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Ms. Shazana Andrabi, Assistant Professor, Centre for International Relations, has been selected as co-investigator in a multinational research project in collaboration with St. George's, University of London and University College London (ranked 16th in University World Rankings, 2018). The title of the two-year research project is "*Narrative storytelling therapies for responding to gender-based violence against women in extreme settings*".

The aim of the partnership is to explore the potential of using narrative storytelling as a culturally-relevant approach to respond to the mental health challenge and psychological trauma related to gender-based violence (GBV) against women in 'extreme' settings. The partnership draws specifically on the extreme settings of Afghanistan, Iran, Tunisia, Kashmir (India), Turkey, Nepal, and South Africa. This partnership brings together for the first time, academics, civil society organisations, and feminist activists working on GBV from both the medical science (psychiatry, psychology) and the humanities (humanitarian ethics, women's studies, trauma and literary studies) to develop a narrative storytelling therapeutic intervention when responding to GBV against women in these settings.

IUST congratulate Ms. Shazana Andrabi and the team associated with it for this achievement and wish them success in their future endeavours.

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