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## Smart Women, Smart Power Podcast



The Smart Women, Smart Power biweekly podcast features powerful, in-depth conversations with women leaders from around the globe who are experts in foreign policy, national security, international business, and international development. It ranks among the top non-profit and government podcasts.

Smart Women, Smart Power is produced by Remi Schott.

## PODCAST EPISODES

### [Goodbye 2021, Hello 2022: Same Challenges Ahead?](#)

December 15, 2021

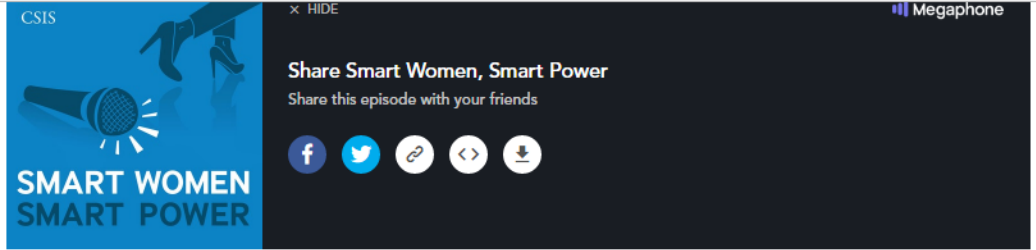
On the end of the year episode, host Suzanne Spaulding spoke with CSIS experts Dr. Katherine Bliss, Rachel Ellehuus, and Marti Flacks on security and foreign policy challenges the world faced in 2021, from the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccines to the fall of Kabul, as well as what to expect in the upcoming year.

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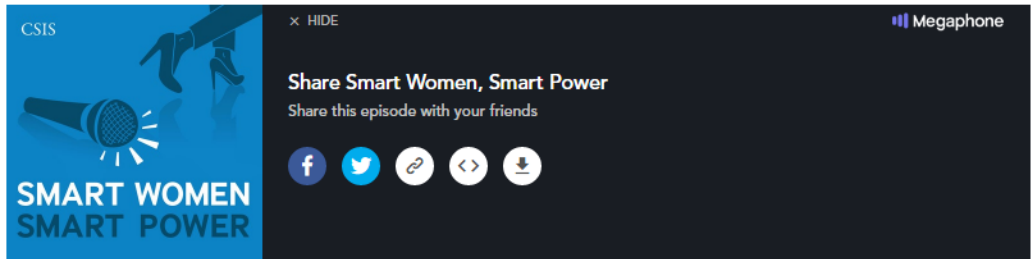
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### Beverly's Farewell

December 8, 2021

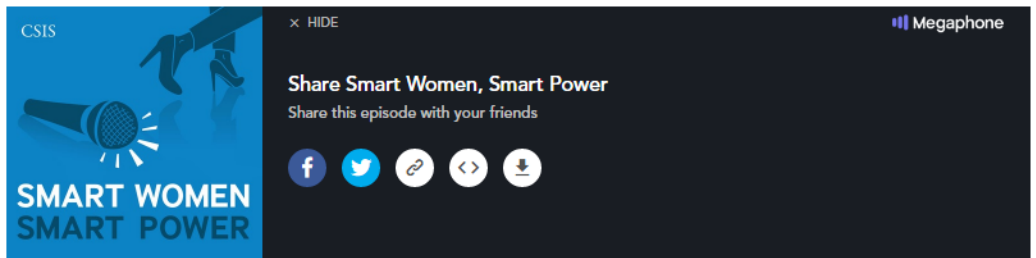
Beverly Kirk says farewell to the Smart Women, Smart Power podcast as she departs CSIS in December after five years as the podcast's host. We are excited to announce the new interim director of Smart Women, Smart Power, Suzanne Spaulding. Suzanne is currently a senior adviser for homeland security and director of the Defending Democratic Institutions project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). We hope you'll stay tuned as we continue to bring you powerful, in-depth conversations with women leaders from around the globe.



### Innovation, Leadership, and Diversity in the Military

December 1, 2021

In the ninth episode of our new Women in the Military series, host Beverly Kirk spoke with U.S. Air Force Colonel Jenise Carroll who is currently the Commander of the 75th Air Base Wing at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. The pair discussed her innovative work with community leadership near the base to provide affordable housing for military families, as well as her work on diversity and inclusion.



