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**CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- Sep 2020-Present      Département de relations internationales/science politique, IHEID, Genève, Suisse  
Chargé de cours invité pour le cours obligatoire intitulé « [\*Statistics for International Relations Research I\*](#) »
- Jan 2020-Present      Global Governance Center, IHEID, Genève, Suisse  
Chercheur postdoctoral (20%) pour le projet de recherche intitulé « [\*Testing the Focal Point Theory of International Adjudication: An Empirical Analysis of the ICJ's Impact on Maritime Delimitation\*](#) » (financé par le Fonds national suisse de la recherche scientifique (FNS))
- Sep 2019-Present      Global Governance Center, IHEID, Genève, Suisse  
Chercheur postdoctoral (70% sept. 2019-août 2020, 80% à partir de sept. 2020)  
pour le projet de recherche intitulé « [\*The Domain of International Adjudication: Why Sovereign States Abandon Decision Control?\*](#) » (financé par le FNS)

**EDUCATION**

- Sep 2014-Nov 2019      Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland  
PhD in International Relations/Political Science  
Committee: Cédric Dupont, James Hollway, Paul Huth  
Title: *Bargaining over Maritime Boundaries in Times of Legal Change*
- Sep 2018-Aug 2019      Stanford University, Stanford, United States of America  
Visiting Student Researcher, Swiss National Science Foundation Fellow  
Host: Ken Schultz
- Sep 2012-Sep 2014      Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland  
MA in International Relations/Political Science  
Committee: Emily Meierding, Cédric Dupont  
Title: *The Impact of UNCLOS on the Management of Maritime Boundary Disputes*
- Sep 2009-Jun 2012      Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium  
BA in Political Science (Major) and Law (Minor)  
Magna Cum Laude

## RESEARCH

- Sep 2019-Present Graduate Institute, Geneva, Global Governance Centre  
Post-doctoral research for the project *The Domain of International Adjudication: Why Sovereign States Abandon Decision Control* (led by Fuad Zarbiyev)
- Apr 2018-May 2019 Graduate Institute, Geneva, Global Governance Centre  
Affiliated Researcher for the project *The Paths of International Law: Stability and Change in the International Legal Order* (led by Nico Krisch)
- Sep 2014-Aug 2015 Graduate Institute, Geneva, Department of International Relations/Political Science  
Research Assistant for Ravi Bhavnani

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “Lawmaking, Legal Uncertainty, and International Dispute Processes”
- “Patterns of Maritime Boundary Making – Introducing a New Dataset”  
(avec Pat O’Brien)
- “Do International Courts Provide Focal Points?”  
(avec Ezgi Yildiz)
- “The limits of delimitation: The innovation and isomorphism of customary international law”  
(avec James Hollway)
- “Social identity and interactions in investment arbitration”  
(avec Fuad Zarbiyev et Thomas Schultz)

## DATASETS

- “Maritime Boundary-Making Dataset, v. 0.9” (dyadic boundary activity)
- “National Maritime Boundary Acts Dataset, v. 0.9” (domestic boundary legislation)

## SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

- (with James Hollway) `fishbowl` (R-package to model mixed distributions as an urn process)

## POLICY ARTICLES

(with Mortiz Neubert) What a judicial solution to disputes in the eastern Mediterranean might look like. *LSE Blog*. Autumn 2020.

(with Binn Cho) Getting Freedom of Navigation Operations Right In the South China Sea. *National Interest*. 10 April 2019.

Towards an Arms Race in the South China Sea? *Globe* n° 19: 22-3. Spring 2017.

Arms Race in the South China Sea: What Threshold? *Global Challenges* n° 1. February 2017.

## TEACHING

Sep 2019-Feb 2021 Graduate Institute, Geneva, Department of International Relations/Political Science  
Visiting Lecturer  
Statistics for International Relations Research I (Fall 2019)  
Statistics for International Relations Research I (Fall 2020)

Sep 2014-Aug 2018 Graduate Institute, Geneva, Department of International Relations/Political Science  
Teaching Assistant  
Courses (Graduate Level):  
Introduction to Social Networks (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)  
Comparative Politics (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)  
Statistics for International Relations Research I (Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2017)  
Arab-Israeli Relations: Conflict and Peace-Making (Spring 2016)  
International Political Economy (Spring 2016)  
Doctoral Seminar in International Relations/Political Science (Fall 2015)

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Mar 2020 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI, USA (*cancelled*)

