

# Mina Erika Pollmann

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## EDUCATION

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Political Science** 2017 – Present  
PhD Candidate, Fields: Security Studies, International Relations, Comparative Politics

**Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service** 2011 – 2015  
Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, *summa cum laude*, International Politics (Honors)

**Oxford University, Mansfield College** 2013 – 2014  
Visiting Student Program

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Research Program Fellowship, National Science Foundation 2018 – 2023  
Walter A. Rosenblith Presidential Graduate Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2017

Dean's Medal (Valedictorian of the School of Foreign Service), Georgetown University 2015

Earnest H. Feilchenfeld Award, Georgetown University 2015

Peter F. Krogh Scholars Millennial Award, Georgetown University 2015

Best Undergraduate Paper Prize, Georgetown-Japan 2020 Initiative 2015

Ellsworth Bunker Fellowship, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University 2014 – 2015

Phi Beta Kappa, Georgetown University 2014

Mansfield College Visiting Student Prize, Mansfield College, Oxford University 2014

John Carroll Scholarship, Georgetown University 2011 – 2015

## SELECTED PUBLISHED WORKS

Mina Pollmann. "[Learning to Embrace an Unequal Alliance.](#)" *Tokyo Review* (June 7, 2019).

Mina Pollmann. "[Commentary: The GSDF is taking to the waves, but should it?](#)" *The Japan Times* (August 19, 2018).

Mina Pollmann. "[Malaysia: Mahathir navigates the region.](#)" *The Interpreter* (August 8, 2018).

Mina Pollmann. "[Book Review: By More Than Providence: Grand Strategy and American Power in the Asia Pacific Since 1783.](#)" Center for International Maritime Security (September 14, 2017).

Mina Pollmann with Ankit Panda. "[Podcast: Elections, Scandals, and Resignations: Can Shinzo Abe Survive in Japanese Politics?](#)" *The Diplomat* (July 29, 2017).

\*M. Erika Pollmann. "[Japan's Security and Historical Revisionism: Explaining the Variation in Responses to and Impact of Textbook Controversies.](#)" *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* 3.3 (Winter 2017): 307-336.

Mina Pollmann with Ankit Panda. "[Podcast: Abenomics, the Upper House Elections, and Japan's Political Future.](#)" *The Diplomat* (June 18, 2016).

Mina Pollmann and J. Berkshire Miller. "[Russia vs. Japan: Asia's Forgotten Island Fight](#)." *The National Interest* (April 26, 2016).

Mina Pollmann. "[Japan's Achilles Heel: Cybersecurity](#)." *The Diplomat* (April 13, 2016).

\*M. Erika Pollmann. "[The Politics of Visiting the Yasukuni Shrine: Explaining Japanese Politicians' Behavior](#)." *Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs* 2.2 (Winter 2016): 123-152.

Mina Pollmann. "[Commentary: Secrets law, one year later](#)." *The Japan Times* (December 11, 2015).

M. Erika Pollmann. "[Politicization of the Liancourt Rocks Dispute and Its Effect on the Japan-South Korea Relationship](#)." *Pacific Forum-CSIS, Issues and Insights* 15.10 (October 2015).

Mina Pollmann. "[The Trouble with Japan's Defense Exports](#)." *The Diplomat* (October 2, 2015).

Mina Pollmann. "[Opening Australia's 'Black Box': The Domestic Debate Over Submarine Production](#)." *East West Center, Asia Pacific Bulletin* 318 (August 2015).

\*M. Erika Pollmann and Alan Tidwell. "[Australia's submarine technology cooperation with Japan as burden-sharing with the USA in the Asia-Pacific](#)." *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 69.4 (Spring 2015): 394-413.

\*Peer-reviewed

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Quantitative Methods in International Politics (undergraduate), Georgetown University  
Instructor: Parina Patel Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Editor, [Précis](#) September 2019 – Present

Columnist, [The Diplomat](#)  
January 2015 – October 2016, May – August 2017, June – August 2018, July – August 2019

Risk Analyst, Risk Assistance Network and Exchange (RANE) November 2016 – August 2017

News Producer, TV Tokyo-America July 2015 – November 2016

Japan Program Intern, Stimson Center September 2014 – December 2014

Intern, Moneyball Diplomacy Project, US State Department September 2013 – December 2013

Research Assistant, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy September 2012 – May 2013

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

MIT Security Studies Working Group (SSWG) September 2019  
Presentation: "When Great Powers Sought Weak Allies: Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany's Recognition of the Provisional Azad Hind Government" Cambridge, MA

Northeast Workshop in Japanese Politics (NEWJP) August 2019  
Poster: "The Tragedy of Rising Power Politics: Imperial Japan's Ascent and Its Alliances" Hanover, NH

MIT Security Studies Working Group (SSWG) Presentation: “The Tragedy of Rising Power Polities: A Theory of Alignment Policymaking”	March 2019 Cambridge, MA
Winter Socrates Seminar, Nakasone Scholar The Aspen Institute	February 2018 Aspen, CO
Mt. Fuji Dialogue Japan Center for Economic Research, Japan Institute for International Affairs	October 2017 Tokyo
<a href="#"><u>Institute for the Study of Diplomacy Fellows’ Colloquium</u></a> Georgetown University	April 2015 Washington, DC
<a href="#"><u>Georgetown-Japan 2020 Initiative</u></a> Sophia University	March 2015 Tokyo

**RESEARCH TRIPS**

Tokyo, Japan – five weeks, funded by MOFA/CIS Japan Fund	August 2018
Tokyo, Japan – one week, funded by Georgetown-Japan 2020 Initiative	March 2015

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Friends of the International House of Japan, Next Generation Fellowship Program	April 2018 – Present
Pacific Forum Young Leader	April 2016 – Present
Center for International Maritime Security, Director of External Relations	June 2016 – May 2017
Japanese Women in Professions-Washington, DC, Member	March 2016 – November 2016
National Press Club, Member	October – December 2015

**SKILLS**

*Languages* English (native); Japanese (conversational fluency)  
*Statistical Packages* Stata (basic knowledge); R (basic knowledge)

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request