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Professional appointments

2023-	Personal Chair of International Security, University of Edinburgh
2023-	Director of Postgraduate Research Programmes, School of Social & Political Science
2015-2022	Co-Founder and Co-Director, Centre for Security Research (CeSeR), University of Edinburgh
2013-2023	Senior Lecturer, Politics and International Relations, University of Edinburgh
2007-2013	Lecturer, Politics and International Relations, University of Edinburgh
2006	Lecturer and research fellow, <i>Migration, democracy and security</i> (ESRC), Birmingham
2005-2007	Research associate, <i>Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security</i> (EU FP6), Keele & KCL
2002-2005	Research assistant, <i>European Liberty and Security</i> (EU FP5), Keele

Publications

Monographs	Security as Politics: Beyond the State of Exception Edinburgh University Press 2019, 288 pages. Honourable mention – International Political Sociology book prize 2020, International Studies Association. <hr/> <i>Exceptionalism and the Politics of Counter-Terrorism: Liberty, Security and the War on Terror</i> Routledge, 2010, 198 pages.
Datasets	National Security and Defence Documents Dataset (1987-2025) v3.5 . University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh DataShare. doi.org/10.7488/ds/8101
Single-authored journal articles	<hr/> ‘After Nordstream: Four Security Dilemmas in Critical Maritime Infrastructure Protection’ , <i>International Affairs</i> , vol. 102, issue 1 (2026). <hr/> ‘The Parliamentarisation of Security in the UK and Australia’ , <i>Parliamentary Affairs</i> , vol. 74, no. 2, April 2021: 464-482 (2021). <hr/> ‘Parliamentary Security Politics as Politicisation by Volume’ , <i>European Review of International Studies</i> , vol. 5, no. 3: 70-93 (2019). <hr/> ‘Normalization and Legislative Exceptionalism: Counterterrorist Lawmaking and the Changing Times of Security Emergencies.’ <i>International Political Sociology</i> , vol. 6, no. 3: 260–276 (2012). <hr/> ‘Terrorism, Lawmaking and Democratic Politics: Legislators as Security Actors.’ <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> , vol. 24, no. 3: 357-374 (2012). <hr/> ‘Events Dear Boy, Events’: Terrorism and Security from the Perspective of Politics.’ <i>Critical Studies on Terrorism</i> , vol. 5, no. 1: 107-20 (2012). <hr/> ‘Securitization and Risk at the EU Border: the Origins of FRONTEX’, <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i> , Vol. 47, No. 2, 333–356 (2009). <hr/> ‘Foucault in Guantánamo: Towards an Archaeology of the Exception’, <i>Security Dialogue</i> 37(1): 31-46 (2006). <hr/> ‘Cutting off the King’s head: Foucault’s <i>Society Must Be Defended</i> and the Problem of Sovereignty’, <i>Alternatives: Global, Local, Political</i> 29(4): 373-98 (2004).
Joint-authored journal articles	<hr/> The prioritisation of climate security: A content analysis of national security agendas , with TM Wik, <i>Environment and Security</i> 3 (1) (2025), 33-71 <hr/> ‘Neophilia’, in Salter, Mark B., et al. ‘Horizon Scan: Critical security studies for the next 50 years.’ <i>Security Dialogue</i> 50.4_suppl (2019): 9-37. <hr/> ‘Capturing protest in urban environments: The ‘police kettle’ as a territorial strategy’ <i>Environment and Planning D: Society and Space</i> , vol. 37(6), (2019), with Sven Opitz and Christopher Zebrowski: 1045-1063. <hr/> ‘The Politicisation of Security: Controversy, Mobilisation, Arena Shifting’, special issue on ‘The Politicisation of Security’, <i>European Review of International Studies</i> , vol. 5(3) (2019), with Jonas Hagmann and Hendrik Hegemann, pp. 3-29. <hr/> ‘Human Interest and Humane Governance in Iraq: Humanitarian War and the Baghdad Zoo.’ <i>Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding</i> , vol. 6(2): 213-32 (2012), with Alison Howell.

