



# RONIT KAMPF | Lecture:

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## Conflict Resolution Using Digital Games

## *Digital Natives, Serious Games and Social Change: The Case of PeaceMaker*

Digital natives are young people born after 1980 when social technologies went online. They speak the digital language fluently. Serious games such as PeaceMaker have the goal – beyond providing fun and entertainment – to motivate young people to learn about sociopolitical issues. In PeaceMaker the player assumes the role of the Israeli Prime Minister or the role of the Palestinian President and takes various decisions with the aim of satisfying both sides of the conflict. The player has to deal with different events coming up in the conflict by selecting actions in different categories such as security, diplomacy, and construction in order to resolve the conflict in the game. In the lecture, Kampf will present a series of studies conducted with undergraduate students from Israel, Palestine, Turkey and the US (i.e. the first generation of digital natives or Generation Y) examining the game performance and the acquisition of knowledge about the conflict and how to develop different perspectives regarding the situation.

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If you are interested to take the digital native quiz: <http://pewresearch.org/millennials/quiz/intro.php>

The PeaceMaker Game: [www.peacemakergame.com](http://www.peacemakergame.com)

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