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**NEXT GENERATION SYMPOSIUM
2021/2022**

OCTOBER PROGRAM

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CODE OF CONDUCT

The Women In International Security (WIS) WPS+GPS Next Generation Symposium is convened for the purposes of professional development and scholarly and educational interchange in the spirit of free inquiry and free expression. WIS is dedicated to providing a harassment-free symposium experience for everyone regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, nationality, race, age, or religion.

All participants are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Symposium Participant:

July 23, 2021

Welcome to the 2021 GPS Next Generation Symposium!

The Next Generation Symposium's objective is to advance our knowledge about the gender dimensions of complex international security challenges and build a diverse and informed community of international security experts around these important issues.

The Symposium is part of a larger WIIS initiative to infuse a Gender, Peace, and Security (GPS) perspective into the analysis of international security problems and bridge the existing divide between the WPS/gender community and the broader security community.

Major Themes and Speakers

The 2021 Symposium is unique in that we will convene an international cohort of 20 graduate students and young professionals for a virtual program to be held over a period of eight months. Participants will examine national and international security challenges from a GPS perspective and devote particular attention to the nexus of gender and security in three main areas: The Environment, including Climate Change; Terrorism and Violent Extremism; and Emerging Technologies, including Cybersecurity. Throughout the eight meetings we will draw connections between these themes.

A large part of the Symposium is devoted to the discussion of your research and writing projects and how they connect to the broader gender and security agendas. We have invited a diverse group of issue experts from the academic, policy, think tank, and NGO communities to provide constructive feedback on how to move your projects forward.

In addition to your presentations, you will have the opportunity to connect further with the NGS Fellow network. In November, the 2017, 2019 and your 2021 Cohort will join together for a two-part discussion and Reunion. Both during the Reunion and at the final meeting next February, we have built in time for planning post-symposium collaborative research and writing efforts.

We will also help you to enhance your communication skills. We will start off the 2021 events with a workshop led by Scott Morgan, a communications expert with over 30 years of experience in broadcasting and teaching communication skills to think tank experts in Washington, DC.

Overview of Program



This program book contains important information about the Symposium, including logistical details, and bios of all WIIS personnel and speakers. It will be updated in advance of each additional virtual session. As part of our virtual symposium, we are focusing on connecting via social media, and requesting your participation. Please see the information later in this program book regarding interacting virtually throughout the next several months.

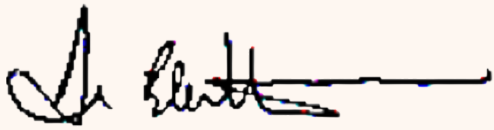
Organizing an event like the Next Generation Symposium involves many people. First, I would like to thank the members of the International Review Committee: Phoebe Donnelly (International Peace Institute), Valerie Gilpin (US Department of State), Vanessa Newby (WIIS Netherlands), Grace Ndirangu (HIAS), Emily Sample (Fund for Peace), and Sarah Shoker (University of Waterloo). Their contributions in reviewing the applications have been tremendous.

Secondly, a huge thanks to the WIIS team: Ana Blatnik, Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, Alissa Indeck, Karin Johnston, Kayla McGill, Roksana Verahrami, and Zi Xue, with particular thanks to Kayla for leading the selection process and organizing and coordinating the program.

Lastly, I would like to thank our sponsor and partner, the Carnegie Corporation of New York for their continued support of this program.

I look forward to our time together.

Warm regards,



Ariela Blätter
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CONNECTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA NGS 2021

Please connect with the above WIIS social media accounts.

Additionally, please ensure you have access to the NGS 2021 WhatsApp group. This is a private group for you to share resources, publications, and opportunities with your fellow NGS 2021 participants.

Throughout the Symposium, WIIS will interact with each of you via Social Media, and we invite you to interact with us!

Please use the hashtag #NGS2021 when posting/sharing about this Symposium.

WIIS will be spotlighting each of you throughout the next several months.

Prior to your presentation, we will give each of you a chance to showcase your work to our members and wider following on social media.

We will be reaching out to you individually to discuss details ahead of your presentation month.

