



## **Conference Handbook**

### **BISA US Foreign Policy Working Group Virtual PGR/ECR Conference 2021**

This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Atlantic Charter. This document, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, signified a new vision for American foreign policy and the wider world after the Second World War. This milestone committed the United States and the United Kingdom to tackling what they considered to be the most pressing threats on the international stage, making the defence of democracy, the strengthening of international institutions, the recognition of sovereignty and territorial integrity, supporting collective security, and reinforcing a rules-based economy the linchpin of American grand strategy. Yet in recent times, the presidency of Donald J. Trump has shown us how a rejection of the liberal international order can have crucial impacts on international affairs. As we take stock of where US foreign policy has been and where it might be headed, this conference aims to place milestones and changes in American foreign policy in a wider historical and scholarly context.

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## **Welcome**

We are thrilled to welcome you to this year's BISA US Foreign Policy Working Group Conference. This is the first time it has been designed exclusively for postgraduate students and early-career researchers and will be hosted virtually.

We, along with the US Foreign Policy Working Group's convenors and the BISA Executive Committee, are looking forward to dynamic conversations about your research and a constructive exchange of ideas on the historical, political, and scholarly underpinnings of American foreign policy.

This handbook provides all the details about the conference, including the final programme. The programme features a variety of panels on a range of topics as well as roundtables to help guide your career and promote vigorous discussions on US foreign policy. If you have any questions or concerns about the conference or this handbook, please feel free to contact us at [usfpwgconference@gmail.com](mailto:usfpwgconference@gmail.com).

We are very pleased to put together a programme that features scholars at varying career stages and from institutions across the world. We hope you enjoy the conference and we're looking forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes,  
Grant Golub and Ellis Mallett  
(BISA US Foreign Policy Working Group Conference Organisers)

## Conference Organisers



Grant Golub is a PhD Candidate and Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). His dissertation focuses on Henry L. Stimson, the War Department, and the politics of American grand strategy during the Second World War. Grant is the co-convenor of the LSE-Sciences Po Seminar in Contemporary International History, a co-editor of the LSE International History blog, and a project assistant with the Cold War Studies Project at LSE IDEAS, a university think tank. He's also on the Graduate Student Committee at the Society for Historians of American

Foreign Relations and a Marcellus Policy Fellow at the John Quincy Adams Society in Washington, DC.



Ellis Mallett is a PhD Candidate at the University of Surrey's Department of Politics. Her thesis explores extended periods of continuity and rare paradigm shifts in contemporary US foreign policy. Wider research interests include international order, American grand strategy and foreign policy analysis. Ellis is a Research Assistant at the Centre for Britain and Europe, a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, where she conducts research into how Brexit has impacted transnational policing and security cooperation. She is also a Junior Fellow at Surrey's Centre for International Intervention and sits on the BISA Postgraduate Network Committee.

## **BISA Code of Conduct**

We hold our conference to enable our members to advance the field of international studies through the free exchange of scholarly opinions and evidence-based research. To provide all participants – including members, invited speakers, staff and volunteers – the opportunity to benefit from the event, we are committed to facilitating a harassment-free environment for everyone.

As a scholarly association, we are strongly committed to diversity, equity, and the free expression of ideas as expressed in our [Equality and Diversity policy](#) and [Code of Conduct](#). We firmly believe in the value of freely exploring ideas and concepts through scholarly discourse – with a fundamental respect for rights, dignity and value of all persons regardless of actual or perceived gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, socioeconomic status, age or religion. We therefore remind all conference delegates that professional academic ethics and norms apply as standards of behaviour and interaction at our events.

All members and non-members associated with BISA are expected to act in accordance with the following seven principles:

1. Responsibility and accountability
2. Integrity and honesty
3. Respect and fairness
4. Privacy and confidentiality
5. Avoidance of personal gain
6. Conflict of interest
7. Collegiality

Read more about each of these principles and our expectations [here](#).

