
ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor University of North Georgia (UNG) August 2024 - Present

Assistant Professor University of North Georgia (UNG) August 2019 - July 2023

Visiting

Edited book

New Challenges and Opportunities in European-Asian Relations: Navigating an Assertive China and a Retrenching U.S. *Palgrave Macmillan*. Co-edited with Lukas K. Danner. 2021.

Journal articles

- "What Is Innocent? Freedom of Navigation Versus Coastal States' Rights in the Law of the Sea." *Ocean Development & International Law*, Vol. 54, No. 3 (2023), pp.349-374 (with Christine Bianco and Zenel Garcia).
- "Implementing Quality Matters in the Political Science Online Classroom." *Journal of Political Science Education* (2021) (with Maria Gabryszewska).
- "Constituting the Indo-Pacific: Securitization and the Processes of Region-Making." *International Quarterly for Asian Studies*, Vol. 52, Nos. 1-2 (2021), pp. 15-34 (with Zenel Garcia).
- "Dynamics of Rivalry between Geographically Contiguous Regional Powers: The Case of Sino-Indian Competition." *Asian Politics & Policy*, Vol. 11, No.1 (2019), pp. 123-143.
- "Southeast Asian Hedging and Indo-Japanese Strategies for Regional Balance: Managing China's Rise." *Air Force Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs*, Vol.2, No.1 (2019), pp.23-56 (with Zenel Garcia and Kevin Modlin).
- "Disaster Relief as a Political Tool: Analysing Indian and Chinese Responses after the Nepal Earthquakes." *Strategic Analysis*, Vol. 41, No.6 (2017), pp. 535-545.
- "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Border Minorities in China's Foreign Relations with South Asia." *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, Vol. 34, No. 3 (2019; first published online in 2017), pp.413-431 (with Lukas K. Danner).
- "Power Politics and Securitization: The Indo-Japanese Nexus in Southeast Asia." *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, Vol. 4, No.2 (2017), pp. 310-324 (with Zenel Garcia).
- "Implications of the Dragon's Rise for South Asia: Assessing China's Nepal Policy." *Strategic Analysis*, Vol. 40, No.1 (2016), pp. 26-40 (with Lukas K. Danner).

Book chapters

"India" in Security Dynamics in the South China Sea: Contemporary Challenges and Opportunities. Routledge (2024). Eds. Howard M. Hensel.

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"Nepal and Regionalism: Convergence of Geo-economic and Normative Interests," in *Nepal's Foreign Policy in a Changing World* (eds. Pramod Jaiswal and Amit Ranjan), Institute of South Asia Studies (National University of Singapore) and Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement – South Asia Discussion Papers (2022).

"Nepal's Soft Power: From Zone of Peace to Multilateralism," *Himal Khabar* (October 2021).

Original article was published in Nepali (

"Himalayan Geopolitics: Contemporary Analysis of Sino-Nepali Relations," *E-International Relations* (April 2021).

With Yang Gyu Kim, Adam Ratzlaff, and Lana Shehadeh. Series: "When Pawns Become Queens", *Charged Affairs* (2019).

"When Pawns Become Queens: Becoming a Global Power"

"Knights and Rooks: The Role of Geography, Resources, and Asymmetric Capabilities in Attaining Status"

"From Pawns to Bishops: Ideational Forces and the Pursuit of Power"

"When Pawns Remain Pawns..."

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Under Review

"Buffer States: Assessing Nepal as a Case Study" in *The Palgrave Lexicon of Security in the 21st Century.*

"Nepal's Status Seeking Endeavors: Between Normative Convergence and Geopolitical Interests". Part of a special issue titled "Novel Perspectives on Status in Global Politics" for the journal *Politics and Governance*.

Working papers

"The Politics of Hydroelectricity Generation: Chinese and Indian Interests in Nepal" with Lukas K. Danner.

"The Geopolitics of Small States in South Asia: Explaining Bhutanese and Nepalese Security and Foreign Policies through Role Theory" with Sarina Theys.

- "Nepal's Interactions with the EU, India, and China." *The Rising Importance of EU-Asia Relations A Conference of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence*, Miami, Florida, February 2019.
- "A Marriage of Strategic Convenience: The Development of Indo-Vietnamese Partnership and Implications for the South China Sea Dispute." *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, April 2018.
- "Assessing Modi's Neighborhood First Policy: The China Factor in Indo-Nepalese Relations." *International Studies Association International Conference*, Hong Kong, June 15-18, 2017.
- "The European Union in the Himalayas: Geopolitical Realities and the EU's Role in Post-Conflict Nepal." *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.
- "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Border Minorities in China's Foreign Relations with South Asia." Co-authored with Lukas Danner. *58th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies*, Pepperdine University, CA, October 2016.
- "Power Politics and Securitization: The Indo-Japanese Nexus in Southeast Asia." Co-authored with Zenel Garcia. *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 2016.
- "India's Engagement with its Peripheral States: Modi's Policy towards Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives." *Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Lakeland, Florida, April 2016.
- "The EU in the Himalayas: Analyzing the European Union's Role in Post-Conflict Nepal." *The European Year of Development: Approaches, Issues, & Results A Conference of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, Miami, Florida, February 2016.*
- "Disaster Relief as a Political Tool: Sino-Indian Competition during the Nepal Earthquake." *International Studies Association South Annual Conference*, Tampa, Florida, October 2015.
- "Two Tales from the Mountains: A Comparative Study of the Constituent Assemblies in Bolivia and Nepal." *13th Annual South Florida Latin American & Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference*, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, April 2015.
- "Role of Buffer States in Regional Security: A Case Study of Nepal." *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2015.
- "The Rise of the Dragon and the Consequences for Neighboring Small Powers: The Case of Nepal." Co-authored with Lukas Danner. 4th Global International Studies Conference of the World International Studies Committee, Frankfurt/Main, Germany, August 2014