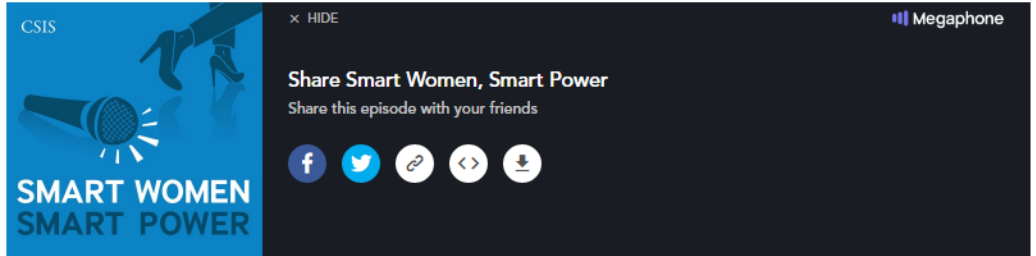
### The Rules-Based Order & Global Stability

November 17, 2021

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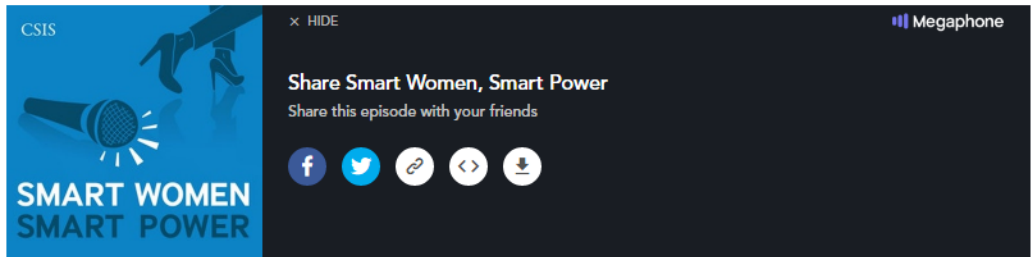
In the eighth episode of our new Women in the Military series, host Beverly Kirk spoke with U.S. Army Reserves Major Asha Castleberry-Hernandez who is currently a senior advisor in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department. The pair discussed defending democracy abroad, strategic competition in the Middle East, and how the United States should engage in the region.



### Reimagining America with LtCol (ret.) Amy McGrath

November 3, 2021

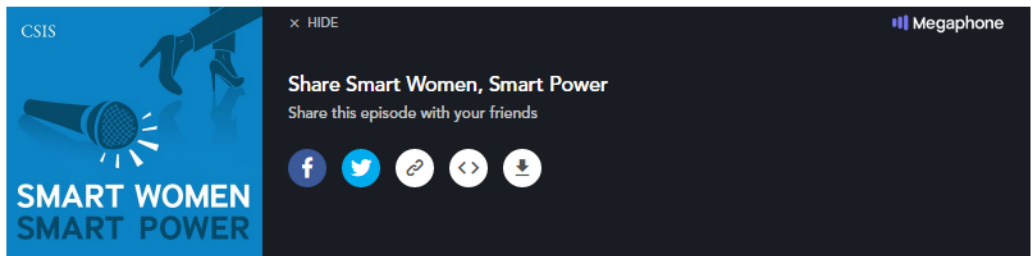
In the seventh episode of our new Women in the Military series, host Beverly Kirk spoke with retired U.S. Marine Corps LtCol Amy McGrath, who has dedicated her life to public service, from the battlefield to running for public office. She discussed her new book "Honor Bound," the lessons she has learned as a military officer turned politician, and her work on leadership development for women with a military or service background.



### Breaking Barriers, Repairing Retention

October 20, 2021

In the sixth episode of our new Women in the Military series, host Beverly Kirk spoke with two of CSIS's Military Fellows – Army Colonel Danielle Ngo, who most recently served as Executive Officer for the U.S. Army Office of the Inspector General, and Marine Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Macander, former Battalion Commander of 1st Combat Engineer Battalion. They discussed breaking barriers, the need for reform to retain more women service members, and what they hope to achieve during their time at CSIS.

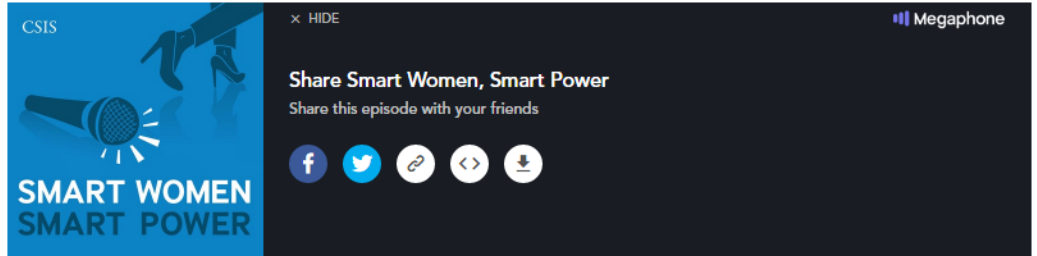


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A Conversation with Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Kathleen H. Hicks

