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Academic Positions

- 2023- Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford & Wilfrid Knapp Fellow in Politics, St Catherine's College, Oxford
- 2021-2023 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University College London
- 2019-2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University College London
- 2015-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida State University
- 2014-2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Free University Berlin
- 2013 Lecturer, La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2011 Predoctoral Fellow, Department of Political and Social Science, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy

Current Affiliations

- 2025-2027 Visiting Researcher, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Global Governance unit (Germany)
- 2025-2026 Visiting Professor, European University Institute, Schuman Center for Advanced Studies (Italy)
- 2023- Honorary Professor, Department of Political Science, University College London (UK)

Education

- 2009-2014 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
★ Winner of ISA & USIP Peace Dissertation Prize
- 2009 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan
- 2008-2009 M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2006-2007 Visiting Grad Student in Political Science, Duke University
- 2003-2008 M.A. in North American Studies, Sociology, Philosophy, Free University Berlin

Books

Exit from International Organizations: Costly Negotiation for Institutional Change, with Felicity Vabulas. 2025. Cambridge University Press.

The Credibility Challenge: How Democracy Aid Influences Election Violence. 2019. Cornell University Press.

- ★ Winner of ECPR Best Paper Prize of the Comparative Pol. Institutions Section (chapter 4)

- ★ Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Democratization*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Choice*, among others
- ★ Reviewed and discussed in *Democracy and Autocracy*, the APSA Section Newsletter
- ★ Featured in Georgetown University's Center for Democracy & Civil Society 2020 Book List
- ★ Author-meets-critics roundtable at APSA (commentators: Stephanie Burchard, Susan Hyde, Irfan Nooruddin, Sara Mitchell, and Mike Tierney), 2019
- ★ Book roundtable at Electoral Integrity Project workshop (with Sarah Birch, Stephanie Burchard, and Ursula Daxecker), 2019

Articles

- “Public Support for Withdrawal from International Organizations: Experimental Evidence from the US,” with Felicity Vabulas. 2024. *Review of International Organizations* 19 (4): 809-845.
- “When do Member State Withdrawals Lead to the Death of International Organizations?” with Felicity Vabulas. 2024. *European Journal of International Relations* 30(3): 756-786.
- “Global Governance from Below: Regional Sanctions as Drivers of UN Sanctions,” with Clara Portela. 2023. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 67 (10): 1930-1958.
- “When Do Withdrawal Threats Achieve Reform in Intergovernmental Organizations?” with Felicity Vabulas. 2023. *Global Perspectives* 4 (1): 1-18. Special issue edited by JP Singh (George Mason University) and Michael Woolcock (World Bank). Available [here](#).
- ★ Special issue advertized in *Foreign Affairs* newsletter and launched at Washington DC event
- “On IGO Withdrawal by States vs Leaders, and Exogenous Measures for Inference,” with Felicity Vabulas. 2022. *Review of International Organizations* 17 (1): 217-222.
- “Fear of Campaign Violence and Support for Democracy and Autocracy,” with Ursula Daxecker and Patrick Kuhn. 2022. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 39 (5): 542-564.
- “Systematic Measurement Error in Election Violence Data: Causes and Consequences,” with Michael Wahman. 2021. *British Journal of Political Science* 51 (1): 230-252.
- “Dangerously Informed: Information and Pre-Electoral Violence in Africa,” with Patrick Kuhn. 2020. *Journal of Peace Research* 57 (1): 15-29.
- “Hello, Goodbye: When do States Withdraw from International Organizations?” with Felicity Vabulas. 2019. *Review of International Organizations* 14 (2): 335-366.
- ★ Winner of APSA Best Article Award of the International Collaboration Section
 - ★ Referenced by the United Nations Association of Germany. Available [here](#).
- “Credible Commitments? Explaining IGO Suspensions to Sanction Political Backsliding,” with Felicity Vabulas. 2019. *International Studies Quarterly* 63 (1): 139-152.
- “The Risks of Election Observation: International Condemnation and Post-Election Violence.” 2019. *International Studies Quarterly* 63 (3): 654-667.
- “Resisting Democracy Assistance: Who Seeks and Receives Technical Election Assistance?” 2016. *Review of International Organizations* 11 (2): 247-282.

Book Chapters

- “International Election Assistance,” with Daniela Donno. Forthcoming. In *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Integrity*, edited by Holly Garnett and Toby James. Under contract with Oxford University Press.
- “Member State Exit in the Life Cycle of IOs,” with Felicity Vabulas. Forthcoming. In *The Lifecycle of International Cooperation*, edited by Julia Gray. Under contract with University of Michigan Press.