We aim to provide a conference environment in which diverse participants may learn, network, and enjoy the company of colleagues in an environment of mutual respect. We recognise the shared responsibility to create and maintain this environment for the benefit of all. Therefore, some forms of behaviour are unacceptable and include:

- Persistent and unwelcome solicitation of emotional or physical intimacy
- Persistent and unwelcome solicitation of emotional or physical intimacy accompanied by real or implied threat of professional harm
- Aggressive, intimidating, harassing, abusive, derogatory or demeaning speech or actions
- Prejudicial actions or comments related to actual or perceived gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, socioeconomic status, age, or

religion that coerce others, foment broad hostility, or otherwise undermine professional equity, or the principles of free academic exchange

- Deliberate intimidation, stalking or following
- Harassing photography or recording
- Sustained disruption of talks or over events
- Physical assault (including unwelcome touch and/or groping)
- Real or implied threat of physical harm and/or professional reputational damage

All participants are expected to observe these rules and behaviours in all conference venues, whether real or virtual, and conference social events. This may include proactively helping to mitigate or avoid unacceptable behaviours if there is the potential for such harm to take place. Participants asked to stop a hostile or harassing behaviour are expected to comply immediately.

Our convenors will be available for consultation with conference participants who believe they have experienced harassment or have concerns about violations of this code of any other policies mentioned herein whilst at the conference.

If any conference attendee wishes to pursue a complaint, our [complaints procedure](#) will be followed.

Please note that nothing in this policy shall be construed as restricting the ability of BISA members and conference participants to constructively critique one another's work, unless this intersects with the unacceptable behaviours noted above.

This Code of Conduct specifies principles to which all BISA members and associates should adhere. It is intended to encourage trust and respect within our community. While the Code is comprehensive in scope, it may not cover every issue that may arise. If you have any doubts or queries as to its contents or purpose you are free to contact the BISA Director, Chair or Vice Chair to discuss.

## **BISA ‘Netiquette’ for Virtual Events and Conferences**

Our online netiquette guidelines endeavour to ensure that the highest standards of personal and professional conduct are maintained. These should be seen as an accompaniment to our Code of Conduct which underpins our commitment to develop a community dedicated to open scholarly exchange and the dissemination of knowledge in International Studies.

The practices of courtesy and respect that apply to our face-to-face events extend to all our online spaces and interactions.

By registering for our 2021 conference, you must agree to abide by these guidelines. Please note that any serious or persistent breaches of these guidelines may result in the blocking of attendance at future virtual events and suspension of your BISA membership.

These guidelines should be read alongside our:

- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Equality and diversity policy](#)
- [Complaints procedure](#)

### **Online Interactions (Both written and verbal)**

Everyone in our community has the right to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their status, rank, grade, belief or any protected characteristic. Whilst we uphold freedom of expression, ensuring the right of people to express views (within the law) that are unpopular or controversial, we do not accept those views being expressed in ways that do not respect others. Any derogatory or inappropriate comments in an online interaction are unacceptable and are subject to further investigation as outlined in our code of conduct and complaints procedure for members. Please be aware that any such comments made in the chat function of Zoom cannot be deleted and can be read by all participants.

### **Engage and raise questions**

We welcome your questions and comments during the traditional Q&A time. We want our conference to be inclusive, diverse and friendly, and uphold the spirit of our equality and diversity objectives. Please remember that our delegates come from all over the world and bring a range of different experiences and perspectives with them. We want all participants to feel they can contribute to the debate.

## **Listen to others**

It is important to wait until someone has finished speaking before you interject. We ask you to use the 'raise your hand' function in Zoom so that the Chair can invite people to speak in an order that allows for a range of voices to be heard. If you would rather, you can also ask questions or make a comment in the chat area which will be moderated by the Chair.

## **The video function**

We recommend that speakers have their video switched on whilst speaking. We recognise, however, there are many good reasons why you may want to turn your video off. If your video is going to be on, please minimise background distractions and try to avoid movement and bright lights behind you and consider blurring your background.

