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**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*  
Summa Cum Laude
- 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**

- Jan 2019-Present Graduate Institute, Geneva, Global Governance Centre  
Post-doctoral researcher for the project *Testing the Focal Point Theory of International Adjudication: An Empirical Analysis of the ICJ's Impact on Maritime Delimitation* (led by Ezgi Yildiz)
- Sep 2019-Present Graduate Institute, Geneva, Global Governance Centre  
Post-doctoral researcher 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”

(with Pat O’Brien) “Maritime Boundary Making – Introducing a New Dataset”

(with Ezgi Yildiz) “Do International Courts Provide Focal Points?”

(with James Hollway) “The limits of delimitation: The innovation and isomorphism of customary international law”

(with Fuad Zarbiyev and Thomas Schultz) “Social identity and interactions in investment arbitration”

(with Fuad Zarbiyev) “Patterns of provisional measures requests before the International Court of Justice”

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

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Visiting Lecturer  
Statistics for International Relations Research I (Fall 2019)

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)

### INVITED LECTURES

20 May 2020 Department of International Law, Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Invited lecturer on the use of quantitative methods in International Law research for the class entitled “Research Design and Methodology”

28 Apr 2020 Department of International Relations/Political Science, Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Invited lecturer on survival analysis for the course entitled “Statistics for International Relations Research II”

14 Nov 2019 Department of International Relations/Political Science, Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Invited lecturer on survival analysis for the course entitled “Political Relations in Time”

27 Apr 2018 Department of International Relations/Political Science, Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Invited lecturer on historical institutionalism for the course entitled “Comparative Politics”

12 Apr 2018 Department of International Relations/Political Science, Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Invited lecturer on Quadratic Assignment Procedure (QAP) for the course entitled “Social Networks Theories and Methods”

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Apr 2021 Behavioural Approaches in International Law, Hamburg, Germany (*upcoming*)

Apr 2021 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI, USA (*upcoming*)

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 & TALKS**

- Dec 2020                    (with Ezgi Yildiz) Does International Law Help Eradicate Domestic Violence?  
Assessing The Impact Of International Legal Instruments On Domestic Policies,  
Gender Seminar Series, Gender Center, Geneva, Switzerland
- Nov 2020                    New Applications of the Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) Data (*online*)
- 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**

- Dec 2020-Present        Reviewer for *Global Perspectives*
- 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)
- Nov 2018-Nov 2020      Midwest Political Science Association
- Dec 2015-Present        Swiss Political Science Association
- Mar 2015-Present        International Studies Association

**TRAINING**

- Feb 2021-Present        *Applied Data Science: Machine Learning*, Extension School of École polytechnique fédérale  
de Lausanne (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland
- Aug 2020                    *Teaching and Learning Strategies at a Distance: preparing next semester's teaching*, Graduate  
Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
- 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, Python, R, Stata
Experience with	ArcGIS, Cytoscape, NVivo, OpenRefine, Palladio

#### **LANGUAGES**

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