This is an additional opportunity for interaction and a platform for you to discuss your research.



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OCTOBER 22, 2021

9 AM - 11 AM EST

9:00 - 9:05 AM

Welcome and Recap

9:05 - 9:10 AM

Program Outline

Presentations:

Present: 5-7 min

Commentator Feedback: 10 min

Fellows and Audience Feedback: 5 min

9:10 - 9:32 AM

Balsam Mustafa

9:32 - 9:54 AM

Gaia Pallecchi

9:54 - 10:16 AM

Reyhan Topal

10:16 - 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Break-out Sessions



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ABOUT WIIS

Our Mission

Women In International Security (WIIS) is the premier organization in the world dedicated to advancing the leadership and professional development of women in the field of international peace and security. WIIS (pronounced “wise”) sponsors leadership training, mentoring, and networking programs as well as substantive events focused on current policy problems. WIIS also supports research projects and policy engagement initiatives on critical international security issues, including the nexus between gender and security.

About WIIS

Since the founding of WIIS in 1987, women have advanced to increasingly important roles in the field of international security. There are new and expanding opportunities for women’s participation globally, as women are present in greater numbers in foreign and defense affairs and now occupy important positions in governments around the world. In recent years, the international community has recognized the important contributions of women to peace and security and has made commitments to include women in peace and security decision-making at all levels. But equal representation of women is not yet a reality, especially at senior levels of policymaking.



WIIS TEAM BIOS



Ariela Blätter
President

Ariela Blätter has more than 20 years of experience in the peace and security field as an international lawyer, grantmaker, social entrepreneur and nonprofit leader.

Most recently, Ariela served as a senior grantmaker on mass atrocity prevention and response for the Wellspring Philanthropic Fund. Here, she spearheaded new philanthropic investments in civilian protection, women peace & security, and launched a local action fund with conflict-affected community partners in Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Myanmar.

Ariela co-founded the consulting firm Strategy for Humanity, stewarding its growth to an 8-person staff serving over 30 public and private sector clients. Ariela's work included creating the inaugural research agenda for the Georgetown's Institute for Women Peace & Security and strategically re-launching the George Washington University's Global Women's Institute.

Ariela has held senior management roles at Amnesty International USA, Citizens for Global Solutions and Refugees International. She has twice served as an NGO Permanent Representative to the United Nations, working on the negotiations on the Arms Trade Treaty and the International Criminal Court's Rome Treaty.

While at Amnesty, Ariela founded its award-winning global center for preventing and responding to human rights violations in armed conflict. Brokering a groundbreaking public-private partnership, she secured Amnesty's place as the first human rights organization to use commercial satellite technologies for preventative conflict and displacement monitoring. In recognition of this work, she was appointed by former Secretaries Madeleine Albright and William S. Cohen to serve on the U.S. Genocide Prevention Task Force, resulting in the establishment of the U.S. Government's Atrocities Prevention Board.

Ariela has served as adjunct faculty at the School of International Service at American University in Washington DC and has published peer-reviewed scholarly articles. She holds a law degree from Trinity College (Dublin) and a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



Kayla McGill **Program Director**

Kayla McGill is the Program Director at Women In International Security (WIIS) where she oversees projects and programming, conducts research and analysis, and contributes to strategic initiatives across the organization. Kayla is a trained Analytical Researcher focusing on gender and international security, culture and narrative studies, and Eastern European tribalism. She has consulted with various branches of the US Government and has presented her research to The US Department of State, The US Institute of Peace, and at numerous conferences. Kayla previously worked for the WomanStats Project contributing to publications and US Congressional testimonials, working with qualitative and quantitative data, and representing the Project at events such as Beijing+20/CSW59 at the United Nations. Kayla strongly believes in the importance of public service and cultural understanding. She speaks French, has lived in China, Germany, the UK, and France, and has traveled abroad extensively. She graduated with her Masters of International Affairs from the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M where she focused on Women, Peace & Security, Diplomacy, and Intelligence. She received her B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Civic Engagement from Brigham Young University.



