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Qualifications

- PhD, University of Bristol. *An Analysis of Social Diversity in the British Armed Forces* (awarded 2007).
- BSc, University of Bristol. Joint First Class Honours in Social Policy & Politics (awarded 2002).

Academic Appointments

- Professor of International Relations (Personal Chair, from 1 August 2021).
- Reader in International Relations (1 August 2018 – 31 July 2021).
- Senior Lecturer in International Relations, Cardiff University (1 Jan 2016 – 1 August 2018).
- Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, University of Exeter (1 August 2011 – 31 December 2015).
- Lecturer in Politics, University of Exeter (1 September 2009 – 31 July 2011).
- Research Assistant (to Claudia Aradau & Jef Huysmans), Open University (2009).
- Admissions Assistant and SPSS Data Assistant, University of the West of England (2008).
- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Bristol & Visiting Research Associate, York University, Toronto, Canada (2007-2008).
- Teaching Assistant and Graduate Unit Owner, University of Bristol (2007-2009).

Memberships of Professional Associations

British International Studies Association, European International Studies Association, International Studies Association.

Publications

Monograph

- 2013. *War, Identity and the Liberal State: Everyday Experiences of the Geopolitical in the British Armed Forces*, Abingdon: Routledge (reviewed in *Armed Forces and Society*).

Journal Articles

- 2025. Beyond Being and Becoming? The Potential of Intergenerational and Intra-Generational Solidarity, *Critical Studies on Security* (in press, accepted 5 March 2025)
- 2025. Death and Denial in the City: Making Sense of London Bridge and Grenfell, *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*, online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/23996544251326476>

- 2024. (with Sarah Bulmer, Paul Higate, Ross McGarry, Owen Thomas & Andrew Williams) Military Social Harm: An Agenda for Research, *Current Sociology*, online first: <https://doi-org.abc.cardiff.ac.uk/10.1177/00113921241298697>
- 2024. (with Luise Bendfeldt) Beyond the state: Reimagining protection as constellations of care, *Critical Studies on Security*, online first: <https://doi.org/10.1080/21624887.2024.2413751>
- 2024. (with Jamie Johnson and Owen Thomas) 'Mr Rules': Keir Starmer and the juridification of politics, *British Politics*, online first: [10.1057/s41293-024-00258-1](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41293-024-00258-1)
- 2022. Everyday modalities of militarization: beyond unidirectional, state-centric, and simplistic accounts of state violence. *Critical Military Studies* (Online first, DOI: 10.1080/23337486.2022.2070692).
- 2022. (with Jamie Johnson & Owen Thomas) Ordering disorder: The making of world politics. *Review of International Studies*, 48 (4): 607-625. Available open access.
- 2021 (with Jamie Johnson). Living in dangerous times. *Critical Studies on Terrorism* 14 (4): 400-401.
- 2021. A necessarily historical materialist moment? Feminist reflections on the need for grounded critique in an age of crisis. *International Relations* 35 (1): 178-182.
- 2021. (with Sergio Catignani) The gendered politics of researching military policy in the age of the 'knowledge economy'. *Review of International Studies* 47 (2): 211-230. Available open access.
- 2021. (with Sergio Catignani) Self-Fulfilment Claims and the Speech Act of Sacrifice: Army Reserve Service as Selfless Commitment or Serious Leisure? *Security Dialogue*, 52 (2): 99-117. Available open access.
- 2020. "Wenn du frieden willst, bereite krieg vor". Über liberalen militarismus. *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte*, 70 (16-17): 48-52.
- 2018. (with Sergio Catignani) War is Where the Hearth is: Gendered Labour and the Everyday Reproduction of the Geopolitical in the Army Reserves, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 20 (2): 153-171. Available open access.
- 2018. Liberal Militarism as Insecurity, Desire and Ambivalence: Gender, Race and the Everyday Geopolitics of War, *Security Dialogue*, 49 (1-2): 32-43.
- 2016. Raising an Army: The Geopolitics of Militarizing the Lives of Working-Class Boys in an Age of Austerity, *International Political Sociology*, 10 (3): 258-274.
- 2016. Gender, race, militarism and remembrance: the everyday geopolitics of the poppy, *Gender, Place and Culture*, 23 (6): 883-896.
- 2016. (with Catherine Baker, Sarah Bulmer, Harriet Gray and Alex Hyde). Encounters with the Military: Towards a Feminist Ethics of Critique? *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 18 (1): 140-154.
- 2015. Telling Geopolitical Tales: Temporality, Rationality, and the Childish in the Ongoing War for the Falklands-Malvinas Islands, *Critical Studies on Security*, 3 (1): 77-89.