## **Minimise background noise**

You should mute your microphone when not speaking to minimise background interference. Please also find a quiet place to sit or use a headset to ensure that everyone can hear your contributions when your microphone is switched on.

## **A Note for Chairs<sup>1</sup>**

### **Be organised**

Introduce yourself to your speakers in advance. This can be done by email or in the 15 minutes before the session. Confirm their biography and paper title. Find out how they prefer to be addressed and check how to pronounce their names. In order to ensure seamless transitions, make sure that any presentations are preloaded, and check that your speakers know how to find and open theirs. The BISA conference assistants will be available in case you need any help.

### **Be inclusive**

Do not give one speaker more prominence than the others, whoever they might be. In case of silence during Q&A, prepare your own questions for each speaker, but don't take up too much time. Scan the audience to ensure ECRs and shyer colleagues have an opportunity to address the panel. Women are often underrepresented amongst question askers at conferences, so be attentive to that, especially at the start of the Q&A. Try to make sure that all speakers get at least one comment or question.

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<sup>1</sup> These guidelines lean on the ones provided to Chairs for the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (HOTCUS) organisation.



## **Be selfless**

Let the speakers have the spotlight. If you find links with your own work, or think of references that might help to inform speakers' research, talk to them or email them after the panel. Encourage inexperienced researchers and speakers, and raise their confidence by thanking them for their presentation and showing an interest in their papers.

## **Be attentive**

When it's time for questions, scan the audience on your screen for people looking to ask questions. In addition, you should check the "participants" list on Zoom in case anyone has used the "raise hand" function, and check the chat function to see if any audience members have written questions for the panel there. If multiple audience members wish to ask a question, try to keep a note of the order.

## **Be firm**

Please begin promptly and make sure you time each speaker's individual slot so that each has their fair share of the session. However awkward it is, you must keep people to time. Agree in advance with your speakers about what sign you will use to alert them that they need to begin finishing their talk.

## **Take advantage of Zoom's functionalities**

Zoom has a variety of functionalities that can make your job as a Chair or speaker much easier. You can "pin" the panellists to your main window to ensure that you can see them throughout the panel. You can do this by left clicking on the panellists on your screen and clicking "pin to main screen." It's also a good idea to have the "participants" list open throughout the panel. This will allow you to view a full list of the participants on the right side of your screen where you can see if they have used the "raise hand" function. Finally, make sure to keep an eye on the "chat" box. Audience members may send messages through the chat area if they prefer not to unmute and speak.

## Conference Format

The BISA US Foreign Policy Working Group PGR/ECR 2021 Conference will take place entirely online via Zoom. Colleagues who are unfamiliar with Zoom or need further guidance can find out more [here](#).

**Important: All panels will use the same Zoom link which will be circulated in advance of the conference.**

### Panel Format

All panels feature presentations on papers of up to 7,000 words that have been pre-circulated to Chairs and discussants. During each panel, each speaker will have **8 minutes** to present their work and highlight specific areas they wish to discuss. After each individual presentation, the discussant will have up to **7 minutes** to provide feedback. Once all speakers have presented and feedback has been received, the Chair will be free to provide comments and the floor will be opened up to Q&A with the audience.

### Entering Panels

Each separate panel will feature a waiting room that allows Chairs, Discussants and Panellists to enter **15 minutes** prior to the start of the session. Our technical assistant will run through some ground rules as well as provide some hints and tips for presenting virtually.

As highlighted above, this will also be an opportunity for introductions and to address any questions (whether technical or something else). Chairs and discussants should confirm biographies and paper titles, in addition to asking how participants prefer to be addressed and checking pronouns and pronunciation of names. To ensure seamless transitions, presentations should be preloaded.

Five minutes before the panel is to begin, audience members will be permitted to join the waiting room and allowed entry into the virtual panel. Please ensure that your Zoom screen name matches the details you used for conference registration.

