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Academic Positions

City, University of London, London, United Kingdom

Reader, Department of International Politics, August 2023 – Present

Senior Lecturer, Department of International Politics, August 2020 – July 2023

Lecturer, Department of International Politics, September 2018 – July 2020

- *Mid-Career Fellow*, The British Academy, October 2024 – Present
- *Visiting Senior Fellow*, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics, September 2023 – Present
- *Fellow*, Higher Education Academy, June 2023 – Present
- *Trustee and Executive Board Member*, British International Studies Association, June 2022 – Present

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

2009 JD, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California, United States

2006 MA in Comparative Ethnic Conflict, Queen's University of Belfast, Belfast, United Kingdom

2003 BA in Political Science and Religious Studies, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, United States

Book

Contending Orders: Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law. 2022. New York: Oxford University Press

- Critical Dialogue with Mohamed Sesay's *Domination through Law* in *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 21.3, 2023, pp. 1056-1061

Journal Articles

"Avoiding the Political Resource Curse: Evidence from a Most-Likely Case" (with Mortiz Schmoll), *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Vol. 59, 2024, pp. 27-55

"Ethical Exit: When Should Peacekeepers Depart?" (with Eamon Aloyo), *European Journal of International Security*, Vol. 8.3, 2023, pp. 299-318

"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

“How Timor-Leste Escaped the Political ‘Resource Curse,’” (with Mortiz Schmoll), *The Diplomat*, October 20, 2023

“Timor-Leste Election offers an Extraordinary Lesson in How to Build a Stable Democracy,” *The Conversation*, May 26, 2023

“How Legal Pluralism Can Subvert or Support the Rule of Law,” *Jurist Legal News and Commentary*, December 5, 2022

“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*, 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*, February 25, 2004

Honors

Non-Resident Fellow, Eurasia Group Institute for Global Affairs, 2023

Expert Member, Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice and SDG16+, 2022 – Present

- Key contributor for *Diverse Pathways to People-Centred Justice: Report of the Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice and SDG16+* (Rome: IDLO, 2023).

Visiting Scholar, Ostrom Workshop, University of Indiana, 2022

Fellow-in-Residence, Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, 2021

Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations, 2018 – 2024

LSE Class Teacher Award, 2018

Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester Thesis Prize, University of Oxford, 2017

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
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellowship, 2003

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

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

Stanford Law School, Dili, Timor-Leste

Co-founder and In-Country 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