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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**University of Sydney**, Department of Government and International Relations  
Senior Lecturer, 2016-present  
Lecturer, 2011-2015

**Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI)**  
Visiting Professor, Autumn 2015

**Yale University**, the MacMillan Center, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence  
Visiting Fellow, 2014-2015

**Johns Hopkins University**, Department of Political Science  
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2010-2011

## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University**, Department of Political Science  
Ph.D. (with distinction), 2010. International Relations and Comparative Politics.  
Dissertation: *Catch and Release: Expansion, Contraction, and the Downsizing of States*  
Advisors: Alexander Cooley, Michael Doyle, Tanisha Fazal, Robert Jervis, Jack Snyder

**Columbia University**, School of International and Public Affairs  
M.I.A., 2004  
Concentration: International Political Economy; Regional Focus: Europe

**University of California, Berkeley**  
B.A., 1997. Philosophy  
B.A., 1997. Political Economy of Industrial Societies (Honors)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books:

- *Age of Secession: The International and Domestic Determinants of State Birth*. 2016. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

### Books in Progress:

- *Secession and the Sovereignty Game*. Aim to complete in mid-2018.
- *Comparative Systems Analysis* (with Charles Butcher). Aim to complete in early 2019.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- “The Waltzian Ordering Principle and International Change: A Two-Dimensional Model.” *European Journal of International Relations*, Forthcoming.
- “Between Eurocentrism and Babel: A Framework for the Analysis of States, State Systems, and International Orders.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 2017, Vol. 61(2): 328-336 (with Charles Butcher).
- “Admission to the Sovereignty Club: The Past, Present, and Future of the International Recognition Regime.” *Territory, Politics, Governance*, 2017, Vol. 5(2): 177-189.
- “States, Nations, and Territorial Stability: Why Chinese Hegemony Would be Better for International Order.” *Security Studies*, 2016, Vol. 25(3): 519-545.
- “Between Dissolution and Blood: How Administrative Lines and Categories Shape Secessionist Outcomes.” *International Organization*, 2015, Vol. 69(3): 731-751.
- “Alternative International Systems? System Structure and Violent Conflict in 19th Century West Africa, Southeast Asia, and South Asia.” *Review of International Studies*, 2015, Vol. 41(4): 715-737 (with Charles Butcher).
- “Between the Sword and the Wall: Spain’s Limited Options for Catalan Secessionism.” *Nations and Nationalism*, 2015, Vol. 21(1): 43-61 (with Pablo Guillen and Fernando Martinez).
- “Secession and the Invisible Hand of the International System.” *Review of International Studies*, 2014, Vol. 40(3): 559-581.
- “The Future of Self-Determination and Territorial Integrity in the Asian Century.” *The Pacific Review*, 2014, Vol. 27(3): 457-478.
- “Membership Has Its Privileges: The Changing Benefits of Statehood.” *International Studies Review*, 2014, Vol. 16(1): 79-106 (with Tanisha Fazal).
- “Introducing the International System(s) Dataset (ISD), 1816-2011.” *International Interactions*, 2013, Vol. 39(5): 748-768 (with Charles Butcher).
- “Security Threats, Linguistic Homogeneity, and the Necessary Conditions for Political Unification.” *Nations and Nationalism*, 2010, Vol. 16(1): 169-188.

### Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes:

- “War and Variation in the Structure of Historical International Systems: A Theoretical Model.” In Martin Hall, Jens Bartelson, and Jan Teorell (eds), *De-Centering State-Making: Historical and Geographical Perspectives*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2018 (with Charles Butcher).
- “Kurdistan’s Independence and the International System of Sovereign States.” In Alex Danilovich (ed), *Iraqi Kurdistan in Middle Eastern Politics*. London: Ashgate, 2016.
- “Secession.” In Michael T. Gibbons and Diana Coole (eds), *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
- “Globalization and Separatism: The Influence of Internal and External Interdependence on the Strategy of Separatism.” In Jerry Harris (ed), *The Nation in the Global Era: Conflict and Transformation*. Leiden: Brill, 2009 (with Ivan Savic).

### Invited Papers:

- “Who Counts? Why do Governments Deny Secession in Some Cases But Not Others?” Paper commissioned by the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB). Forthcoming.
- “Europe in the Time of State Proliferation.” *Perspectives on Europe*, 2015 Autumn 45:2.
- “A State of One’s Own: The Rise of Secession Since World War II.” *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, 2008, Vol. 15(1): 199-208 (with Tanisha Fazal).