“Democracy Assistance by International Organizations,” with Mert Kartal. 2023. In *Handbook on Democracy and Security*, edited by Nicholas Seltzer and Steven Wilson, 84-111.

“International Relations and Regime Type,” with Mert Kartal. 2022. In *Handbook of Research Methods in International Relations*, edited by Huddleston, Jamieson, and James, 105-139.

“Peacemaking and Election Violence,” with Richard Saunders. 2022. In *Contemporary Peacemaking*, edited by Roger Mac Ginty and Anthony Wanis-St. John, 307-331.

“Sanctions Cooperation and Regional Organizations,” with Clara Portela. 2018. In *Inter-Organizational Relations in International Security*, edited by Aris, Snetkov, and Wenger, 240-261.

“International Organizations in World Politics,” with Jon Pevehouse. 2016. In *The Oxford Handbook of International Organizations*, edited by Jacob Katz Cogan, Ian Hurd, and Ian Johnstone, ch. 1.

“Regional Leaders, Regional Institutions and the Diffusion of Democracy: Prospects for South and East Asia.” 2011. In *Democratization Around the World*, edited by Stockemer, 71-107.

Edited volume

Liberalism, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism, with Benno Gammerl and Jakob Zollmann. 2025. Nomos Press. [Edited volume honoring German historian Dieter Gosewinkel.]

Book Reviews

“Monitors and Meddlers: How Foreign Actors Influence Local Trust in Elections, by Sarah Bush and Lauren Prather.” 2025. International Security Studies Forum (ISSF) H-Diplo roundtable. Available [here](#).

“Rules and Allies: Foreign Election Interventions, by Johannes Bubeck and Nikolay Marinov.” 2020. *Perspectives on Politics* 18 (3): 911-913.

“Aiding and Abetting: U.S. Foreign Assistance and State Violence, by Jessica Trisko Darden.” 2020. *Democracy and Autocracy* 18 (1): 23-24 (APSA Section Newsletter).

“Organizing Democracy: How International Organizations Assist New Democracies, by Paul Poast and Johannes Urpelainen.” 2019. *Review of International Organizations* 14 (3): 577-580.

In Progress/under review

“The Consequences of IO Exit for Leaving States,” with Felicity Vabulas.

“When and How Do IO Withdrawals Represent Backlash Politics?,” with Felicity Vabulas.

“Fear of Election Violence and Democratic Participation,” with Michael Wahman.

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

External

- Philip Leverhulme Prize, Leverhulme Trust, October 2024-2026 (\$135,000 / £100,000)
- Mid-Career Fellowship, British Academy, 2022-2023 (\$245,000 / £177,000)
- PI on Swedish Agency for Peace, Security, and Development FBA Grant, 2022 (\$40,000 / SEK 400,000)
- Co-PI on Swedish Agency for Peace, Security, and Development FBA Grant, 2021 (\$47,000 / SEK 399,000)
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Research Project on Preventing Election Violence in Kenya and Liberia, 2016-2018
- Nominee, APSA Helen Dwight Reid Dissertation Award and APSA Human Rights Dissertation Award, UW-Madison, 2015
- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Free University Berlin, KFG “Transformative Power of Europe,” which is funded by the German National Science Foundation (DFG), 2014-15 (\$35,000)

- Predoctoral Research Fellowship, Department of Political and Social Science, European University Institute (EUI), 2011
- Research Fellowship, European Union Center of Excellence, UW-Madison, spring 2014 (\$8,000)
- Manatt Democracy Studies Fellowship at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems in D.C.; Applied Research Center for Democracy and Elections, June-August 2011 (\$5,000)
- Student Fellowship for Duke University, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), 2006-2007 (\$6,000 and tuition)

Internal

- Departmental Research Funding, UCL, 2023 (£5,000)
- Public Policy Expert Engagement award, UCL, 2022 (£15,000)
- Global Engagement Funds, UCL, 2022 (£20,500)
- Dean's Strategic Fund, UCL, 2021 (£5,000)
- Global Engagement Funds, UCL, 2021 (£5,000)
- Departmental Research Funding, UCL, 2021 (£5,000)
- Small Grant Project, Florida State University, 2018 (\$3,000)
- First Year Assistant Professor Grant, Florida State University, 2016 (\$20,000)
- Bradley Research Grant, Florida State University, 2015 (\$4,200)
- Grant for book manuscript workshop at Free University Berlin, with funds from the German National Science Foundation (DFG), 2015 (\$5,000)

