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City, University of London, Northampton Square,
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Academic Positions

City, University of London, London, United Kingdom
Senior Lecturer of International Politics, August 2020 – Present
Lecturer of International Politics, September 2018 – July 2020

Ostrom Workshop, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana, United States
External Affiliate, June 2018 — Present

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom
Fellow, Department of International Development, September 2016 — August 2018

The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, Netherlands
Senior Researcher, Rule of Law Program, January — September 2016

Stanford University in Oxford Program, Oxford, United Kingdom
Tutor, September 2013 — March 2015

Education

- 2016 DPhil (PhD) in International Relations, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom
Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester Thesis Prize, (awarded to Oxford's most outstanding international relations thesis), 2017
Clarendon Scholarship, (Full PhD scholarship plus stipend), 2012-2015
- 2009 JD, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California, United States
- 2006 MA in Comparative Ethnic Conflict, Queen's University of Belfast, Belfast, United Kingdom
George J. Mitchell Scholarship, (Full MA scholarship plus stipend), 2005
- 2003 BA in Political Science and Religious Studies, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, United States

Academic Publications

Contending Orders: Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law, Book Manuscript, New York: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming November 2022 (<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/contending-orders-9780197530429?cc=gb&lang=en&>)

“International Assistance After Conflict: Health, Transitional Justice and Opportunity Costs” (with Johannes Knies), *Third World Quarterly*, vol. 42.8, 2021, pp. 1696-1714

“Theorizing Risk and Research: Methodological Constraints and Their Consequences” (with Kate Roll), *PS: Political Science and Politics*, vol. 53.2, 2020, pp. 286-291.

“Fieldwork after Conflict: Contextualizing the Challenges of Access and Data Quality” (with Kate Roll), *Disasters*, Vol. 43.2, 2019, pp. 240-260

“The Promise and Peril of Paralegal Aid,” *World Development*, Vol. 106, June 2018, pp. 51-63

“Legal Pluralism in Theory and Practice,” *International Studies Review*, Vol. 20.3, 2018, pp. 438-462

“Why U.S. Efforts to Promote the Rule of Law in Afghanistan Failed,” *International Security*, Vol. 42.1, 2017, pp. 114-151

- “Correspondence: Debating the Rule of Law in Afghanistan,” (with Eric Bartz and Khalid Momand), *International Security*, Vol. 43.1, 2018, pp. 181-185.

“Legal Pluralism and Women’s Rights after Conflict: The Role of CEDAW” (with Meghan Campbell), *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, Vol. 48.1, 2016, pp. 112-146

“Building the Rule of Law in Afghanistan: The Importance of Legal Education” (with Eli Sugarman), *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*, Vol. 3.1, 2011, pp. 130-146