- 2013. (with Nick Vaughan-Williams) Gender, race, and border security practices: A profanatory reading of 'Muscular Liberalism', *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 15 (4): 509-527.
- 2009. Harnessing Social Diversity in the British Armed Forces: Overcoming the Limitations of 'Management' Approaches, *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, 47 (4): 411–429. Also published as a chapter in Christian Leuprecht, ed., *Defending Democracy and Securing Diversity*, London: Routledge, ISBN: 978-0-415-57649-9.
- 2009. Effecting Discrimination: Operational Effectiveness and Harassment in the British Armed Forces, *Armed Forces & Society*, 35 (4): 728-744.
- 2008. Everyday Gendered Experiences and the Discursive Construction of Civilian and Military Identities in Britain, *Nordic Journal for Masculinity Studies*, 3 (2): 150-166.

Book Chapters and Entries

- 2025. 'Military'. In: Jahn, B. and Schindler, S. eds. *Elgar Encyclopaedia of International Relations*. Edward Elgar. ISBN: 978 1 03531 227 6 (peer reviewed).
- 2025. 'Critical Military Studies'. In: McCann, L., E. Granter, O. Bozkurt, R. Finn, C. Hunter, N. Kivinen, A. Kumar, and B. Wierman, eds. *Elgar Encyclopaedia of Critical Management Studies*. Edward Elgar. ISBN: 978 1 80037 771 4.
- 2024. War and militarism. In: Rossi, N. and Riemann, M. eds. *Security Studies: An Applied Introduction*. Sage, 109-130 (peer reviewed).
- 2024. Mitä on militarismi ja militarisoituminen? In: Hast, S. and Kotilainen, N. eds. *Sodan pauloissa: Militarismi suomalaisessa yhteiskunnassa*. Helsinki: Gaudeamus, 31-36.
- 2023. 'War and Sociopolitical Orders'. In *Security Studies: Critical Perspectives* edited by Xavier Guillaume & Kyle Grayson, Oxford University Press, 104-120 (peer reviewed).
- 2022. Gender Issues. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Military History*. Ed. Kaushik Roy. New York: Oxford University Press (peer reviewed).
- 2020. From Hitler's Youth to the British Child Soldier: How the Martial Regulation of Children Normalises and Legitimises Warfare in Marshal Beier, ed., *Doing Childhood in International Relations*, Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2017. (with Sarah Bulmer) Critical Military Studies as Method: An Approach to Studying Gender and the Military in Rachel Woodward & Claire Duncanson, eds., *Palgrave Handbook on Gender and the Military*, New York: Palgrave: 59-71.
- 2016. Gender and Militaries in Simona Sharoni, Julia Welland, Linda Steiner and Jennifer Pedersen, eds., *Handbook on Gender and War*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar: 29-46.
- 2015. Waiting for war: Soldiering, temporality and the politics of boredom and joy in military spaces in Linda Ahall & Tom Gregory, eds., *Emotions, Politics and War*, London: Routledge: 128-140.

- 2011. Kids with Guns: Militarization, Masculinities, Moral Panic and (Dis)Organised Violence in J. Marshall Beier, *The Militarization of Childhood: Thinking Beyond the Global South*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan: 175-193.