Previous Affiliations/Visiting Positions

APSA Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs in Washington DC, 2023

Academic Exchange mission to Israel and the Palestinian Authority, 2023

Research Network External Democracy Promotion (EDP), 2021-

Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, summer 2019

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem), Gothenburg, Sweden, May 2019

Women in Conflict Studies (WICS), 2018 -

Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), Global Governance Unit, summers 2016 & 2018

Georgetown University, spring 2016

Teaching

- ★ Faculty Education Award for Supporting Student Employability, UCL, 2023
- ★ Education Conference Case Study on Partnerships with Policy Employers – UCL, 2023
- ★ Student Choice Award for Active Student Partnership – Roll of Honor, UCL, 2022
- ★ Student Choice Award for Inspiring Teaching Delivery – Roll of Honor, UCL, 2021
- ★ Faculty Education Award for Staff-Student Partnership, UCL, 2021
- ★ Noted for Outstanding Student Evaluations, UCL, spring 2021

International Relations (graduate and undergraduate)

International Public Policy (graduate)

Global Public Policy (graduate)

International Organizations (graduate and undergraduate)

Third Parties in Intra-State Conflicts (graduate)

International Governance (graduate)

International Democracy Promotion (undergraduate)

Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate)

Policy Engagement: Policy Papers, Workshops, Talks, Consultancies

“The Future of Multilateralism” event speaker for launching the *Global Perspectives* special issue edited by Michael Woolcock (World Bank) and JP Singh (George Mason University), 2023

UK FCDO training day invited panelist, featuring 60 UK and French diplomats, hosted by UCL Global Engagement and the European Institute, 2023.

UK Royal Society invited participant at the “Ukraine’s recovery: rebuilding with research” conference, 2023.

ACUNS Annual Meeting 2023 Program Committee, bringing together 500+ scholars and practitioners active in the work of the UN to better understand and address major global problems, hosted

at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington DC.

ACUNS-United Nations workshop 2022 Co-Director, bringing together 10 UN professionals and 10 early career researchers for a week of knowledge exchange and networking at UCL.

★ Featured by UCL Public Policy as a Case Study for International Policy Engagement [here](#)

Swedish Department for International Development Cooperation, Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) Research Working Group Member, since 2019. Talks 2018 and 2019.

United States Institute of Peace (USIP) in Washington, D.C.

- Talks 2017 and 2018
- Consultant for Project on Preventing Electoral Violence, 2016-2018, resulting in policy papers:
 - “What Works to Prevent Election Violence: Evidence from Liberia and Kenya,” with Jonas Claes. 2018. U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) Peace Works no. 143. Available [here](#).
 - “Preventing Election Violence in Liberia,” with Jonas Claes. 2017. U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) Peace Brief. Available [here](#).
- Certificate, Preventing Electoral Violence in Africa: Tools for Policymakers, 2011

International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) in Washington, D.C., Applied Research Center for Democracy and Elections, Project on Election Violence Education and Resolution (EVER)

- Talks 2011, 2017, and 2019
- Consultant for EVER, September-October 2012, February-September 2013
- Certificate for EVER Training of Trainers, September 2013
- Democracy Studies Fellow, June-August 2011

Other Talks / Consultations

- United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), 2015 and 2024
- World Bank, 2021
- United Nations Department of Political Affairs, 2016 and 2019
- U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, 2016 and 2018
- U.S. Agency for International Development, 2011 and 2018
- Germany’s Foreign Office, Department on Crisis Prevention, Conflict Resolution, and Peace-building & Center for International Peace Operations, both 2019
- Electoral Integrity Project workshops, 2013, 2015-2016, 2018-2019, 2021, 2024

Public Engagement: Reports, Podcasts, and Blogposts

“War in Ukraine: consequences for the UN and other international organizations.” 2022. Speaker on a panel at UCL’s Institute of Advanced Studies and European Institute.

“War in Ukraine: what steps can international organizations take?” 2022. Blog post at UCL’s Conflict and Change Center. Available [here](#).

“Nation Building in Iraq and Afghanistan.” 2021. Chaired a UCL Policy & Practice Webinar and Podcast with speakers Rory Stewart and Weeda Mehran. Event [here](#) and podcast available [here](#).