"The Security Dilemma in South Asia, East Asia, and the Latin American Southern Cone: A Cross-Regional Comparison." Co-authored with Lukas Danner and Nicolas Terradas. *Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, St. Augustine, Florida, March 2014.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Roundtable: "Regional Disputes Series: The South China Sea"
Organized by Dr. Zenel Garcia, St. Lawrence University (Fall 2020)

Roundtable: "Regional Disputes Series: The Sino-Indian Border Disputes"
Organized by Dr. Zenel Garcia, St. Lawrence University (Fall 2020)

"China in South Asia: Implications for Small States and India's Regional Security"

Organized by the late Dr. Ulises Granados, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de

México

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Georgia (In-person, Hybrid, and Online Formats)

- American Government
- Asian Security (undergraduate & graduate)
- Comparative Security Issues
- Environment and International Relations
- Global Issues (Introduction to International Relations)
- International Organization
- International Relations Theory
- Model United Nations
- South Asian Politics
- US National Security
- Pop Culture & International Relations (Spring 2025)

Florida International University (In-person, Hybrid, and Online Formats)

- Conflict, Security, & Peace Studies in International Relations
- Contemporary International Problems: Security in a Globalizing World
- Development of International Relations Thought
- Introduction to International Relations
- International Relations of South Asia
- Strategic Studies and National Security
- Theories of International Relations

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer-reviewer

Journals

Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies International Politics

Asian Affairs: An American Review Journal of Asian Security & International Affairs

Asian Politics & Policy Journal of Asian and African Studies
Chinese Political Science Review Journal of Borderlands Studies

Disasters Journal

Furopean Review of International Studies

Journal of Political Science Education

Humanities and Social Sciences Communications Territory, Politics, Governance

International Studies Perspectives World Development

Presses Oxford University Press

Cambridge University Press Routledge

Palgrave Macmillan University of North Georgia Press

Rowman & Littlefield

Chair

2018 Abstracts Committee, *2018 FIU McNair Scholars Research Conference*, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, October 18-19.

2017 Panel: China & South Asia. *International Studies Association International Conference*, Hong Kong, China, June 15-17.

Discussant

- 2019 Panel: Ideas and Institutions in International Security. *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, Illinois, April.
- 2017 New Teaching Assistant Orientation, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, January (Spring Term) and August (Fall Term).
- 2016 Panel: The Indo-Pacific Region and the Changing Nature of Security in the 21st Century. *Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Lakeland, Florida, April 2016.

Panel on the Social Sciences. *The 2016 FIU McNair Scholars Research Conference*. Florida International University, Miami, Florida, October 20.

Faculty Advisor

2019 - Present Model United Nations, University of North Georgia – Gainesville

Campus

Winner of the 2022-23 Student Organization of the Year Award, Blue
 & Gold Awards, University of North Georgia

2018-19 Turkish Students' Association, Florida International University

Committees

- AI and Student Success Committee, University of North Georgia (Current)
- College of Arts & Letters Cross-Cultural Engagement Committee, University of North Georgia (Current)
- Diversity Council, University of North Georgia (Current)
- Faculty Fellow, Nationally Competitive Scholarships Office, University of North Georgia (Current)
- Global Issues (Intro. to International Relations) Common Assessment Committee, University of North Georgia (Current)
- Associate's to Bachelor's Degree Committee, University of North Georgia
- Departmental Learning Management System (LMS) Support Committee, University of North Georgia
- Departmental New Faculty Orientation Committee, University of North Georgia
- Diplomatic Speaker Series Committee, University of North Georgia
- Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Political Science (National Security), University of North Georgia
- Search Committee for Lecturer in Political Science, University of North Georgia

Workshop Facilitator

- 2022 Rise of China and the Implications for the EU in Asia, Wroclaw University, Poland (Virtual)
- Facilitated eight workshop sessions with graduate students on the topic of China's rise and its implications for the EU's activities/policies in Asia

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, & TRAVEL SUPPORT

Excellence in Undergraduate Research Faculty Award, University of North Georgia 2024

Best Paper in International Relations Department of Politics & International Relations, Florida International University 2016-17

Fellowships

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Florida International University Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Doctoral Evidence Acquisition Fellowship, Florida International University Summer 2016

Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship Award, Florida International University Summer 2016

Teaching Related Grants

Student-Faculty Collaborative Mini-Grant. Led by Jessica Case and Nathanael Hines.

Fall 2022

 Mentored an undergraduate project titled "Analyzing Political Rhetoric during War: A Case Study of the Conflict in Ukraine," University of North Georgia.

Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) Grant (with Dwight Wilson),

Spring 2021

University of North Georgia

• Project title: "Gamifying Global Issues: Integrating Experiential Learning by Simulating International Relations"

Travel Grants

Graduate and Professional Student Committee Travel Fund, Florida International University Summer 2017, Spring 2016