- Other Scholarly Publications** “Understanding and Engaging Informal Justice,” Clingendael Institute, 2016
 “Promoting Democracy with Neither State Nor Security,” *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 5.1, 2010, pp. 85-99
 “An Introduction to Criminal Law in Afghanistan” (with Anne Stephens and Scott Schaffer), American University of Afghanistan Press, 2009
 “Institutionalizing Legal Aid for Criminal Defendants in Nepal,” *National Judicial Academy Law Journal*, Supreme Court of Nepal Press, Vol. 3.1, 2009, pp. 141-148
 “Review Essay: Can Might Make Rights?” *Stanford Journal of International Law*, Vol. 43.1, 2007, pp. 216-219
- Popular Publications** “The Last Best Aid?: Rethinking Paralegal Assistance,” *Political Violence at a Glance*, July 9, 2018
 “Trump Says ‘Our Troops Will Fight to Win’ in Afghanistan. Here’s Why Peace and Stability are so Elusive,” *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, August 22, 2017
 “Rodrigo Duterte – The Philippines’s Human Rights Wild Card,” (with Anca Iordache), *Oxford Human Rights Hub*, June 8, 2016
 “Timor-Leste’s Dangerous Political Union,” *The Diplomat*, May 24, 2016
 “Afghanistan Corruption No Gaffe,” Hague Institute Commentary, May 13, 2016
 “Breaking Afghanistan’s Election Crisis Cycle,” (with Anca Iordache), Hague Institute Commentary, April 18, 2016
 “Stanford, Asia Foundation Launch First Text to Focus on Laws of Timor-Leste,” *In Asia*, The Asia Foundation, December 7, 2011
 “Timor-Leste’s Legal Aid Lawyers Offer Vital Voice on Draft Legal Aid Law,” *In Asia*, The Asia Foundation, August 24, 2011
 “Asia’s Newest State Builds Legal Education,” *In Asia*, The Asia Foundation, March 30, 2011
 “South Africa Must Pressure Mugabe” (with Adam B. Kushner), *Los Angeles Times Op Ed*, June 29, 2004
 “A Test of Faith,” *Orlando Sentinel Op Ed*, May 3, 2004
 “Democracy by Force” (with Thomas Carothers), *TomPaine.com: A Public Interest Journal*, March 25, 2004
 “Global Classroom Holds Lessons for Campaign Reform,” *Orlando Sentinel Op Ed*, February 25, 2004
- Honors** *Visiting Scholar*, Ostrom Workshop, University of Indiana, 2022
Fellow-in-Residence, Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, 2021
UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab Expert, 2021 – Present
Stephen M. Kellen Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations, 2018-2023
International Policy Fellow, Bridging the Gap Project, 2018 – Present
LSE Class Teacher Award, awarded to LSE’s most outstanding teachers, 2018
Just Security 2020, Values and Principles Working Group, Stimson Center, 2018 – Present
R.G. Collingwood Prize for Academic Excellence, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, 2014
President’s Award for Exceptional Performance, The Asia Foundation, 2012
Fellow, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University, 2009
Fellow, Truman National Security Project, 2007 – Present
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellowship, 2003
- Grants** *Small Grant* (£10,000; principal investigator), Global Challenges Research Fund, Government of the United Kingdom, 2019 – 2020
Early Career Researcher, Pump-Priming Grant (£5,000; principal investigator), City, University of London, 2018 – 2019
International Development Departmental Research Grant (£11,000; principal investigator), London School of Economics, 2017, 2018
Dissertation Award, University of Oxford, 2015
Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester Travel Award, University of Oxford, 2014
Santander Travel Award, University of Oxford, 2014
Pembroke College MCR Research Award, University of Oxford, 2014
Pembroke College Dean’s Research Grant, University of Oxford, 2013
Research Grant, Stanford Center on the Legal Profession, Stanford University, 2009

Professional Memberships American Political Science Association, British International Studies Association, Council on Foreign Relations, International Studies Association, Law and Society Association

Professional Employment **The Asia Foundation**, Dili, Timor-Leste

Law Program Manager, October 2011– September 2012; *Legal Advisor*, March 2010 – September 2011

Stanford Law School, Dili, Timor-Leste

Founder and Co-Director, Timor-Leste Legal Education Project, March 2010 – September 2012

The Asia Foundation, Kathmandu, Nepal

Rule of Law Specialist, August 2009 – February 2010

Stanford Law School, Stanford, United States

Senior Associate, Afghanistan Legal Education Project, June 2008 – July 2009

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York, United States, and London, United Kingdom

Summer Associate, May – August 2008

Department of Political Science, Stanford University, Stanford, United States

Teaching Assistant for Professor Lawrence M. Friedman, September 2007 – January 2009

The Asia Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Kathmandu, Nepal, and San Francisco, United States

Consultant, May 2007 – February 2008

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Washington, DC, United States

Program Assistant, Global Political Party Development, August 2004 – August 2005

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC, United States

Junior Fellow, Democracy and Rule of Law Project, August 2003 – July 2004

University Service

International Law and Affairs Group, City, University of London, 2021 – Present

Research Ethics Committee, City, University of London, 2020 – Present

MA Graduate Program Director, City, University of London, 2018 – 2021

Course Director, MA in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy and MA in International Politics, City, University of London, 2018 – 2021

Admissions Tutor, Department of International Politics, MA Program, City, University of London, 2018 – 2021

Academic Misconduct and Extenuating Circumstances Panels, City, University of London, 2018 – 2021

Student-Staff Liaison Committee, City, University of London, 2018 – Present

Student-Staff Liaison Committee, London School of Economics, 2016 – 2018

Governing Body, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, 2014

Graduate President, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, 2014

Tutor, Pembroke College Access Program, University of Oxford, 2014 – 2015