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Kavita Ramdas, until recently the head of the Global Fund for Women, said yesterday in my class in Pton that when the Global Fund sent out its annual survey to all their grantees re most important issue facing women in the world, they got three standard answers – poverty, access to education, and violence against women – and two first-time answers: 1) the increasing militarization and danger of their environments due to the flood of small arms; and 2) the issues already being caused by climate change (desertification, salination, degradation of topsoil, etc.). Sending arms into Libya will make it a more dangerous place to live and work at the most fundamental level, unless we're only planning to send rocket launchers. This is exactly the kind of issue where we never make the nexus b/w the demands of statecraft and women's lives – resulting state of society. AMS