Journal Editorials

- 2015. (Editorial with Jess Gifkins & Aaron Belkin) What is Critical Military Studies? *Critical Military Studies*, 1 (1): 1-2.
- 2013. (Guest editorial with Martin Hurcombe & Chris Pearson) Introduction: Traces of Conflict, *Journal of War & Culture Studies*, 6 (1): 1-5.

Policy & Research Reports

- 2017. *Society needs you! An Assessment of Military and Non-Military Youth Groups and their Implications for Social Cohesion and Change*, end of award report for the Network for Social Change.
- 2010. (with Frank, Nathaniel, Geoffrey Bateman, Aaron Belkin, Margot Canaday, Alan Okros, & Denise Scott), *Gays in Foreign Militaries 2010: A Global Primer*, Santa Barbara: Palm Center, UCSB.
- 2009. (with Claudia Aradau) *Adding the 'Ps'? Securing counter-terrorist futures in the UK*, Milton Keynes: Pavis Centre on Social and Cultural Research, Open University.

Grants & Awards

- Kerstin Hesselgren Visiting Professorship, Swedish Research Council, based at the Swedish Defence University, Stockholm (approx. £134,000, 1 Jan-31 December 2026).
- British Academy Small Grant (PI) (with Owen Thomas) *A Tale of Two Cities: The Politics of Responsibility in the Grenfell and London Bridge Catastrophes* (£9,993; 1 November 2018 - 1 December 2019).
- GW4 Initiator Grant (PI) for establishing the *Network for Critical Engagement with the Defence Establishment* (£19,826; 1 January – 31 December 2018).
- ESRC - Ministry of Defence Research Grant (Co-I, with Sergio Catignani) *Sustaining Future Reserves 2020* (£299,911; ES/L013029/1, 2014-2018).
- Cardiff University Research Opportunities Programme (UG research assistance; 2018).
- International Studies Association - Travel Grant to present at the ISA Annual Conference in Baltimore, USA (\$180; 2017).
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum International Summer Workshop fellow, *Military Hazing and Sexual Violence, Then and Now: Towards an Integrated History of Gender and Holocaust Studies*, Washington DC, USA (full expenses plus honorarium; 2016).
- Network for Social Change Research Grant, *Society Needs You!* (£12,767; 2014-2016).
- Cardiff University Research Opportunities Programme (UG research assistance; 2016 and 2018).
- University of Exeter Outward Mobility Academic Fellowship to visit University of Virginia, USA (£5000; 2013).

- UCLA Palm Center Research Grant for setting up *Critical Military Studies* journal (\$25,000; 2013).
- Newcastle University Grant for setting up *Critical Military Studies* journal (£500; 2013).
- ESRC SWDTC Advanced Training Grant for workshops on Methodologies (£2,850; 2013).
- ESRC SWDTC Advanced Training Grant (with Dario Castiglione & Torsten Michel) for workshops on Interdisciplinary Research (£2,060; 2013).
- International Studies Association Travel Grant to present at the ISA Annual Conference in San Diego, US (\$300; 2012).
- University of Exeter Outward Mobility Academic Fellowship to visit University of Massachusetts, Boston, US (£5000; 2012).
- University of Exeter Outward Mobility Academic Fellowship, to visit Brown University, William & Mary and University of South Florida, USA and University of Toronto, Canada (£5000; 2011).
- Political Studies Association Workshop Grant, *Soldiering, Performativity and Identity* (conference venue and catering for 14 participants; 2009).
- International Studies Association Travel Grant to attend the ISA Annual Convention in New York, USA (\$350; 2009).
- Brown University Conference Grant (with Catherine Lutz) *Issues in the Critical Study of Armed Forces and Militarization Conference* (\$15,000; 2009).
- University of Bristol Institute for Research in the Humanities and Arts Workshop Grant (with Martin Hurcombe & Chris Pearson) *Traces of Conflict: An Interdisciplinary Workshop Series* (£4304; 2008).
- ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, *Contesting Social Diversity in the British Armed Forces* (£78,285.60 ESRC contribution; 2007).
- University of Bristol Alumni Foundation Conference Travel Grant to present at *IUS-Canada 2004 Conference*, Toronto, Canada (£350; 2004).
- ESRC-Ministry of Defence ‘+ 3’ Doctoral Studentship, *An Analysis of Social Diversity in the British Armed Forces* (£48,160 plus additional funding from MoD; 2002).