Roksana Verahrami **Communications Manager**

Roksana Verahrami graduated with a B.A. in Economics and International Affairs, with a concentration in international development from the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs in May 2020. She has previously worked with the Save Darfur movement, studying genocide and the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. She also worked on some the issues surrounding the ensuing refugee crisis from Sudan into neighbouring countries and abroad and helped organize an annual symposium designed to bring awareness to the situation in Darfur and its impact on women. Her interests also include studying the gendered dimensions of climate change, especially the intersectionality of race and class on these gendered dimensions, analysing the subversion or exploitation of traditional gender roles during times of violence, rebellion and war, and looking at how religious norms shape gender roles cross-culturally. She has also spent a semester studying at Trinity College Dublin in Dublin, Ireland studying international politics, economics and religion.



Jana Wattenberg Fellow

Dr. Jana Wattenberg is a Lecturer in International Politics and Security at the Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University. She is also the Deputy Director of the David Davies Memorial Institute for International Studies and a fellow with Women in International Security. Dr. Wattenberg was awarded a PhD from Aberystwyth University. Her PhD thesis *Ideas that Stand in the Way of Nuclear Disarmament* shows how entrenched ideas about nuclear weapons and disarmament have made global nuclear abolition more difficult. Dr. Wattenberg received a BA in Sociological European Studies from University of Bremen and a MA in International Studies/Peace and Conflict Studies from Goethe University Frankfurt. She is an active member of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium network and the UK Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) network. Her current research projects focus on the roles of women in the nuclear weapons field, gendered dimensions of nuclear discourses, nuclear stigmatization processes and the role of ideas in global nuclear politics.

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Min Kyriannis



Min Kyriannis serves as the Managing Director of both EM Design and JMK Grp (EMD | JMK). JMK, a consulting firm founded by Ms. Kyriannis, and EMD began their joint initiative in 2020 to align cybersecurity, physical security, and risk management. In her previous role, Ms. Kyriannis served as the Head of Cybersecurity and Head of Cybersecurity and Technology Development where she pioneered and developed an industry-leading cybersecurity program for building systems. Ms. Kyriannis has 25+ years working in industries involved with enterprise and converged systems, information technology, operational technology, cybersecurity, physical security, and risk management across the globe. She is a recognized technology leader and has held roles on both the client and consultant side, applying the experience to adopt a holistic view to technology and security across all building systems. She is also co-host of “Security IQ with Min and Elisa”, an innovative series providing a different perspective in the security industry and co-founded the Global Cyber Consortium. Ms. Kyriannis was ranked as one of the top 20 Cybersecurity Professionals in IFSec’s Global Influencers Security & Fire 2020 and was named SIA’s 2020 Jay Haughn Winner. She previously served as Vice-Chair of SIA’s New Product Showcase Committed and currently serves as co-President of Women In International Security – NY Chapter (WIIS-NY), Chair of SIA’s Cybersecurity Advisory Board and a member of the Advisory Board of SecuritySpecifiers.



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Dr. Layla Hashemi



Dr. Layla M. Hashemi is a researcher and data analyst at the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) studying digital technology, internet policy and human rights. She has extensive experience of large scale data analytics of the open web, dark web and social media. Her dissertation, “Dynamics of Contention: Media, Protest and Resistance in Authoritarian Contents” used cutting edge data analytic techniques to examine social movements in Iran. Using a large original dataset of Persian-language tweets, she was able to analyze the evolution of digital campaigns and social movements in ways that are otherwise not possible in closed, repressive contexts. She also studied illicit antiquities trade networks and supply chains in Iraq and Syria and their links to terrorist financing. To conduct this research, she used her extensive background in statistical methods and social media analysis (including content and social network analysis). Her current research uses both qualitative and quantitative methods to analyze illicit trade, corruption, gender, peace and security in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). She has worked with and addressed international public audiences and organizations such as the NATO Building Integrity conference, UNODC, US Department of State and the National Science Foundation (NSF). She was a 2019 WIIS (Women in International Security) Next Generation Symposium and has received several awards for her academic research. She has published in the Washington Post and delivered lectures at the Smithsonian Museum and on Arlington Independent Radio. She seeks to use her research skills and knowledge of social media and data analytics to develop solutions to policy issues.



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