming together share strategies and issues? The exhibition takes to the road and reports live from the Association for Women in Development conference in South Africa.

DECEMBER - Reflections

Reflections on *Women, Power and Politics*