



Applying To & Working At NGOs, INGOs, and IOs

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Who I am and why I'm giving this talk



View when exiting Gaza through Eretz

- Can only speak from my experience
- Academic Background
 - PhD
 - Publishing
 - Service
- Professional Background
 - UN
 - Charities
 - USAID
 - NGO/INGO



Workspace in the UNRWA archives

Why?

- ▶ Thinking about why you're applying to these types of jobs
 - ▶ Different academic career levels/experiences
 - ▶ What are you really looking for?
- ▶ Is this a step to something else or a terminal goal?
 - ▶ Why this matters
- ▶ Which specific area are you looking to enter?
 - ▶ Government; INGOs/INGOs; IOs
- ▶ Where are you looking?



What to do you bring? And how to sell it.

- ▶ Look beyond your research
- ▶ Specific skills
 - ▶ Certifications where possible
 - ▶ All the pieces
- ▶ Looking at volunteer and service experience
- ▶ What are real-life situations you've dealt with and how are they 'transferable'



The Steps

- ▶ No one size fits all
- ▶ Don't try to jump in at the deep end!
 - ▶ Understand and be honest about the restrictions in your life.
- ▶ Internships (paid and unpaid)
 - ▶ I've had 5, through my PhD program
- ▶ Consultant or part time
 - ▶ Realities of the gig economy
- ▶ Start working on your resume and professional CV NOW
- ▶ Practice writing cover letters
 - ▶ Quantifiable elements
- ▶ Work to write a "chunk" a week



Resources

- On Campus
 - Job Center
 - Talks
 - Departments
- In Community
 - City/County Programs
 - Volunteering
- Friends & Family
 - Networking!
 - Ask for help, their experiences



Practice

- Questions?
 - Did anyone bring a Job Description?
 - Did anyone bring a CV?
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