## **Keynote: Dr Susan Colbourn**

***“Crisis is Forever: How the Euromissiles almost broke NATO and why it matters”***



Susan Colbourn is a diplomatic and international historian and Associate Director of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies based at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. She is interested in questions of strategy and security in the atomic age and specialises in the history of the Cold War with a focus on NATO, the politics of European security, and the role of nuclear weapons in international politics and society.

She is author of ‘Euromissiles: A Transatlantic History’, forthcoming from Cornell University Press in 2022, which explores how NATO’s nuclear policies nearly destroyed it – and why the alliance narrowly escaped such a fate. She is also the editor, along with Timothy Andrews Sayle, of ‘The Nuclear North: Histories of Canada in the Atomic Age’, a collection of essays on Canadian nuclear history, published by University of British Columbia Press in autumn 2020.

Prior to joining TISS, Susan held postdoctoral fellowships at John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and International Security Studies at Yale University. She received her PhD in History from the University of Toronto.

# Plenary Roundtable: The Past, Present and Future of American Grand Strategy

Sponsored by the Charles Koch Foundation

‘American grand strategy’ is a term that has been increasingly used in both scholarly and public discourses over the last decade. However, its meaning and how we should consider it as both an intellectual concept and foreign policy framework is often vague and ill-defined. For this roundtable, four distinguished scholars of US foreign policy will discuss American grand strategy in all its forms and what it means in the 21st century and beyond.



Chair: Dr Andrew Payne,  
Hedley Bull Research  
Fellow in International  
Relations, University of  
Oxford.



Dr Adriane Lentz-Smith,  
Associate Professor and  
Associate Chair at Duke  
University’s Department  
of History.



Professor Monica Duffy Toft,  
Professor of International  
Politics and Director of the  
Center for Strategic Studies  
at The Fletcher School of  
Tufts University.



Dr Jacqueline Hazelton,  
Associate Professor at  
the U.S. Naval War  
College.



Dr Nicholas Kitchen,  
Senior Lecturer in International  
Relations, Co-Director Centre  
for International Intervention at  
the University of Surrey

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## **Panel: Publishing as an Early Career Researcher: Op-eds, Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

**Chair:** Dr Matthew Hill (Liverpool John Moores University)

**Speakers:** Dr Cornelia Baciu (University of Copenhagen), Grant Golub (LSE), Dr Alexandra Homolar (University of Warwick), Dr Gustav Meibauer (Radboud University), Professor Jason Ralph (University of Leeds & European Journal of International Security)



**Dr Cornelia Baciu** is a Researcher at the Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen. Previously, she was Postdoctoral Fellow in European Security at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg, Germany and obtained her PhD in civil-military relations and global governance from Dublin City University. Her current research focuses on world order, US foreign policy, comparative strategy, international organisations (NATO, EU) and democratic security governance. Cornelia has published in academic journals such as *Journal of Transatlantic Studies*, *Comparative Strategy*, *New Perspectives*, and has published two books: 'Civil-Military Relations and Global Security Governance. Strategy, Hybrid Orders and the Case of Pakistan' (2021 Routledge), and 'Peace, Security and Defence Cooperation in Post-Brexit Europe. Risks and Opportunities' (2019, Springer, with John Doyle).



**Grant Golub** is a PhD student and Graduate Teaching Assistant at the London School of Economics' International History Department. His research focuses on Henry L. Stimson and his tenure as the American Secretary of War during the Second World War. He received his BA in History and American studies cum laude from Princeton University, and an MSc in History of International Relations with Distinction from LSE. Aside from his research, Grant is co-convenor for the HY510 LSE-Sciences Po Research Seminar in Contemporary International History and co-editor of the department's LSE International History Blog. Grant has published opinion pieces in *The Washington Post* and the Quincy Institute's 'Responsible Statecraft', as well as a number of book reviews in the LSE Review of Books and blog posts on the LSE Department of History Blog.



