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Suzanne is an Emmy nominated journalist and producer, a lecturer on Public Diplomacy at UCLA, and a senior non-resident fellow at the Atlantic Council focusing on Iran.

She has spent nearly a decade with the BBC covering foreign affairs, politics and breaking news from mass shootings to natural disasters. With postings based in Washington, London, Beirut, and Los Angeles, her reporting has taken her around the world to over 50 countries, from various conflict and disaster zones to inside the diplomatic and political world, on the planes of Secretary of State John Kerry and US presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Over the course of her career, she has landed multiple high-profile exclusive interviews including Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif and Khaled Meshaal – Hamas leader in exile in Doha – during the Gaza War of 2014. Suzanne also played a leading role in securing the first sit down TV interview with President Obama post the Iran Nuclear Deal being agreed upon in 2015.

Suzanne regularly moderates panels in Washington and New York, including on the side-lines of the UN General Assembly, at the request of the Italian Embassy, Truman Project, Middle East Institute, Hudson Institute, Women’s Foreign Policy Group and the Atlantic Council. She is also a strategic advisor to the Women's Public Leadership Network.

Suzanne is listed as one of *Washington Life Magazine*’s “Most Influential People under 40” and was profiled as a “Person to Watch” in the magazine’s “Power Issue.”

<http://washingtonlife.com/2015/05/05/whos-next-suzanne-kianpour/>

In fall 2018, she was a Fellow at Georgetown University’s *Institute of Politics and Public Service* where she led weekly discussions on media’s responsibility in public service and has given speeches on her experiences. <https://www.thehoya.com/reporting-shapes-policy-bbc-journalist-says/>

Suzanne is a graduate of Emory University, where she is recognized in the 2019 list of “40 Under Forty” Alumni. She also studied abroad at University of Oxford and Georgetown University post grad.