Apr 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA

Mar 2019 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada

Nov 2018 Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Apr 2018 International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, USA

Jun 2017 British International Studies Association Annual Conference, Brighton, UK

Jun 2016 European Political Science Association Annual Convention, Brussels, Belgium

Mar 2016 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, USA

## INVITED WORKSHOPS

- Nov 2020                      New Applications of the Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) Data, *en ligne*
- Nov 2019                      Next Stages of the Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) Data Project, Manhattan, KS, USA
- Jan 2018                      Estimating Power's Influence on Networks (EPION) Symposium, Geneva, Switzerland

## REVIEW & EDITING EXPERIENCE

- Apr 2017-Present          Reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*
- Dec 2015-Aug 2018        Contributing editor to the *Journal of Public and International Affairs*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Dec 2019-Present          Peace Science Society (International)
- Dec 2015-Present          Swiss Political Science Association
- Mar 2015-Present          International Studies Association

## TRAINING

- Oct-Dec 2019                *Introduction to programming and data science with Python*, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
- Aug 2019                      *Linear Algebra, Introduction to Python, Introduction to Machine Learning*, and *Introduction to Deep Learning* at the Institute of Computational & Mathematical Engineering (ICME) Fundamentals of Data Science Summer Workshops, Stanford, CA, USA
- May 2019                      *Machine Learning with Python*, and *Visualizing and Exploring Network Data with Cytoscape*, Stanford, CA, USA
- Oct 2018                      *Introduction to ArcGIS, Data Wrangling in R with tidyverse*, and *From Locality to Lat Long: Geocoding Strategies for Research Data, Hand-on Intro to Data Cleaning with OpenRefine*, Stanford, CA, USA
- Jun 2017                      *Science and Application of Continental Shelf Delimitation*, London, UK
- Jun 2017                      *Technical Aspects of Maritime Baselines, Limits and Boundaries*, London, UK
- May 2016                      *Writing Workshop for Teaching Assistants*, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
- Mar 2016                      *Career Course on Simulations and Games in International Relations*, Atlanta, GA, USA
- Nov 2015                      *Introduction to LaTeX*, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Dec 2015 *Teaching Skills Workshop for Teaching Assistants*, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

Jun 2015 *Interdisciplinarity and Global Governance*, Global Studies Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

## **SERVICE**

Apr 2016, Feb 2017 *Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action*  
Member of the Student Committee for Hiring a Professor of Humanitarian Studies

Sep 2015-Aug 2016 *Graduate Institute, Geneva, Department of International Relations/Political Science*  
Teaching assistants' representative

Jan-Dec 2015 *Graduate Institute, Geneva, Department of International Relations/Political Science*  
Head Teaching Assistant  
Coordinator of the Political Science Colloquium Series

May 2014-Sep 2015 *Graduate Institute Student Association (GISA)*  
Vice-President

## **PRIZES & AWARDS**

Nov 2019 Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Travel Grant to present at the ISA Annual Convention (Mar 2020)

Oct 2018 International Studies Association (ISA)  
Travel Grant to present at the ISA Annual Convention (Mar 2019)

Jun 2018 Swiss National Science Foundation  
Doc.Mobility fellowship (Sep 2018-Aug 2019)

Dec 2017 Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Travel Grant to present at the ISA Annual Convention (Apr 2018)

May 2017 Department of International Relations/Political Science, Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Travel Grant to attend the London International Boundary Conference (Jun 2017)

Feb 2017 British International Studies Association (BISA)  
Postgraduate Conference Bursary to present at BISA Annual Conference (Jun 2017)

Dec 2015 Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Travel Grant to present at the ISA Annual Convention (Mar 2016)

Oct 2015 International Studies Association (ISA)  
Travel Grant to present at the ISA Annual Convention (Mar 2016)

Jul 2013 Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland  
Full Scholarship for Graduate Studies (for the Academic Year 2013-14)

- May 2010 Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece  
Scholarship to attend the School of Modern Greek (Summer 2010)
- Aug 2009 Technology Industries of Finland, Helsinki, Finland  
Stipend awarded for outstanding achievement in IB Higher Level Mathematics

## **IT SKILLS**

- Proficient in LaTeX, R, Stata
- Experience with ArcGIS, Cytoscape, NVivo, OpenRefine, Palladio, Python

## **LANGUAGES**

- Fluent English, French, Turkish (native)
- Advanced Italian, Modern Greek, Spanish
- Intermediate Catalan
- Beginner Finnish, Hebrew