	'Europe, Knowledge, Politics—Engaging with the Limits: The C.A.S.E. Collective Responds', collective authorship, <i>Security Dialogue</i> 38(4) (2007): 559-576.
	'Critical Approaches to Security in Europe: A Networked Manifesto', collective authorship, <i>Security Dialogue</i> , 37(4) (2006): 443–87.
Edited books	Security in a Small Nation: Scotland, Democracy, Politics , Open Book Publishers, 2017, open access, 250 pages.
	<i>Critical Security Methods: New Frameworks for Analysis</i> , co-edited with Jef Huysmans, Claudia Aradau and Nadine Voelkner, Routledge, 2014, 214 pages.
	<i>Foucault on Politics, Security and War</i> , Andrew Neal & Michael Dillon (eds), Palgrave 2008, 256 pages.
Guest editorships	Special issue on ' The Politicisation of Security: Controversy, Mobilisation, Arena Shifting ', co-edited with Jonas Hagmann and Hendrik Hegemann, <i>European Review of International Studies</i> , vol. 5, no. 3 (2019). Followed by 5 response essays in vol. 7 no. 1 (2020), 105-122.
	Virtual special issue on ' Foucault and Security Studies: Beyond biopolitics? ', <i>Security Dialogue</i> , co-edited with Claudia Aradau, 2016.
Selected book chapters	' NATO accession, democratization, and security sector reform (1989–2004): The role of reflexivity and historico-geopolitical positionality ', in Thorsten Bonacker (ed.) <i>Securitization, Politicization and Social Differentiation in History</i> , (Nomos, 2025 247-270).
	'Governmentality and Grand Strategy', in <i>The Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy</i> , Thierry Balzacq and Ron Krebs (Oxford University Press, 2021: 190-201).
	'University free speech as a space of exception in Prevent?', in Ian Cram (ed.), <i>Extremism, Free Speech and Counter Terrorism Law and Policy: International and Comparative Perspectives</i> , (Routledge, 2019: 74-95).
	'Security matters' in Gerry Hassan and Simon Barrow (eds), <i>Scotland the Brave? Twenty Years of Changes and The Future of the Nation</i> , Luath Press 2019.
	'Legislative Practices'. In <i>Research Methods in Critical Security Studies: An Introduction</i> . Edited by Mark B. Salter and Can E. Mutlu: Routledge (2012).
	'Empiricism without Positivism: King Lear and Critical Security Studies.' In <i>Research Methods in Critical Security Studies: An Introduction</i> . Eds. Mark B. Salter & Can E. Mutlu: Routledge (2012).
	'Foucault and Butler on law, war and exceptionalism' in Neal & Dillon (eds), <i>Foucault on Politics, Security and War</i> (Palgrave, 2008: 43-64).
Grants	
2025	Google Gemma 3 Academic Program, National Security and Defence Documents Dataset, \$10,000 in Google Cloud Credits.
2023-2024	The Scottish Council on Global Affairs (SCGA) Project, 'A comprehensive national security corpus and dataset', £2,630, funded as an Insight Award.
2023-2024	Principal investigator, BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant, 'A history of threats: mapping changing security issues and their conceptualisations in national security documents globally', £3,199, SRG23\231686
2023-2024	Joint PI, Edinburgh – Copenhagen Strategic Partnership seed-fund, 'Technology, Security and Infrastructure Protection in the North Sea', DKK 99.800 from the UoC and £9.910 from UoE.
2021-2022	Co-I, FCDO Project: 'Non-Western dynamics of peace and transition management' FCDO Project Number: 300708-144, workpackage on 'National Security Strategies, emergent powers and 'Sustaining Peace'', £399,996 of which £15,426 devolved to me.
2021	Research Adaptation Fund, National Security and Defence Documents Dataset, financed by the Scottish Funding Council, £3000.
2013-2015	Principal investigator, ESRC seminar series, 'Security in Scotland, with or without constitutional change', £28,956, ES/L00139X/1
2009-2011	Co-I, ESRC international networking and training opportunities scheme, 'An international collaboratory on critical methods in security studies', £39,327, RES-810-21-0072
Education	
2001-2006	PhD in Politics and International Relations, Keele University, 2006 - 2006 British International Studies Association Michael Nicholson Thesis Prize
1998-2001	BA hons (first class) International Relations and Strategic Studies, Lancaster University - 2001 Lancaster Politics Department dissertation prize