**Dr Alexandra Homolar** is a Reader of International Security at the University of Warwick. Alex is the academic lead of Speaking International Security at Warwick (SISAW) and the co-lead of the interdisciplinary Research in Global Governance Network (RiGG Net). She is an awardee of the 2021 Leverhulme Research Fellowship scheme for her project 'Populist Fantasyland' and from 2013-17 she was the Principal Investigator of the ESRC Future Research Leaders project 'Enemy Addiction'. Her research interests lie at the intersection of security, language and political psychology as well as US defence and security policy. She has published contributions to these fields in academic journals such as *Security Dialogue*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Review of International Studies*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Critical Studies on Terrorism* and more.



**Dr Gustav Melbauer** is Assistant Professor at Radboud University Nijmegen with research interests in foreign policy analysis, security studies and International Relations theory. His research focuses on muddled state behaviour, decision-making and the political dynamics of foreign policy choice, especially with regards to tools such as no-fly zones and buffer zones. He holds degrees from the London School of Economics, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and the University of St Gallen. Gustav has published on the theoretical contributions of neoclassical realism to foreign policy analysis and International Relations theory more broadly, and contributes to ongoing projects on gender & diversity representation in academia, as well as on novel approaches to experiential and active learning.



**Professor Jason Ralph** is Professor of International Relations at the University of Leeds and is Co-Editor of the *European Journal of International Security*. He is also Honorary Professor of International Relations at the University of Queensland. He is author of three books including *America's War on Terror* (OUP 2013) and *Defending the Society of States* (OUP 2007). His most recent work is on the Responsibility to Protect and International society, including "What Should be Done? Pragmatic Constructivist Ethics and the Responsibility to Protect", *International Organization* 2018, and (with Jess Gifkins) 'The purpose of UN Security Council Practice. Contesting Competence Claims in the Normative context created by the Responsibility to Protect' which was awarded best article to be published by *EJIS* in 2017.

# Conference Programme

## Day 1: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### 09:30-09:50am Welcome

Introductions, Grant Golub & Ellis Mallett (Co-Convenors)  
Introduction to BISA, Juliet Dryden (Director of BISA)

<b><u>PANEL 1: Southeast Asia (10:00-11:30am)</u></b>	
Chair: Dr Qingfei Yin (LSE)	
Discussant: Dr Oliver Turner (University of Edinburgh)	
Eva Ward, University of Strathclyde	Colonial Policy and International Control: The American Philippines and Multilateral Drug Treaties 1909-1931
Dr Gabrielle Nugent-Stephens, Coventry University	Criminogenic Security Governance: US intervention in Laos, 1962-1975
Hendra Manurung, Padjadjaran University	Shifts in US policy in Southeast Asia: Impact on Indonesia-US Relations
Dr Ben Coulson, Durham University	From Ally to Ambiguity: Thailand in US Foreign Policy

<b><u>PANEL 2: Human Rights (11:45 – 12:45pm)</u></b>	
Chair: Grant Golub (LSE)	
Discussant: Dr Rasmus Sondergaard (Danish Institute for International Studies)	
Dr Renu Keer, University of Delhi	US Policy on Humanitarian Intervention: Comparing Somalia and Rwanda
Richard Balzano, University of Reading	Revolution or Rebranding: Transitions in US Human Rights Policy during the Reagan Administration

<b>PANEL 3: Transatlantic Relations (13:15 – 14:45pm)</b>	
Chair: Professor Matthew Jones (LSE) Discussant: Dr Andrew Priest (University of Essex)	
Neil Suchak, University of Oxford	"A War with England is like a Civil War" Debating the Monroe Doctrine at the Turn of the 20th Century
Barbara Campos Diniz, PUC Minas Brazil	Responding to 9/11: Twenty years of Anglo-American Counterterrorism Cooperation
Andrew Capistrano, LSE	From Versailles to Washington: The Anglo-American rapprochement and international order in East Asia, 1918-1922