Research Leadership

- Editorial Board Member, *Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies* (since 2024).
- Network Lead for the GW4 Network for Critical Engagement with the Defence Establishment (since 2018).
- Book Series Co-Editor, *Advances in Critical Military Studies*, Edinburgh University Press (since 2015).
- Editor-in Chief and Founding Editor, *Critical Military Studies*, Taylor & Francis (since 2013).
- Steering Committee Member, civil society group ForcesWatch (since 2014).
- EISA President (September 2017 – September 2019) & Governing Board Member (2015-2019).

Conference & Workshop Organisation

Conference Programming

- (with Tansel Cemal Burak) *International Studies in an Age of Crises*, European International Studies Association 11th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Barcelona, Spain, 13-16 September 2017.
- *EISA Exploratory Symposia*, Rapallo, Italy, 2-5 November 2016.
- *Militarisation in Everyday Life in the UK*, hosted by ForcesWatch, Friends House, London, 19 October 2013.
- (with Catherine Lutz) *Issues in the Critical Study of Armed Forces and Militarization*, Watson Institute, Brown University, US, 29 – 30 May 2009.

Workshop & Section Convening

- (with Jana Tabak) *Critical Military Studies Section*, European International Studies Association 18th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Bologna, Italy, 25-29 August 2025.
- (with Jana Tabak) *Critical Military Studies Section*, European International Studies Association 17th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Lille, France, 27-31 August 2024.
- (with Jamie Johnson) *The Case for Scandology: International Relations in an Age of Outrage*, EISA European Workshops in International Studies, Krakow, Poland, 26-29 June 2019.
- *The Life of the Soldier: Working with the Armed Forces to Address Harms and Disadvantage*, Royal United Services Institute, London, 17 May 2018.
- *Critically Engaging with the Defence Establishment: Challenges, Opportunities and Synergies*, Cardiff, 24 April 2018.
- *Sustaining Future Reserves 2020: Organisational Commitment in the Reserves*, Stakeholder Symposium, Royal United Services Institute, London, 26 May 2016.
- (with Sarah Bulmer) *Critical Military Studies Section*, European International Studies Association 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Giardini Naxos, Italy, 23-26 September 2015.
- (with Torsten Michel) ESRC SWDTC funded Advanced Training workshop, *Space and Time: Cartographies and Memories as Method*, University of Bristol, 5 November 2014.
- *Critical Military Studies Section*, European International Studies Association 8th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, University of Warsaw, Poland, 18-21 September 2013.
- *Soldiering, Performativity and Identity*, Political Studies Association Conference Workshop, Edinburgh, 29 March 2010.
- (with Ruth Glynn) *Gendered Perpetration: A Workshop*, part of the Traces of Conflict Research Project, University of Bristol, 12 March 2009.
- *Reflexivity and Military Scholarship: An Inter-Disciplinary Workshop Debating the Study of Armed Forces*, University of Bristol, 30 May 2008.
- *Civil-Military Relations Reading Group* – Department of Politics, University of Bristol, November 2007 – June 2008.

Doctoral Supervision and Examination

- 4 current supervisees (3 ESRC-funded).
- 9 former students supervised to completion (including one PhD by publication).
- Completed 21 external examinations (UK, Canada, Sweden, Denmark)
- Appointed to 3 further external examinations in 2025 (UK, Belgium, Sweden).
- Completed 2 internal examinations.

