

## EMILI SABANOVIC

PhD Candidate with Expertise on Organizational Behavior and Emerging Technologies

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PhD candidate with 6 years of professional experience in strategic research, policy analysis, and political communications. Specializes in government adoption of technology and organizational behavior. Proven expertise in quantitative analysis, research design, and digital finance. Skilled in data analysis in R, compelling presentations via storytelling, and leading teams. Holds an M.S. in International Security and a B.S. in International Affairs and is pursuing a Ph.D. in International Affairs, Science, and Technology.

### Professional Experience

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#### Tetra Tech ARD

September 2024 – March 2025

*Assistant Manager/Proposal Specialist, Business Development Unit*

Remote

- Led USAID opportunity research and assessment under existing contract vehicles and schedules, including market analysis on U.S. strategy for foreign aid.
- Created guidance documents and process improvements for data management in the business development unit.
- Collaborated with capture managers, recruiters, SMEs, and external partners to develop, write, and refine compelling, compliant proposal content and leads color team reviews (Pink, Red, Gold, White Glove).

#### Blue Husky Group, LLC

May 2024 – October 2024

*Deputy Campaign Manager*

Atlanta, Georgia

- Led the development and submission of endorsement applications for Georgia State Senator Nabilah Islam Parkes, ensuring compliance with political and organizational requirements.
- Managed donor outreach and fundraising strategy for the Get Gwinnett Going referendum, driving stakeholder engagement to support Gwinnett County Transit's expansion efforts.

#### Office of Senator Jon Ossoff

Spring 2024

*Nunn National Security Fellow*

Washington D.C.

- Conducted in-depth policy analysis on nuclear weapons, counterterrorism, critical minerals, and AI risk management frameworks, delivering strategic recommendations to guide legislative decision-making.
- Developed and evaluated funding requests for the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs appropriations cycle, ensuring alignment with federal priorities and compliance with budgetary and regulatory requirements.

#### The RAND Corporation

Summer 2023 – Summer 2024

*Graduate Summer Associate & Adjunct*

Santa Monica, California

- Developed and presented a new methodology to the U.S. Air Force for restructuring its nuclear design certification process, enhancing collaboration while ensuring safety regulators maintain independent oversight.
- Created a data-driven economic model and analytical framework to evaluate how foreign policies impact U.S. battery markets, collecting and synthesizing data to assess risks and opportunities for supply chain diversification.

#### NATO Innovation Internship

Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

*Student Researcher and Consultant*

Atlanta, Georgia

- Consulted and advised NATO stakeholders on blockchain-based solutions to enhance supply chain and economic resilience, identifying strategic applications for defense logistics and procurement.
- Led a research team analyzing Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT), NATO policies, legacy system interoperability, and global supply chain vulnerabilities, producing actionable insights for defense operations.

#### Civil Rights Non-Profit Organization

February 2022 – February 2023

*Communications & Outreach Manager*

Atlanta, Georgia

- Developed and led a three-year strategic marketing plan to enhance brand awareness and standardize processes.
- Secured a \$75,000 grant by crafting compelling letters of intent and detailed project plans, demonstrating expertise in proposal writing, fundraising, and stakeholder engagement.

**Atlanta Council on International Relations**

January 2019 – December 2024

*Assistant Director of Programs & Dean of Interns*

Atlanta, Georgia

- Developed and managed strategic initiatives to optimize membership engagement and marketing efforts.
- Trained and mentored new interns on diplomatic engagement, event documentation, and professionalism.

**General Electric Vice President, Dr. Oscar Gallego**

May 2019 – July 2020

*Research Assistant*

Madrid, Spain

- Co-authored two eBooks introducing blockchain, digital payment technologies, and artificial intelligence concepts to CEOs, translating complex technical topics into clear, strategic insights for executive audiences.
- Researched and synthesized insights on emerging technologies to support the publication of *The Digital Hero*.

**Education**

<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>
PhD International Affairs, Science, and Technology	N/A	January 2023 – Present
M.S. International Security	3.83	Fall 2020 – December 2022
B.S. International Affairs, Highest Honor	3.81	Fall 2017 – Spring 2020

**Skills/Certifications**

- **Technical Skills:** Data Analysis, AI, Data Visualization, Interdisciplinary Research, Risk Analysis, Wargaming, Proposal Development, Project Management
- **Technology:** R, JMP, Tulip, Tableau, MS Office Suite, Adobe Creative Cloud
- **Soft Skills:** Leadership, Teamwork, Time Management, Writing, Presenting Research as Storytelling
- **Languages:** English (Native), Bosnian (Native), Spanish (Intermediate)
- **Certificates:** International Plan, Georgia Tech, Spring 2020; Graduate Certificate on Emerging Technology and Nuclear Proliferation, Georgia Tech, Spring 2023
- **Workshops:** International Studies Association Workshop on Research as Storytelling by Josef Woldense (Fall 2025), International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (Academic Year 2024-2025) The Clements Center Seminar on History and Statecraft (Summer 2023)

**Academic Projects/Research Papers**

- Sabanovic, Emili, “Could Blockchain Help NATO’s Supply Chain?” CEPA, November 20, 2023.
- Sabanovic, Emili, “Overcoming Resistance: Government Centralization and Adoption of Central Bank Digital Currencies” (*in progress*)
- Implementing Artificial Intelligence in Off-Gas Detector Systems to Enhance Molten-Salt Reactor Safeguards (*NTI-sponsored course project*)
- Cryptocurrencies for Countering Hyperinflation in South America: Scam or Democratic Revolution? (*Graduate course research paper, Fall 2021*)
- Impact of Remittance Flows in Africa and the Use of Cryptocurrencies to Decrease Transaction Costs (*Graduate course research paper, Fall 2021*)

**Leadership Experience**

<b>Co-founder and President of Georgia Tech’s Wargaming Society</b>	Spring 2023 – Fall 2023
<b>Visiting Editor at Princeton University JPIA Reading Weekend</b>	Spring 2023
<b>ASOPS Conference Presenter at Georgia State University</b>	Spring 2023
<b>Graduate Research Assistant to Michele Flournoy</b>	August 2022 – Present
<b>Model United Nations Program Leader</b>	January 2018 – December 2021
<b>Study Abroad in Madrid, Spain</b>	Fall 2018