Report for the The Alan Turing Institute. 2021. “Data Science and AI in the Age of Covid-19: Preliminary Report on the Response of the UK’s AI & Data Science Communities to the Covid-19 Pandemic,” with Bilal Mateen, Anjali Mazumder, and Michael Wooldridge. Available [here](#).

★ Referenced in the *Financial Times*, *Wired*, and 25 other outlets.

“Voter Information in Developing Countries: Is It Always a Good Thing?” 2020. Podcast at UCL’s Uncovering Politics. Available [here](#).

“Suspension and withdrawal from international organizations.” 2018. Podcast at WZB’s Orders Beyond Borders. Available [here](#).

“When are states kicked out of international organizations?” 2018. Blog post at FSU’s College of Social Sciences. Available [here](#).

“Electing Peace in Liberia,” with Jonas Claes. 2017. Blog Post at King’s College London’s Electoral Violence: Explaining and Mitigating Blog. Available [here](#) and featured by [ReliefWeb](#).

“Does Election Violence Make Citizens Hate Democracy and Love Autocracy? Evidence for 19 sub-Saharan African Countries,” with Patrick Kuhn. 2016. Blog Post at King’s College London’s Electoral Violence: Explaining and Mitigating Blog. Available [here](#).

“Will the E.U. suspend Poland? Here Are 3 Reasons That’s Unlikely,” with Felicity Vabulas. 2016. *Washington Post*’s Monkey Cage. Available [here](#).

Presentations (selection)

Conferences

American Political Science Association - 2013-2025
International Studies Association - 2010, 2013, 2015-2016, 2019, 2021, 2024-2025
Midwest Political Science Association - 2012-2013, 2016-2019
Southern Political Science Association - 2016-2017
Visions in Methodology - 2018
Political Economy of International Organizations - 2014-2015, 2018, 2022, 2024
International Political Economy Society - 2016-2017, 2020 virtual
European Political Science Association - 2012-2014, 2016-2019, 2020
European Consortium for Political Research - 2011, 2015, 2018
European Peace Science - 2012, 2014-2016, (2020 postponed)
Academic Council on the United Nations System - 2015, 2020, 2023-2025

Invited Workshops

Brave new world: hopes, fears, and expectations, EUI - 2025
International Relations and Democracy in a Multipolar World, LSE Phelan US Center - 2025
International democracy promotion at times of global autocratisation - St Gallen, Switzerland - 2025
Global Governance in an Age of Disorder, University of Glasgow - 2025
Backlash Politics, Northwestern and WZB/Berlin Social Science Center - 2024
Non-violent Strategies of Repression, Vanderbilt and Oxford - 2024 (declined)
Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop, Loyola Law School - 2024 (declined)
Human Rights and Democratic Backsliding, Arizona State University - 2023
Vitality, Resilience, Decline and Death of International Organizations, Maastricht - 2023
Resourcing International Organizations, University of Glasgow - 2023 (declined)
New Research on IO Authority, University of Lüneburg - 2023 (declined)
External Democracy Policy, University of Leipzig - 2022
Legitimacy and Legitimization of Global Governance, Durham University - 2022
International Organizations under Pressure, Bonn - 2022
International Institutions: Backlash and Resilience, University of Zurich - 2021
International Cooperation in the Shadow of Crisis, Florence/EUI - 2021
Decline and Death of IOs, Brussels - 2020
IO Dissolution, University of Zurich - 2019
Regional Sanctions and the Struggle for Democracy, Stockholm - 2019
Intra-State Peace and Security, University of Mannheim - 2018
International Democracy Assistance, University of Lüneburg - 2018
Empirical Study of Autocracy, University of Konstanz - 2017
Varieties of Punishment, Free University Berlin - 2017
Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), 2017
Empirical Studies of Conflict - 2014

Invited Talks

2025 - Johns Hopkins SAIS Bologna, WZB Berlin
2024 - European University Institute, University of Edinburgh (postponed)
2023 - George Mason University, LSE, Oxford
2022 - Durham University
2021 - Oxford, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Hertie School
2020 - Cambridge, King’s College London (both postponed)
2019 - UCL, Uppsala University, University of Gothenburg, TUM Munich, Hertie School
2018 - LSE, Humboldt University Berlin, Aarhus University, WZB Berlin

2016 - Georgetown University

2013 - University of Chicago, University of Exeter, American University in Washington, Florida State University