<b>Plenary Roundtable: The Past, Present and Future of American Grand Strategy sponsored by the Charles Koch Foundation (15:00 – 16:15pm)</b>
Introduction: Dr Nicholas Kitchen, University of Surrey Chair: Dr Andrew Payne, University of Oxford
Speakers: Dr Adriane Lentz-Smith, Duke University Professor Monica Duffy Toft, Tufts University Dr Jacqueline Hazelton, U.S. Naval War College Dr Nicholas Kitchen, University of Surrey

<b><u>Keynote: Dr Susan Colbourn</u></b> (16:45 – 18:15pm)
<i>“Crisis is Forever: How the Euromissiles almost broke NATO and why it matters”</i>
Live with Q&A
Chaired by Dr Sarah Miller-Davenport, University of Sheffield



**Day 2: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

<b>ROUNDTABLE: Publishing as an Early Career Researcher (10:30 – 12:00)</b>	
Chair: Dr Matthew Hill (Liverpool John Moores University)	
Speakers: Dr Cornelia Baciú, University of Copenhagen Grant Golub, LSE Dr Alexandra Homolar, University of Warwick Dr Gustav Meibauer, Radboud University Professor Jason Ralph, University of Leeds & European Journal of International Security	

<b>PANEL 4: Great Powers (12:45 – 14:15pm)</b>	
Chair: Dr Trevor McCrisken (University of Warwick)	
Discussant: Dr Adam Quinn (University of Birmingham)	
Shihui Yin, University of Edinburgh	American Strategic Narratives of China's Belt and Road Initiative: Making Sense of the US Hegemony and Its Policy Towards China
Jeff Hawn, LSE	Defeat in Victory: The Clinton administration's failed foreign policy toward Russia 1991-1993
Ryan Dukeman, Princeton University	The Populist Piper: Why Trump's Foreign Policy Was More Bark Than Bite

<b>PANEL 5: Regions (14:30 – 16:00pm)</b>	
Chair: Dr Clara Eroukhmanoff (London South Bank University)	
Discussant: Dr Rubrick Biegon (University of Kent)	
Abhimanini Sawhney, St Xavier's College	Reading between the lines - Shifts in US foreign policy as indicated by changing methodology of sanctions
Alexandros Zachariades, LSE	Soft balancing by Great Powers? US-Turkey Relations since the late 2000s
Ana-Constantina Frost, Freie University Berlin	America's Backyard: Continuities and Changes in US Central American Policy

Dr Matthieu Vallieres, University of Toronto	Two Steps Forward, One Step Back into the Quagmire: The Emotional Logics of Richard Nixon's Withdrawal from Vietnam 1969-1971
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<b><u>PANEL 6: International Order (16:15 – 17:45pm)</u></b>	
Chair: Dr Nicholas Kitchen (University of Surrey)	
Discussant: Dr Andrew Szarejko (U.S Naval Postgraduate School)	
Dr Aaron McKeil, LSE	The Problem of International Order Reconsidered
Shalini Prasad, Ambedkar University	The US and the QUAD: Reassuring its Liberal International Order
Dexter Fergie, Northwestern University	Siting Global Governance in the Territory of the Hegemon in the 1940s
Angus Reilly, King's College London	Fool's Paper: The Fall and Rise of the Dollar, 1977-82

**17:45 – 18:00 Concluding Remarks & Farewells**

# **Don't Miss: BISA 2022 Annual Conference**

## **Can the World Survive?**

**Civic Centre, Newcastle-upon-Tyne**

**15-17 June 2022**



The BISA conference is renowned for being inclusive, diverse and friendly. We bring together a worldwide community of specialists to discuss, promote and develop international studies.

In 2022, we're asking: Is the world able to cooperate effectively to address global challenges? With global attention turned towards the pandemic, what major shifts in global politics are taking place out of sight? Does the digitisation of international politics create new forms of hybrid activism and change, or augment existing divides and inequalities? And how do we access international politics?

BISA 2022 is a face-to-face conference. However, we will be holding a virtual stream the day before the main conference begins, subject to demand. Find out more about the conference [here](#).