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Curriculum Vitae

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Appointments

University of California, Los Angeles

- Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020–present
- Acting Professor, UCLA School of Law, 2015–present
- Associate Director, Burkle Center for International Relations, 2022–present
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2015–2020
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2008–2015

Princeton University

- Visiting Research Scholar, Niehaus Center, 2021–2022
- Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Niehaus Center, 2012–2013

Education

New York University

- Ph.D., Department of Politics, 2008
- M.A., Department of Politics, 2005

Carnegie Mellon University

- M.S., Heinz School of Public Policy and Management, 2003
- B.F.A., School of Drama, 2002

Publications

Books

- 2022 *Politics and International Law: Making, Breaking, and Upholding Global Rules*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2015 *Strengthening International Courts: The Hidden Costs of Legalization*. University of Michigan Press.

Articles

- 2022 “Migration and the Demand for Transnational Justice” with Máximo Langer and Margaret E. Peters. *American Political Science Review* 116: 1184–1207.
- 2021 “The Price of Doing Business: Why Replaceable Foreign Firms Get Worse Government Treatment” with Rachel Wellhausen. *Economics & Politics*. 33: 209–243.
- 2020 “Judicial Economy and Moving Bars in International Investment Arbitration” with Calvin Thrall and Rachel Wellhausen. *Review of International Organizations*. 15: 923–945.
- 2019 “The Design of Enforcement: Collective Action and the Enforcement of International Law.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 31: 543–567.
- 2019 “When Things Fall Apart: The Impact of Global Governance on Civil Conflicts” with Frank Wyer. *Journal of Politics*. 81: e80–e84.
- 2019 “How a Retreat from Global Economic Governance May Empower Business Interests” with Krzysztof Pelc and Rachel Wellhausen. *Journal of Politics*. 81: 731–738.
- 2019 “International Law’s Empire.” *Journal of Politics*. 81: e23–e26.
- 2018 “Free-Riding on Enforcement in the WTO” with Krzysztof J. Pelc. *Journal of Politics*. 80: 873–889.
- 2016 “Under One Roof: Supply Chains and the Protection of Foreign Investment” with Rachel Wellhausen. *American Political Science Review*. 110: 31–51.
- Received the 2017 Michael Wallerstein Award from the American Political Science Association for the best political economy article published in 2016.
 - Early draft named the Best Paper in International Relations by the Midwest Political Science Association in 2014.
- 2016 “Fear of Crowds in World Trade Organization Disputes: Why Don’t More Countries Participate?” with Krzysztof J. Pelc. *Journal of Politics*. 78: 88–104.
- 2014 “Who Gets to Be In the Room? Manipulating Participation in WTO Disputes” with Krzysztof J. Pelc. *International Organization*. 68: 663–699.
- 2014 “Depth versus Rigidity in the Design of International Trade Agreements” *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 26: 468–495.
- 2012 “Courts as Coordinators: Endogenous Enforcement and Jurisdiction in International Adjudication” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 56: 257–289.

- 2012 “Formal Models of International Institutions” with Michael Gilligan. *Annual Review of Political Science*. 15: 221-243.
- 2010 “Strengthening International Courts and the Early Settlement of Disputes” with Michael Gilligan and Peter Rosendorff. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 54: 5-38.
- 2007 “A Servant of Two Masters: Communication and the Selection of International Bureaucrats” *International Organization*. 61: 245-275.
- 2006 “Knowing the Unknown: Executive Evaluation and International Crisis Outcomes” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 50: 228-252.

Book Chapters

- “Formal Models of International Political Economy” In *Oxford Handbook of International Political Economy*, Jon Pevehouse and Leonard Seabrook, ed. Oxford University Press. pp. xx–xx.
- Included in *Oxford Handbooks Online*. Online Publication Date: December 2021
- 2018 “The Diverging Theory and Practice of International Law” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*, William R. Thompson, ed. Oxford University Press. pp. 513–535.
- Included in the online *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Online Publication Date: May 2017
- 2015 “The Design of Trade Agreements” with Lauren Peritz. In *Oxford Handbook of the Politics of International Trade*, Lisa Martin, ed. Oxford University Press. pp. 337–359.
- 2009 “Dispute Settlement, Compliance and Domestic Politics” with Peter Rosendorff. In *Trade Disputes and the Dispute Settlement Understanding of the WTO: An Interdisciplinary Assessment*, James C. Hartigan, ed. Emerald Group Publishing. pp. 139–163.

