



## Ruth Margaret Gibson

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### Bio

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#### BIO

Dr. Ruth Gibson, PhD, is a scholar at Stanford University. She holds appointments at the Center for Innovation and Global Health (CIGH) and the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC). Dr. Gibson's research focuses on war, blockades, and sanctions and their impacts on maternal and child health. Her expertise is in geopolitically complex regions of the world, crises, and what all of this means for human health.

Dr. Gibson's research is published in internationally renowned outlets such as The Lancet and The Lancet Global Health. She publishes research on issues such as foreign aid withdrawal and impacts on mothers and children, humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, and sanctions against Iran. Her insights have been highlighted by The New York Times, The New Yorker, and TIME. Dr. Gibson responds quickly to producers, journalists, and media outlets seeking expert analysis of critical issues in war, peace, and human lives.

She is currently co-leading a Lancet Series on Global Health and Foreign Engagement with Professor Gary Darmstadt. She leads worldwide international panels on critical issues in global health – geopolitical crisis and their impacts on health – through the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) and Stanford's CIGH. Dr. Gibson collaborates with the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights to develop a universal monitoring system to assess the impact of sanctions on human rights. Her research has been cited in UN General Assembly meetings. She also worked on war crimes investigations with the Yale Humanitarian Research Lab and on the International Criminal Court's prosecution of war crimes.

Dr. Gibson spent a decade working internationally, engaging in humanitarian and global health initiatives across eight countries on five continents – including conflict zones. Dr. Gibson is fluent in English and proficient in Mandarin Chinese (## ##), French, and Spanish. She holds a postdoctoral fellowship from Stanford University, a PhD from the University of British Columbia, an Honors Bachelor of Science, and a Master of Science from the University of Toronto.

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