**Working Papers:**

- “Does Secessionist Violence Work?” Under review (with Louis Wasser).
- “Kurdistan, the International Recognition Regime, and the Strategy of Secession.” Under review for edited volume.
- “On the Relationship Between States and Empires.” Under Review.
- “On War, Interaction Capacity, and the Structure of State Systems.” Work in progress (with Charles Butcher).
- “The Strategy of Secession.” Work in progress.
- “Hegemonic Shock Effects and Secession.” Work in progress (with Seva Gunitsky).

**Book Reviews:**

- “Power Politics and State Formation in the Twentieth Century: The Dynamics of Recognition,” by Bridget Coggins, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. January, 2015, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=42717>.
- “Good Fences, Bad Neighbors: Border Fixity and International Conflict,” by Boaz Atzili, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, *Australian Army Journal*, 2012, Vol. 9(3): 175-176.

**Datasets:**

- International System(s) Dataset (ISD), 1816-2011
- Proto-States, 1816-2005
- Secessionist Movements, 1816-2011
- Secessionist Methods, 1946-2011

**Media:**

- “Kurdistan and Catalonia are voting on independence. Welcome to the age of secession,” *The Monkey Cage*, September 23, 2017.
- “Cultural Diplomacy and Soft Power Show,” *The Election Nerds*, January 29, 2017.
- “The State of Secession in International Politics,” *E-International Relations*, September 23, 2016.
- “How Spain’s New Fault Lines Could Shape Catalan Secessionism,” *Global Observatory*, December 4, 2015.
- “Democratized Secession in Scotland and Catalonia” *openDemocracy*, September 16, 2015.
- “For Iraqi Kurds, Administrative Status Offers Path to Statehood,” *Global Observatory*, July 21, 2015.
- “España entre la espada y la pared,” *El Diario*, November 11, 2014 (with Pablo Guillén Álvarez and Ferran Martínez i Coma).
- “In Light of Scottish Referendum, What Future for Frustrated Secessionists?” *Global Observatory*, September 30, 2014 (with Tanisha Fazal).
- “Where Scotland led, others will follow,” *The Drum (ABC)*, September 19, 2014.
- “Why is Statehood So Popular?” *Global Observatory*, June 27, 2014 (with Tanisha Fazal).
- “The Potential Impact of Secession,” ABC Australia, March 19, 2014.
- “Atop the Sovereignty Bubble,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, August 14, 2012 (with Bridget Coggins and Tanisha Fazal).

## PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

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### Conference and Workshop Presentations:

- International Studies Association (ISA):
  - Annual Conference (2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
  - ISA Hong Kong, 2017
  - PSS-ISA Conference, Budapest, 2013
  - ISA-Asia Pacific, Brisbane, 2011
  - International Studies Association – Northeast (2006, 2009)
- American Political Science Association (APSA):
  - Annual Conference (2008, 2010, 2014, 2017)
  - Northeast Political Science Association (2009)
- Australian Political Studies Association (APSA), Melbourne, 2017
- Secession and Counter-Secession: An International Relations Perspective, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Barcelona, 2017
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Oslo, 2017
- Iraqi Kurdistan at a Crossroads, University of Kurdistan-Hewler, Erbil, 2017
- Joint Quantitative Political Science Conference for Asia and Australia, Sydney, 2017
- Sovereignty in Contested Spaces, Princeton University, September 2016
- Pacific Peace Science, Kyoto 2016
- Future of Kurdistan, University of Kurdistan-Hewler, Erbil, 2015
- Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York 2015
- Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science, Sydney 2013
- China Studies Centre Annual Conference, Sydney, 2013
- Workshop on Chinese Power, University of Technology, Sydney, 2013
- Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS), Sydney, 2012
- New Zealand Political Science Association, Otago, 2011
- New York State Political Science Association, New York, 2009
- Global Studies Association, New York, 2008

### Events:

- Quantum Symposium, Centre for International Security Studies (CISS), Sydney (2014, 2016)
- Politics in the Time of Trump, Sydney, 2017
- Peace and Security Under Uncertainty, A CISS Global Forum, Sydney, 2017
- Bridging the Gap, Washington, D.C., 2015

### Invited Lectures:

- Artsakh Independence Anniversary Conference, Sydney, September 16, 2017
- Department of Politics and International Relations, Macquarie University, May 9, 2017
- Government and International Relations, University of Sydney, April 7, 2016
- The Carlos III Juan March Institute (IC3JM), November 27, 2015
- Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI), October 2015
- Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence (OCV), Yale University, January 2015
- Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, January 2015
- School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews, September 2014