News Commentary

- 2022 “Germany Convicted a Syrian Man of War Crimes in Syria. Can National Courts Prosecute Injustices Everywhere?” with Máximo Langer and Margaret E. Peters. *Washington Post* (online). January 14.
- 2022 “Migrants and Justice Remittances: How the Movement of People Across Borders is Enabling the Spread of Universal Jurisdiction Cases” with Máximo Langer and Margaret E. Peters. *Opinio Juris* (online). June 16.

- 2022 “Instead of Prohibiting Child Labor, Empower Child Workers” *World Politics Review* (online). November 3.
- 2022 “The FIFA World Cup, Migrant Workers, and International Law’s Dirty Secret” with Margaret E. Peters. *Opinio Juris* (online). November 22.

Work in Progress

“The Politics of Punishment: Why Dictators Join the International Criminal Court” with Francesca Parente. Working paper.

“Migration and the Alien Tort Statute: An Empirical Assessment” with Máximo Langer and Margaret Peters. Work in progress

“Universal Jurisdiction: Punishment or Protection?” with Máximo Langer and Margaret Peters. Work in progress.

Politics and International Law: Making, Breaking, and Upholding Global Rules. Cambridge University Press. Second edition. New chapters in progress

Grants and Awards

- Research Enabling Grant, Council on Research, UCLA Academic Senate, 2014–2020, 2022–2023
- Fellowship, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, 2021–2022
- Faculty Research Grant, Burkle Center for International Relations, UCLA, 2020–2022
- Bridge Research Grant, Council on Research, UCLA Academic Senate, 2021–2022
- Conference Travel Grant, Council on Research, UCLA Academic Senate, 2008–2020
- Faculty Research Grant, Burkle Center for International Relations, UCLA, 2017–2018
- Michael Wallerstein Award, American Political Science Association, 2017
- Vasa Cube Award for Teaching, UCLA Freshman Seminar Program, 2016–2017
- Best Paper in International Relations Award, Midwest Political Science Association, 2014
- Faculty Research Grant, Burkle Center for International Relations, UCLA, 2013–2015
- Fellowship, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, 2012–2013
- Faculty Career Development Award, UCLA, 2012–2013
- Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, New York University, 2007–2008
- Penfield Fellowship for Diplomacy, International Affairs, and Belles Lettres, 2006–2007
- MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2003–2007
- New York University Conference Travel Awards, 2005–2007
- Summer Research Fellowship, New York University, 2003–2007
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Fellowship, 2004

- Stephen Omer Lee Award for Outstanding Thesis, Carnegie Mellon University, 2004
- W.W. Cooper Scholarship, Heinz School of Public Policy and Management, 2002–2003
- Senior Leadership Award, Carnegie Mellon University, 2002
- Volunteer of the Year Award, American Civil Liberties Union (West Pennsylvania), 2002
- Andrew Carnegie Scholarship, Carnegie Mellon University, 1998–2002

Conference Presentations

- American Political Science Association: 2006–2008, 2011, 2014–2017, 2019–2021
- European Political Science Association: 2013
- International Political Economy Society: 2008, 2010–2011, 2015
- International Studies Association: 2014–2015, 2018, 2022
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2006–2007, 2009–2010
- Political Economy of International Organizations: 2009, 2012, 2014

Seminar and Workshop Presentations

- University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Future of Human Rights Conference. September 2022.
- Global Research in International Political Economy. June 2022.
- Princeton University. School of Public and International Affairs. March 2022.
- New York University. Dept of Politics. November 2021.
- Temple University. Beasley School of Law. April 2021.
- Harvard University. Dept of Government. March 2021.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. University of Southern California School of Law. February 2021.
- American Society of International Law. Working Group on International Law in Domestic Courts. December 2020.
- Texas A&M University. Dept of Political Science. October 2020.
- University of California, Merced. Dept of Political Science. November 2019.
- Cornell University. Dept of Government. October 2019.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. Loyola Law School. February 2019.
- Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump Symposium. University of Southern California. Sol Price School of Public Policy. December 2018.
- Stanford University. Dept of Political Science. February 2018.
- American Society of International Law Research Forum. Washington University in St. Louis. School of Law. October 2017.
- University of California, Los Angeles. School of Law. April 2017.
- University of California Conference on International Cooperation. UC Santa Barbara. March 2017.

