



# 2021 Critical Issues Forum Speaker Series!

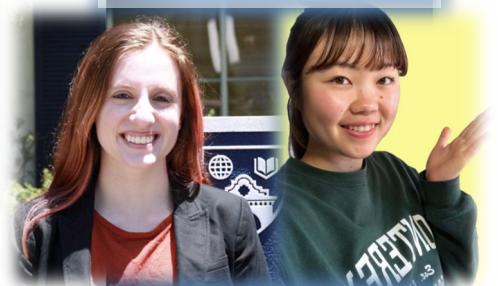
Organized by the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS)

This event features the Youth Champions for Disarmament, the initiative by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

Due to the global impact of COVID-19, CNS has decided to go virtual for all CIF activities in 2021



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CIF student alumnae Arielle Landau (left) & Suzuka Nakamura (right) share their experience and visions for the future

Landau, current Senior at Middlebury College in VT, participated in 2016 CIF from Choate Rosemary Hall, CT & Nakamura, current Sophomore at Sophia University in Tokyo, 2018 CIF from Kwassui High School, Nagasaki

## CIF 2021 THEME

**Toward a World Free of Nuclear Weapons:  
The Role of Youth as Change Agents in an Age of Global Crisis**



What is the #Youth4Disarmament Initiative?

to educate,  
engage and  
empower young  
people

Source: Youth4Disarmament Website



Source: UN Website

**January 29, 5 PM PST**  
**[8 pm EST; Jan 30, 10 AM JST]**



Guest speakers include Ms. Soo Hyun Kim, Focal Point for Youth Engagement at the UNODA

Representatives of the Youth Champions:

- Christelle Barakat (Lebanon)
- Dilan Ezgi Koc (Turkey)
- Kirsten Mosey (Canada)
- Linh Trang Phung (Vietnam)



Ms. Soo Hyun Kim

This event commemorates the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) on Jan 22, as well as the 75th anniversary of the first UNGA resolution ([A/Res/1/1](#)) that promotes disarmament.

*Critical Issues Forum (CIF) is a project that aims to promote disarmament and nonproliferation education for high school students and teachers around the world for a safer and more peaceful world.*



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