Other services to the Academy

- External Advisor to the Recruitment Panel for Director of Student Experience and Deputy Director of Education, College of Social Sciences, University of Birmingham (February 2025).
- Project Advisory Group Member, AHRC Grant, Stories in Transition: Examining the role of arts, culture and sport in supporting veteran transition to civilian life (2020-2022).
- Panel Member, GW4 Generator Fund Panel (2020; 2021; 2022)
- External Examiner, University of Glasgow, UG Honours Politics (Oct 2015-July 2019).
- Official Mentor to *The Politics of Military Loss in Contemporary Europe*, grant held by Cecilia Åse and Maria Wendt, Stockholm University (throughout 2017-2018).
- External Examiner, Masters in Research, University of Gloucestershire (Jan 2014-July 2016).
- **Promotion reviews** for various institutions including San Francisco State University, Georgetown University, University of York, University of Hull, Queen Mary University of London, London School of Economics, Royal Holloway, University of Warwick.
- **Grant reviews** for multiple funding agencies including: ESRC, UK; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Czech Science Foundation; Independent Research Fund, Denmark; Israeli Science Foundation; National Science Centre, Poland; British Academy; Leverhulme Trust, UK; Joseph Rowntree Foundation, UK.
- **Peer reviews** for multiple journals including: *American Political Science Review*; *Armed Forces and Society*; *Bulletin of Latin American Research*; *Childhood*; *Critical Studies on Security*; *Environment and Planning C*; *European Journal of International Security*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *Gender, Place and Culture*; *Gender, Work & Organization*; *Geopolitics*; *Global Studies Quarterly*; *International Feminist Journal of Politics*; *International Political Science Review*; *International Political Sociology*; *International Relations*; *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of War and Culture Studies*; *Men and Masculinities*; *Political Geography*; *Political Psychology*; *Public Policy and Administration*; *Sociological Forum*; *Women, Politics & Policy*; *Security Dialogue*; *Social Science and Medicine*.
- **Book manuscript reviews** for various publishers including: *Oxford University Press*; *Routledge*; *Palgrave Macmillan*; *Manchester University Press*; *Rowman & Littlefield*.

- **Multiple invited talks and keynotes** in the UK, Netherlands, Italy, France, Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Norway, India, South Korea, Brazil, USA.
- Extensive experience as a presenter, panelist, chair and discussant at conferences and workshops around the world.

Academic Leadership, Mentoring, and Training

Cardiff University

- Head of Department (2022-2025) and Deputy Head of School (2023- 2024)
- Completion of Senior Leadership Training (2024)
- School Deputy Director of Research and Department Director of Research (2022)
- Deputy Director of Research Funding (2021-2022)
- Deputy Head of Department and Undergraduate Director of Teaching and Learning (2018-2020).
- Director of PGT Programmes (2017-2018).
- Chair, Student Mobility Group/Exchanges (2016-2017).
- Mentor on Cardiff University's Mentoring Programme (2017-2018).
- Member of International Relations Programme Development Steering Group (2016).
- Cardiff Futures leadership training (2018-2019).

University of Exeter

- ESRC South West Doctoral Training Centre Pathway Lead for MREs and PhD Programme in *Security, Conflict and Justice* (2011-2014).
- Director of Doctoral Studies (2013-2014).
- Director of Education (2012-2013).
- Undergraduate Programme Development Officer (2010-2012).
- Head of Pastoral Support (2010-2012).
- Undergraduate Dissertation Coordinator (2009-2010).
- Completed the *Aurora* programme, a leadership development course for women run by the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education (funded by University of Exeter; 2014).

University of Bristol

- Study Skills Advisor (2002- 2003).

Teaching Experience, Awards and Qualifications

- Over 20 years of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, support, supervision and curriculum design and development
- Enriching Student Life Nomination for Innovative Teaching, 2018 and for Personal Tutoring, 2019.
- University of Exeter Students' Guild Innovative Teacher of the Year Award 2011; also nominated in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015.
- Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice & Fellow of Higher Education Academy, awarded 2011.