- Conference on Institutions and Law Making. Emory University. Center for the Study of Law, Politics, and Economics. February 2017.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. University of Southern California School of Law. February 2017.
- Texas A&M University. Dept of Political Science. November 2016.
- Conference on the Politics of Multinational Firms, Governments, and Global Production Networks. Princeton University. Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. September 2016.
- George Mason University. Center for the Study of Public Choice. February 2016.
- Conference on Formal Models of International Relations. University of Southern California. Center for International Studies. February 2016.
- University of Texas, Austin. Dept of Government. October 2015.
- University of California, Berkeley. Dept of Political Science. October 2015.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. UCLA School of Law. February 2015.
- Yale University. Leitner Political Economy Seminar. November 2014.
- Conference on Theoretical and Quantitative International Relations Research. Princeton University. Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science. May 2013.
- University of Pennsylvania. Dept of Political Science. April 2013.
- Rutgers University. Dept of Political Science. March 2013.
- University of Maryland. Dept of Political Science. March 2013.
- Workshop on *Strengthening International Courts*. Princeton University. Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. February 2013.
- Temple University. Beasley School of Law. February 2013.
- Princeton University. International Relations Colloquium. October 2012.
- Stanford University. International Relations Workshop. March 2012.
- Georgetown University. Dept of Government. January 2012.
- University of Wisconsin. Political Economy Colloquium. November 2011.
- Texas A&M University. Program on International Conflict and Cooperation. February 2011.
- UC Southern California Symposium. UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. University of California, Irvine. January 2011.
- Stanford University. Graduate School of Business. June 2010.
- Georgetown University. Mortara Center for International Studies. November 2009.
- Workshop on Political Economy and Public Law. University of Chicago. Law School and Harris School of Public Policy. June 2009.
- Workshop on Law, Politics, and Human Rights. Emory University. Dept of Political Science. March 2009.
- Harvard University. Dept of Government. November 2008.
- Stanford University. Law School and Dept of Political Science. November 2008.
- University of California, Los Angeles. Dept of Political Science. December 2007.
- University of Chicago. Harris School of Public Policy. November 2007.
- University of California, Berkeley. Dept of Political Science. November 2007.
- University of California, San Diego. School of International Relations and Pacific Studies.

November 2007.

- Emory University. Dept of Political Science. November 2007.
- Yale University. Dept of Political Science. November 2007.
- Princeton University. Dept of Politics. November 2007.
- Stanford University. Dept of Political Science. November 2007.
- University of California, Davis. Dept of Political Science. October 2007.
- California Institute of Technology. Division of Social Sciences. October 2007.
- Journeys in World Politics. University of Iowa. Dept of Political Science. April 2007.

Workshop Participant and/or Discussant

- University of California Conference on International Cooperation. UC Riverside. February 2020.
- Graduate International Relations-International Law Workshop. University of Southern California. December 2018.
- University of California Conference on International Cooperation. UC San Diego. March 2018.
- Conference on Formal Models of International Relations. University of Southern California. Center for International Studies. February 2018.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. UCLA School of Law. February 2018.
- Political Economy of Security. University of Southern California. Center for International Studies. January 2018.
- University of California Conference on International Cooperation. UCLA. March 2016.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. UC Irvine School of Law. February 2016.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. University of Southern California School of Law. February 2014.
- Workshop on *The Continent of International Law*. Temple University. Beasley School of Law and Institute for International Law and Public Policy. May 2013.
- Conference on Judicial Institutions: Courts in Domestic and International Affairs. Princeton University. October 2012.
- Political Economy and Public Law Conference. Harvard Law School. June 2011.
- Interdisciplinary Workshop on Synthesizing Insights from International Law and International Relations. Temple University. Beasley School of Law. April 2011.
- Conference on Institutions and Law-Making. Emory University. February 2011.
- Workshop on Public Law and Political Economy. Stanford Law School. June 2010.
- Workshop on the Politics of Preferential Trade Agreements: Theory, Measurement, and Empirical Applications. Princeton University. Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. April-May 2010.
- Roundtable on the Law and Politics of International Cooperation. Duke University. School of Law. November 2009.

- Delegation and Independence in Domestic and International Law. Florida State University. Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. February 2008.

