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FORDHAM HUMANITARIAN STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT  
INVITED TO SPEAK AT UN YOUTH PANEL, 79th UNGA

Stella Rose missed class for a good reason last week. She was invited to speak on the Youth for Disarmament and Denuclearization panel during the 79th UN General Assembly. Stella was excited to reference her MSHS class notes during her preparation and used them throughout her talk. She is currently a dual graduate student (Master of Science in Humanitarian Studies and International Relations and Affairs and Theology) at Fordham University.

**From her LinkedIn prior to the event:**

"Looking forward to high-level week at the [United Nations](#) next week has me feeling nostalgic! Reflecting on my statement during the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly at the 7th session of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Open-ended working group.

It is always such a surreal feeling to actualize my dream of contributing my thoughts at the UN from the youth perspective. Attached below is a copy of my statement stressing that in the Nuclear Age, cybersecurity is critical: not just for the right to privacy but for the safeguards of our weapons systems. In my deliverance, I hoped to highlight pressing issues like cyber warfare, the vulnerabilities of security networks, and the necessary application of the UN Charter and International Humanitarian Law to the possibility of use of ICTs during armed conflicts.

"The threat of nuclear war is subject to the sophistication of security systems that protect weapons software from hacking. These systems are fallible. Softwares for the most sophisticated institutions have endured continued breaches. Relying on luck to prevent accidental nuclear weapons launches is a strategy that continually threatens our existence. I excitedly anticipate this year's discussions at the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly surrounding the global effort to accelerate progress towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the Summit of the Future."

**During the Event this year at the 79th UNGA:**

Stella kicks things off at 6:25 with the basics of nuclear disarmament and the costs our world faces:

" The cost of maintenance of the nuclear weapons is \$91.4 billion. Nuclear weapons are not just an existential threat but a monetary drain."

**On sustainable development:**

"So long as the U.S. is going to partake in our modernization efforts throughout the next decade...we are going to see excess amounts of nuclear waste. Nuclear waste is not something we know how to deal with."



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Humanitarian Advocacy and nuclear disarmament:

“We’re putting a much larger emphasis on weaponry than we are on the planet and the people.”

“Making it a public concern is somewhere we can start.”

**More on Stella:**

- ❖ Follow [iiha\\_fordham on IG](#) to watch Stella’s upcoming *Day in the Life*.
- ❖ Contact Stella via LinkedIn <https://lnkd.in/geCtTfjk> or email [srose25@fordham.edu](mailto:srose25@fordham.edu).
- ❖ Brendan Cahill, Director of Humanitarian Studies, Ruth Mukwana Senior Fellow for the MSHS, and Anne Edgerton Humanitarian Advocacy Professor are also available to speak on Stella’s invitation.

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