Professional Service

Editorial Board, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2024-2026

Associate Editor, *Global Governance*, 2024-2029

Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), Board of Directors, 2022-2026

APSA Committee on International Political Science, Member in 2022-2025; Chair in 2024-2025

ISA Women's Caucus (WCIS), At Large Member and Executive Council, 2023-2025

ISA International Organization Section, Executive Board, 2022-2024

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Advisory Group, 2021-2022

Reviewer:

- Journal articles: *APSR*, *AJPS*, *JOP*, *BJPS*, *IO*, *RIO*, *ISQ*, *CPS*, *JCR*, *JPR*, *SS*, *CMPS*, *EJIR*, *II*, *ISR*, *JEPP*, *EUP*, *International Theory*, *Democratization*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Geography*
- Book manuscripts: CUP, OUP, University of Michigan Press
- Funding: British Academy, Leverhulme Trust, Swedish Research Council, European Research Council

Award Juries:

- ISA Karl Deutsch Award, 2024-2026
- ACUNS Dissertation Award, 2025
- ISA IO Section - Finkelstein Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2023-2024 (chair)
- ISA Women's Caucus - Northcutt Award, 2024
- ISA Women's Caucus - Gerner Grant for Professional Development, 2023
- APSA International Collaboration Section - Mentoring Award, 2023
- APSA International Collaboration Section - Best Article Award, 2021
- European Peace Science - Best Paper Award, 2016

External Examiner

- BSc International Relations degree at the LSE (2024)
- PhD defense at King's College London (2024)
- PhD upgrade at University of Gothenburg (2021)

Conference Co-Organizer:

- ACUNS Annual Meeting Program Committee, Washington DC 2023
- ACUNS-United Nations workshop, University College London 2022
- AI and Data Science in the Age of Covid-19, The Alan Turing Institute, 2021
- International Political Economy Society (IPES) Conference, 2011

Roundtable/Panel Organizer:

- IOs and Inequality, DVPW 2022
- Election Violence in Africa, APSA 2017
- Elections in Developing Countries, Berlin 2015

Panelist on professional development:

- *Global Governance* publishing workshop for Global South scholars, 2025
- ISA-IO and Global South caucus workshop on "Global South Perspectives on IOs," 2023
- Women in Conflict Studies (WICS), 2021-
- FSU Graduate Women's Network Faculty Panel, 2018

University Service

At Oxford University (2023-)

DPIR International Relations Colloquium Co-Organizer, 2023-

DPIR Research Committee, 2024

DPIR Ethics Committee, 2024

DPIR MPhil Supervisor, 2024-

DPIR DPhil Supervisor, 2023–
DPIR DPhil Admissions Committee for International Relations, 2024
DPIR DPhil Assessor for Confirmation of Status, 2024–
DPIR PostDoc Selection Committee, 2024
DPIR JFF panel, 2024-2025
DPIR & Brasenose College, Search Committee, 2024
St Catherine's College & Philosophy Dept Search Committee, 2025
St Catherine's College, Governing Body Member, 2024–
St Catherine's College, Fellowships Committee, 2024–
St Catherine's College, College Advisor, 2023–
St Catherine's College, College Admissions, 2024–
St John's College, Search Committee, 2023-2024
Lady Margaret Hall, Search Committee, 2025

At University College London (2019-2023)

UCL Academic Board, 2022-2023
Global Governance Institute, Thematic Director for Global Security 2022-2023; Co-Director 2023
Institute of the Americas Search Committee for Assistant Professor, 2023
UCL Festival of Early Stage Researchers - Panelist, 2023
Impact and Engagement Committee, 2022-2023
Policy Lab Committee, 2022-2023
Dept Teaching Committee, 2019-2023
MSc International Public Policy Program Co-Director, 2020-2023 (Deputy Director 2019-2020)
MSc Exam Board, 2020-2023
MSc Steering Committee, 2019-2023
PhD Supervisor, 2023-
PhD upgrades/viva, 2020-2023
PhD workshop contributor, 2020-2023
PhD professionalization seminars, 2020, 2022, 2023
Dept Search Committees for Assistant Professor (2021), Associate Professor (2021), Full Professor (2021), two Teaching Fellows (2020), a Lecturer Teaching (2022), an Associate Lecturer (Teaching 2023)

At Florida State University (2015-2019)

PhD Dissertation Committees, 2016-2022
Executive Committee, 2017-2018
Faculty Hiring Committee, 2016-2017
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees, 2015-2018
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2015-2016