Graduate Students: Dissertation Committee Chair

Completed

Imil Nurutdinov (Ph.D. 2019)

- Placement: Research Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (France)
- Dissertation topic: political economy of the modern state
- Recipient of two National Science Foundation dissertation grants (SES-1757231 and SES-1747484)

Francesca Parente (Ph.D. 2019)

- Placement: Assistant Professor at Christopher Newport University; Postdoctoral Fellow at Princeton University; and Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Pennsylvania
- Dissertation topic: compliance with rulings of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- Recipient of the Best Dissertation Award from the APSA Human Rights section

Lauren Peritz (Ph.D. 2015)

- Placement: Assistant Professor at University of California, Davis; and Postdoctoral Fellow at Princeton University
- Dissertation topic: compliance with legal rulings of the World Trade Organization and the European Court of Justice
- Recipient of a National Science Foundation dissertation grant (SES-1421326)

Andrea Vilán (Ph.D. 2018)

- Placement: Assistant Professor at American University; and Postdoctoral Fellow at Princeton University
- Dissertation topic: domestic implementation of human rights treaties in Latin America
- Recipient of the Best Dissertation Award from the APSA Human Rights section

In progress

Cody Giddings (ABD)

- Dissertation topic: the European Court of Human Rights and domestic Russian courts

Shing Hon Lam (ABD)

- Dissertation topic: rules of origin in international trade law

Cartland Zhou (ABD)

- Dissertation topic: subnational international cooperation

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate

- PS19, “Contemporary Issues in International Politics” (undergraduate): 2014–2017, 2019, 2021
- PS20, “World Politics” (undergraduate): 2011–2013, 2015, 2017
- PS123A, “International Law” (undergraduate): 2008–2009, 2011–2012, 2014, 2016–2021
- PS123B/PS139, “International Organizations” (undergraduate): 2009–2011, 2015
- PS191B, “Research Seminar for Majors: International Organizations” (undergraduate): 2017

Graduate

- PS204B/C, “Game Theory II/III” (graduate): 2009, 2011–2017, 2020
- PS220A/B, “International Relations Core Seminar I/II” (graduate): 2015–2016
- PS239, “Variable Topics: Special Studies in International Relations” (graduate): 2019–2021
- PS239, “International Cooperation” (graduate): 2009, 2014, 2017–2019, 2021

Professional Activities

- Editorial Board Member, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2014–present
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2018–present
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, 2019–present
- Member, Committee on Organized Sections, American Political Science Association, 2022–present
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2015–2020
- Founding Chair, International Collaboration Section, American Political Science Association, 2018–2020
- Review Committee, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants, American Political Science Association, 2020
- Wallerstein Award Committee Chair, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association, 2018
- Member, Pacific Council on International Policy, 2017–2018
- Program Chair, International Collaboration Division, American Political Science Association, 2013–2014, 2016–2017
- Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations, 2012–2017

- Co-organizer, University of California Conference on International Cooperation, 2016
- Program Chair, International Organizations Section, International Studies Association, 2014–2015
- Wallerstein Award Committee Member, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association, 2013
- Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, *Economics and Politics*, *European Journal of International Law*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, *Review of International Organizations*, *Security Studies*, Swiss National Science Foundation, and *World Politics*

Department Service

- Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2022–2023
- Field Chair, International Relations, 2010–2011, 2015–2017, 2022–2023
- Organizer, International Cooperation Research Group, 2022–2023
- Chair, Merit Review Committee, 2020–2021
- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2008–2012, 2017–2021
- Honors Thesis Advisor, 2009–2010, 2018–2019, 2021–2022
- Teaching Mentor for Graduate Student Instructors, 2017, 2018, 2020
- Placement Director, 2011–2012, 2014–2016, 2017–2019
- Chair, IL/IR Workshop, 2014–2017
- Field Chair, International Relations, 2010–2011, 2015–2017
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2010–2011, 2015–2017
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2015–2016
- Chair, IR Speaker Series, 2014–2016
- Chair, Formal Theory Reading Group, 2014–2015
- Chair, Department Speaker Series, 2009–2010, 2014–2015
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2013–2014
- Member, Swarr Prize Committee, 2014

University Service

- Associate Director, Burkle Center for International Relations, 2022–present
- Review Committee, Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel, 2021–2022
- Faculty Advisory Board Member, Burkle Center for International Relations, 2011–2022
- Faculty Advisor, *The Generation–World View* (student-run documentary web series), 2020–2021
- *Fiat Lux* Professor, UCLA Freshman Seminar Program, 2014–2017, 2019, 2021
- Honors Contract Professor, UCLA Honors Program, 2008–2010, 2014, 2020

- Reviewer, Dissertation Year Fellowships, UCLA Graduate Division, 2012, 2014–2020
- Reviewer, UCLA Academic Senate, Council on Research Grants, 2015–2016, 2019
- Thesis Advisor, UCLA Global Studies Program, 2018–2019

Public and Private Sector Employment

- Policy Analyst Intern, Sunset Advisory Commission of the Texas State Legislature, 2002
- Legal Intake Volunteer, American Civil Liberties Union, 2001–2002
- Data Analyst, Wardlaw Appraisal Group, 2000–2001