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# Armed with Resilience: Girls, Child Soldiers, Empowerment



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In this talk, Lenz will explore the overused and oversimplified term "'resilience" and place it in the context of female child soldiers returning from captivity. From brainwashing, to spying, to learning to fire a gun, Lenz flips the negative skills and unveils coping mechanisms that can help child soldiers reintegrate into their families and communities.

Lenz is an international child-protection specialist with over 15 years of experience working with children in adversity. She is the founder of TipToe Empowerment, which offers technical support to the UN, donors, and NGOs.

## Friday, April 18, 2014 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Wrigley Hall, Room 481
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