



Michael Lutz

Michael Lutz is a Political Science major at Utah Valley University with a focus on global politics and international governance. His academic interests center on sustainable development, international institutions, and the role of policy in advancing women's rights in mountain regions. His research examines how governance structures, federalism, and mountain policy intersect with gender equality, exploring how even highly developed mountain nations face unique geographic and structural challenges that impact women's economic participation, political representation, and access to opportunity.

Michael brings practical international experience to his academic work. His time working remotely with the UNICEF Kiribati Office as a Communication and Cultural Advisor deepened his commitment to sustainable development, as he witnessed firsthand the challenges facing small island developing states on the frontlines of climate change and economic vulnerability. This experience shaped his understanding of how geographic contexts (whether low-lying atolls or mountain regions) create unique barriers to development and gender equality. He has also served in leadership roles in high-volume, data-driven environments, strengthening his ability to connect research, communication, and real-world problem-solving. Michael is committed to bridging academic scholarships with international advocacy and contributing to sustainable mountain development through informed, inclusive policy solutions.