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### EDUCATION:

2012—2017. PhD, University of Toronto;

Dissertation:

Normative Reconfiguration and Practitioner Innovation: Explaining the rise of targeted killing, coercive interrogation, and private military contracting.

Committee:

Emanuel Adler (chair), Matthew Hoffmann, Robert Brym, Steven Bernstein (internal), Christian Bueger (external).

Key themes: US foreign policy, international security, norms, terrorism and counter-terrorism, social theory.

2011. MA, King's College London;

2010. BA, Simon Fraser University.

### POSITIONS HELD:

2019-present: Lecturer in Politics and International Studies, School of Sociology, Politics, and International Studies, University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom.

2017-2019: Visiting Researcher (SSHRC postdoc), Mortara Center for International Studies, Georgetown University, Washington DC

2015-2018. Course Instructor

Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

2015-2016. Scholar in Residence

School of International Service, American University, Washington DC

### REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

#### Journal Articles:

2019. From Norms to Normative Configurations: A pragmatist and relational approach to theorising normativity in IR. *International Theory* (First View).

2018. 'Norm transformation and the institutionalisation of targeted killing in the United States.' *European Journal of International Relation*. Online First.

2018. 'Kenneth Waltz is Not a Neorealist (and why that matters).' *European Journal of International Relations* 24(1): 153-176. (with Christopher David LaRoche).

2017. A Relational View of Ontological Security in International Relations'. *International Studies Quarterly* 61(1): 78-85.

2016. 'Pragmatism as Ontology, Not (Just) as Epistemology: Exploring the full horizon of pragmatism as an approach to IR theory. *International Studies Review* 18(3): 508-527.

2015. 'Crossing Off Names: the Logic of Military Assassination.' *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, 26(1).

2013. 'Anyone Who Hurts Us': How the Logic of Israel's "Assassination Policy" Developed during the Aqsa Intifada. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 25(2).

**Conference Proceedings:**

2013. "Detecting unfolding crises with Visual Analytics and Conceptual Maps: Emerging phenomena and big data." *Intelligence and Security Informatics (ISI), 2013 IEEE International Conference*. [First author. With PJ Giabbanelli and JS Mercier]
2012. "Rebel with Many Causes: A Computational Model of Insurgency". *Intelligence and Security Informatics (ISI), 2012 IEEE International Conference*. [First author. With PJ Giabbanelli, P Jackson, and VK Mago]

**NON-REFEREED:**

2018. "US killing by drone: continuity and escalation." *The Interpreter*, 11 December. Available online at <https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/us-killing-drone-continuity-and-escalation>
2018. "What's behind the rise in American political violence?". *Toronto Star*, 29 October. Available online at <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2018/10/29/whats-behind-the-rise-in-american-political-violence.html>
2018. "What Should We Make of Elite American Mercenaries in Yemen?". *War on the Rocks*, 23 October. Available online at <https://warontherocks.com/2018/10/what-should-we-make-of-elite-american-mercenaries-in-yemen/>
2017. "Banning refugees harms U.S. national security". *Toronto Star*, 31 January. Available online at <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2017/01/31/banning-refugees-harms-us-national-security.html> (with Craig Damian Smith)
2016. "We must confront Omar Mateen's Homophobia". *Toronto Star*, 15 June. Available online at <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2016/06/15/we-must-confront-omar-mateens-homophobia.html>.
2010. "What is the difference between Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism?" *E-IR*, 21 December. Available online at <http://www.e-ir.info/2010/12/21/what-is-the-difference-between-counter-insurgency-and-counter-terrorism/>.

**GRANTS:**

- 2017-2019. SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellowship (\$87,750 CAD)
- 2014–2017. Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Award (\$105,000 CAD)
- 2014–2017. [declined] SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (\$60,000 CAD)
2015. Michael-Smith Foreign Study Supplement (\$6000 CAD)
- 2012-2013. University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship (\$47500 CAD)

**INVITED TALKS and WORKSHOPS:**

2018. 'The Phenomenology of Cognitive Evolution'. Workshop on Perspectives of Cognitive Evolution, Vienna, 25-26 May.
2018. 'The Evolution of Terrorism'. Canadian Forces College, guest lecture for the Advanced Joint Warfighting Studies Programme, Toronto, 21 February.
2018. Annotation for Transparent Inquiry Working Group. Syracuse University, New York, 22-23 February.
2017. 'The Evolution of Terrorism'. Canadian Forces College, guest lecture for the Advanced Joint Warfighting Studies Programme, Toronto, 22 March.

**RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:**

2019. Panelist. Pragmatism in IR: The Prospects for Substantive Theorizing. International Studies Association, Annual Conference, Toronto, 27-30 March.
2018. Panelist. 'How the Private Intelligence Industry Changed Sovereignty: A story of epistemic needs and market wants'. International Studies Association, Annual Conference, San Francisco, 7-10 March.
2017. Panelist. 'Dereifying the Norm: Rule-following in a world without "Rules"', International Studies Association, Annual Conference, Baltimore, 22-25 February.
2016. Panelist. 'Cartography and Navigation: Metaphors for Polity Relevance in IR'. International Studies Association, Annual Conference, Atlanta, 17-19 March.
2016. Panelist. 'Why IR Scholars Should Start Reading Waltz.' International Studies Association, Annual Conference, Atlanta, 17-19 March. (with Christopher David LaRoche)
2015. Panelist. 'A Pragmatist View of Power.' American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, 22-25 August.
2015. Panelist. 'A Pragmatist View of Ontological Security'. International Studies Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, 18-22 February.
2015. Panelist. 'I'm an Ontology, Damn It, Not an Epistemology. International Studies Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, 18-22 February.
2014. Panelist. 'Making It Up as We Go Along: The Pragmatist Micro-Foundations of Macro-Historical Explanations.' Social Science History Association, Annual Meeting, Toronto, 6-9 November.
2014. Panelist. 'A Game of Drones: Institutional Infighting, Innovation, and the Development of the US's Targeted Killing Programme'. APSA Annual Meeting, DC, 27-31 August.
2014. Panelist. 'A Pragmatist View of Power in International Relations.' International Studies Association, Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, 26-29 March.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Course Instructor:

- International Relations Theory (Postgraduate/Masters level, Fall 2019)
- International Security (300-level, Fall 2017 and Winter 2018)
- Introduction to International Relations (200-level, Summer, Fall 2017) [syllabus of own design] – co-instructed with Christopher David LaRoche
- Terrorism and Counterterrorism. (300-level, Summer 2015) [syllabus of own design].

TA. All levels, international relations, security studies, and Israel studies. (2012 to 2017).

**SERVICE AS PEER REVIEWER:**

*International Studies Quarterly.*  
*European Journal of International Relations*  
*Security Studies*  
*Journal of Global Security Studies*  
*Journal of International Relations and Development.*  
*International Theory.*  
*International Studies Review.*  
*Terrorism and Political Violence.*  
*University of Toronto Journal of Political Science.*

**TEACHING AREAS:**

Introductory and advanced courses in international relations, security studies, terrorism studies, social theory, qualitative methodology, and middle-east studies (focus on Israel).

**LANGUAGES:**

English. Native.

Hebrew. Intermediate (reading, speaking, writing).

**REFERENCES:**

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