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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

2019–present: Assistant professor, Department of International Relations
Central European University, Vienna

OTHER POSITIONS:

2022–present: Visiting faculty, Bard Globalization and International Affairs program,
New York City

Non-resident fellow, European Centre for North Korea Studies,
University of Vienna

2018: Postdoctoral research fellow, China Institute,
University of Alberta, Canada

EDUCATION:

2018: Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada
Diss.: *'For the Happiness of the World': the Geopolitics of Great Power Intervention, 1815–2015*

2006: Master of Arts in Political Science, Dalhousie University, Canada

2004: Bachelor of Journalism with Honours, combined with Political Science
University of King's College, Canada

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

2023. 'Populism and Nationalism in Visions of International Order,' with Erin K. Jenne. *International Studies Review* (forthcoming).

2021. '[Theories and Philosophies of History in International Relations](#),' with Joseph MacKay. *Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations*.

2020. 'Historical theories of International Relations,' with Joseph MacKay. *Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of International Studies*.
2018. 'Why is there no reactionary international theory?' with Joseph MacKay. *International Studies Quarterly* 62(2): 234-244.
2018. 'Kenneth Waltz is not a neorealist (and why that matters),' with Simon Frankel Pratt. *European Journal of International Relations* 24(1): 153-176.
2017. 'The conduct of history in International Relations: rethinking philosophy of history for IR theory,' with Joseph MacKay. *International Theory* 9(2): 203-236.

OTHER RESEARCH-RELATED PUBLICATIONS:

2023. 'Russia's Nukes Are Probably Secure From Rogue Actors,' with Kirill Shamiev, *Foreign Policy* magazine.
2022. 'Ukraine Isn't Munich—Or Vietnam or Berlin,' *Foreign Policy* magazine.
'Ukraine's Refugees are Close Enough for European Solidarity,' with Simon Frankel Pratt, *Foreign Policy* magazine.
2018. 'Reactionary World Politics,' with Joseph MacKay, *Duck of Minerva*.
'Three views of the US-DPRK Singapore summit,' China Institute commentary.
2014. 'In the shadow of power: geopolitics, Russia, and Crimea,' *OpenCanada.org*,
2008. 'Negotiating with the Hermit Kingdom: approaches and interests in the Korean nuclear dilemma,' New Issues in Security #2 monograph, Dalhousie University Press, Halifax, Canada. 210pp.
'Rising powers' and 'conflict is changing,' *Canada's World* national dialogue discussion guides.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS:

- 2023–2025. Stanton Foundation nuclear security grant (USD \$89,000).
- 2020–present. Central European University conference grants (€2000 annual).
2021. Central European University research grant (€2950).
2018. Doctoral/postdoctoral fellowship, China Institute at the University of Alberta, Canada (CAD \$51,000).
2017. Graduate fellowship, Trudeau Centre for Peace, Conflict, and Justice, University of Toronto (CAD \$3,000).
- 2010–2012. Ontario Graduate Scholarship (won twice; total CAD \$30,000).
- 2008–2013. University of Toronto doctoral fellowship (CAD \$115,000)
- 2008–2009. C.B. Macpherson award, University of Toronto (CAD \$5,000)
- 2007–2008. Post-graduate research fellowship, Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada, Vancouver (CAD \$33,000)
- 2007–2008. Security and Defence Forum internship, Canadian Department of National Defence (CAD \$35,000; declined)
2006. Doris Boyle international relations essay prize, Dalhousie University (CAD \$600)
2005. Simons Centre Graduate research award, Vancouver, Canada (CAD \$2,500)

2005. James DeMille essay prize, Dalhousie University (CAD \$250)

RECENT WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS:

2022. 'Practices of Distancing,' European International Studies Association (EISA) exploratory symposium, 7-10 November, Rapallo, Italy. (Co-organized with Simon Pratt).
2022. 'Global Governance? New Dynamics and New Approaches,' workshop held 6 October at Webster Vienna Private University.
2022. 'Practices of Distancing,' workshop held at the Diplomatic Academy, Vienna. (Co-organized with Simon Pratt).
2019. 'The Global Right and Global Order,' workshop held in Toronto and sponsored by Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa.
2018. 'North Korea in the age of Trump,' panel discussion; invited speaker, University of Guelph, Canada.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