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Australian Research Council (ARC)/Discovery Project, 2016-2018  
Australian Research Council (ARC)/Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA), 2015-2017  
China Studies Centre Travel Grant, 2014  
University of Sydney Incubator Grant, 2014  
International Program Development Grant, Sydney University, 2014-2015  
Sydney Southeast Asian Centre Collaboration Grant, Sydney University, 2013-2014  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences Conference to Journal Article Grant, Sydney University, 2013  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences Small Grant Award, Sydney University, 2012-2013  
Lynn Weiss Fellowship, Columbia University, 2008-2010  
Nominated for the Fred Hartman Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ISA-NE, 2006  
Teaching Fellowship, Columbia University, 2005-2009  
GSAS Summer Fellowship, Columbia University, 2005, 2007, 2008  
Mayme and Herb Frank Scholarship Program, 2005, 2007  
University Fellow, Columbia University, 2004-2005  
SIPA Program Fellowship, Columbia University, 2003-2004  
California Grant, 1993-1997

## EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching and Research:

- *Lecturer*, “Civil War”  
University of Sydney, Term 1, 2017
- *Lecturer*, “World Politics”  
University of Sydney, Summer Session 2014
- *Lecturer*, “The State, Secession, and Civil War”  
University of Sydney, Term 2, 2013; Term 1, 2014
- *Lecturer*, “International Security”  
University of Sydney, Term 2, 2012; Term 1, 2013; Term 2, 2013
- *Lecturer*, “Geopolitics”  
University of Sydney, Term 2, 2011; Term 1, 2012; Term 1, 2013
- *Lecturer*, “Secession, Civil War, and the Modern State,” Johns Hopkins University, Spring 2011
- *Lecturer*, “American Foreign Policy,” Johns Hopkins University, Spring 2011
- *Lecturer*, “Nationalism and World Politics,” Johns Hopkins University, Fall 2010
- *Lecturer*, “Theories of International Relations,” Johns Hopkins University, Fall 2010
- *Lecturer*, “Introduction to International Relations,” Columbia University, Summer 2007, 2009
- *Teaching Assistant*, “Analysis of Political Data / Applied Econometrics,” Columbia University, Spring 2010
- *Teaching Assistant*, “Introduction to International Relations”  
Columbia University, Fall 2008; Spring 2009; Fall 2009
- *Research Assistant*, Tanisha Fazal and Page Fortna, “Civil War Initiation and Termination,”  
Columbia University, 2008-2010
- *Teaching Assistant*, “Nationalism and Contemporary World Politics,” Columbia University,  
Spring 2008
- *Teaching Assistant*, “American Foreign Policy,” Columbia University, Spring 2007
- *Teaching Assistant*, “Globalization and International Politics,” Columbia University, Fall 2006
- *Teaching Assistant*, “Political Economy and Globalization,” Columbia University, Fall 2005

**Current PhD Supervision:**

- George Boone: “Middle Powers and Power Transition”
- Keshab Giri: “The Effects of Female Combatants on Civil War Duration”
- Sascha Nanlohy: “The (Non) Onset of Genocide”

**Membership Organizations:**

- American Political Science Association
- Association for the Study of Nationalities
- Australian Political Studies Association
- International Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- European Consortium for Political Research
- Pacific Peace Science

**Institutional Service:**

- Undergraduate Honours Coordinator (2016-2018), Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney
- Collaborative Research Scheme Committee (2016-2017), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Sydney
- Colloquium Organizer (2013), Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney
- Chair, Website Redesign Committee (2012), Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney
- Strategic Management Committee (2011-2012), Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney

**Service in the Discipline:**

- Assessor for the Australian Research Council (2015-2017)
- Committee for the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (QMMR) Sage Best Paper Award (2018), American Political Science Association
- Committee for Outstanding Article Award in International History (2017), American Political Science Association
- Conference Committee for Australian Political Studies Conference (2014)
- Program Director for Council for European Studies (2004-2009)

**Reviewer:** *American Political Science Review, British Journal of World Politics, Cambridge University Press, European Journal of International Relations, International Interactions, International Studies Review, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of International Relations, Journal of Peace Research, Publius, World Politics*

**Non-Academic Professional:**

- *Researcher*, eStandardsForum  
New York, NY, Summer 2003
- *Project Manager*, EAInvest.com  
San Francisco, CA, 2000-2002
- *Research Analyst*, State of California  
San Francisco, CA, 1999-2000
- *Consulting Analyst*, William M. Mercer  
San Francisco, CA, 1997-1999

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University of Minnesota  
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