

# Conflict Resolution Career Panel



**Gabriella Ginsberg-Fletcher** was born in Jerusalem, and obtained an international and multicultural education growing up between Jerusalem and Geneva. She served as a Lieutenant in the IDF before coming to New York in 2014. She earned a BA from Columbia's School of General Studies (GS) majoring in sustainable development, and was accepted to SIPA's 5 year program, where she specialized in EPD- ICR. During her time at Columbia she gained experience in a variety of different settings. Most recently she completed a field placement with UN Women in Timor-Leste, working on Women Peace & Security issues, and an internship with the UN's Office of Peace Operations in NYC, at the Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) section. She graduated from SIPA in May 2019 and currently works in NY for a tech company called Dataminr; managing their Public-Private Partnership with the UN. She is also a New York based fellow for the bi-national peacebuilding organization "Combatants for Peace." Next, she will be joining the UN Peacekeeping mission in the DRC (MONUSCO) as a UN Volunteer.



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He is coeditor of the forthcoming edited volume, *Blurred Lines: Civil-Military Relations and Modern War* (Oxford University Press 2020), and holds a PhD in political science from Yale University, where his dissertation explored militarized societies and norms on the cross-border uses of force. He is a regular columnist of foreign affairs at *USA Today*, where he is a member of its Board of Contributors and is a regular book reviewer at *The Journal of Politics* and *Parameters*. His research and writing have also appeared in *The Journal of Strategic Security*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Security Studies*, *Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, *Slate*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Hill*, *The Diplomat*, and a number of other publications, both popular and peer-reviewed. His 2018 article, "The Logic of Siege Warfare in Counterinsurgencies," won *Parameters'* Elihu Root Award for Best Essay by the US Army War College. Prior to Yale, he worked as a contributing writer for *The New York Times*, and as a Senior Writer at the Council on Foreign Relations, where he was also a Term Member.

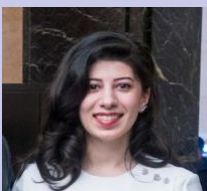


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