October 6, 2021

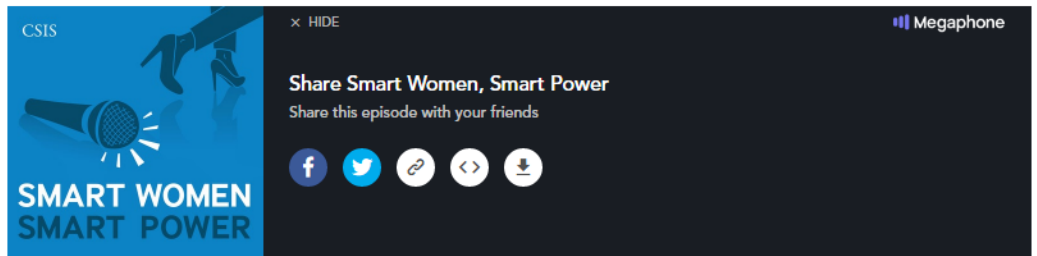
CSIS Senior Associate Nina Easton spoke with Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Kathleen H. Hicks. She is the first Senate-confirmed woman in the position. The pair discussed current global security issues, including Afghanistan and China. In addition, they discuss her prioritization of innovation in defense, where she is focusing on small businesses, climate change, tech, and DEI issues.



Work Smarter: The Power of Remote Work

September 30, 2021

In the fifth episode of our new Women in the Military series, host Beverly Kirk spoke with Lauren G. Weiner, Ph.D., and Donna S. Huneycutt, J.D., the founders of WWC Global. It's a woman-owned management consulting firm that has prioritized remote work since 2004, allowing it to hire lots of military spouses and veterans. They discussed how a remote workforce can be successful and why it's an important option for those who serve.



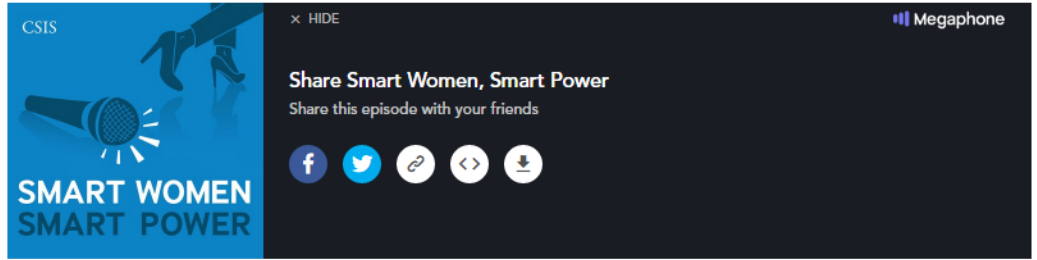
Challenge Accepted: Leading During a Crisis

September 22, 2021

In the fourth episode of our new Women in the Military series, host Beverly Kirk spoke with Brigadier General Paula Lodi, Deputy Commanding General (Support) US Army Medical Command; Colonel Kirsten Aguilar, Commander, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), and the 673d Air Base Wing; Army Reservist Major Asha Castleberry, currently Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department; and Dr. Samantha Weeks, a retired Air Force Commander, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The group discussed how to lead during a crisis, most recently with the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as their hopes for the next generation of leaders.



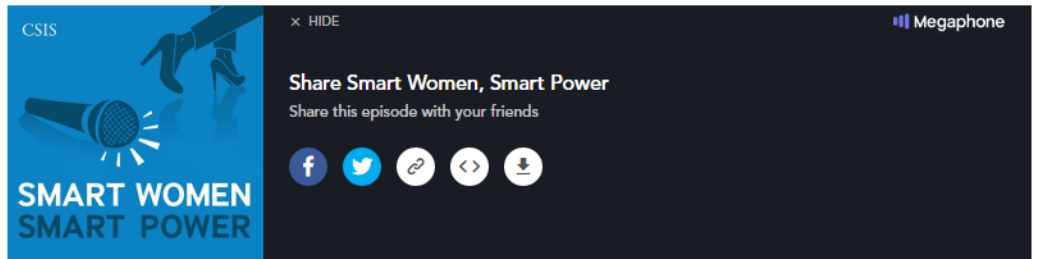
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### Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Modernization

September 15, 2021

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