2023. 'Populism and Nationalism in Visions of International Order.' With Erin K. Jenne, American Political Science Association (APSA) annual convention (Los Angeles, Fall 2023).
'Epistemological Insecurity' roundtable participant, International Studies Association annual convention (Montreal).
2022. 'The Stability of a Multipolar World.' CEEISA, Bratislava and European International Studies Association Pan-European Conference (EISA PEC), Athens.
'Close to hand, close to the heart? Practices of Distancing and the Production of Global Proximities.' With Simon Pratt, EISA PEC, Athens.
'Nationalism, Populism and Visions of International Order.' With Erin K. Jenne, ISA annual convention (online), and Central and Eastern European International Studies Association (CEEISA, Bratislava) annual conventions.
2021. 'Right-wing Irredentism and the Limits of the 'Conflicting Nationalisms' Thesis.'
With Joseph MacKay and Lucan Dolan, ISA annual convention (online).
2019. 'Reaction in Concert: Conservative Populism, Status Dissatisfaction, and International Realignment.' With Joseph MacKay, ISA annual convention, Toronto; and CEEISA-ISA joint international conference, Belgrade.
'Stop Using the Term Material Power,' with Simon Pratt. Department seminar, Central European University, Budapest.
2018. Roundtable on reactionary world politics (co-organizer). ISA annual convention, San Francisco.
2017. 'Are spheres of influence 'social'? Rethinking geopolitics for the 21st century.' ISA Northeast, Providence.
'Do we live in a material world? Examining the material-ideas divide in IR.' With Simon Frankel Pratt, ISA Northeast, Providence.
2016. 'Governing a Geopolitical Globe: 19th Century Intervention Legitimacy and Spheres of Influence.' ISA Northeast, Baltimore.
2015. 'International Relations and the Problem of Distance.' ISA Northeast, Providence.
2014. 'Intervention at the End of History: Geopolitics and the Legitimation of Force After the Cold War.' ASPA annual convention, Washington, D.C.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**At Central European University and Bard College:**

- 2023–present. ‘Nuclear Order in an Uncertain Age.’
Upcoming.
- 2022–present. ‘International Relations in Theory and Practice.’
PhD core class.
- 2019–present. ‘Organizing the World: International Institutions and Global Governance.’
Graduate-level class on the crisis of the liberal order and global governance.
- 2019–present. ‘The Psychology of Statecraft.’
Taught at both graduate and undergraduate levels.
- 2018–2021. ‘Who Rules the World? International Order in Theory and Practice.’
Taught at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

Other taught courses:

- 2017–2018. POL380, ‘International Security,’ with Simon Pratt, University of Toronto.
- 2013–2017. POLB80, ‘Introduction to International Relations,’ with Wilfrid Greaves and Simon Pratt, University of Toronto at Scarborough.
2014. POL380 & POLC40, ‘The Politics of Sovereignty and Humanity: Military Intervention in the 21st Century.’ University of Toronto and the University of Toronto at Scarborough.
2014. POLB81, ‘Global Issues and Governance,’ with Joseph MacKay, University of Toronto at Scarborough.
2012. POL381, ‘Politics and the Idea of History,’ with Jonas Schwab-Pflug, University of Toronto.

Teaching assistance:

- 2009–2017. Introductory and upper-level international relations and security studies courses, including Introduction to International Relations; Peace, Conflict, and Justice; American Foreign Policy; Canadian Foreign Policy; International Law.

Doctoral supervision:

- 2023–present. Adam Pontius, “Caesars come again: Narratives in reactionary revisionist contestation of sovereignty.”
- 2020–2023. Kirill Shamiev, “Your Assembly is Abolished: Civil-Military Relations and Public Policies in Putin’s Russia.” *Defended 13 January 2023.*

MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- 2022–. PhD track representative, Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations, Central European University.
- 2019–. Reviewer for the Institute of Advanced Study fellowship program, Budapest.
- 2017–. Peer reviewer, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Journal*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Theory*, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory*, *Journal of International Political Theory*.
- 2009–. Member, International Studies Association.
- 2017–2019. Research associate for Professor Aisha Ahmad, University of Toronto

2016–2018. Graduate Member, China Open Research Network, University of Toronto

2014–2017. Graduate Associate, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto

2010–2011. President, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto

2009–2011. Co-president, North Korea Research Group, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

2007. Editorial intern, *The Walrus* magazine, Toronto, Ontario

2005–2006. Editor in Chief, *The Gazette*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

International order, international security, nuclear security and technologies, international institutions, historical international relations, psychology and foreign policy, political theory.

TEACHING AREAS:

Introductory and advanced courses in international security, nuclear security, international history, psychology and decision-making, international relations theory and political theory.

LANGUAGES:

English, French; intermediate German (B1); some Latin, Mandarin.