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EDUCATION

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, USA

PhD, Political Science, qualifying fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics
Expected Fall 2018- early Spring 2019

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, USA

MA, Political Science, Concentrations: International and Comparative Politics, May 2016

Columbus State University, Columbus, GA, USA

BS, Sociology, Focus on Political Sociology and Social Policy, May 2014

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

“The Development of Digital Human Rights in the European Union: How Key States Shape National and Regional Data Governance”

The European Union has the most restrictive data protection policies among democracies today. States’ preferences were influenced by three structural factors: security threats, the growing digital economy, and the work of human rights advocates around data privacy. EU policy convergence upon the digital human rights model is the result of pressure exerted by key states. Most particularly, epistemic experts, and key political elites acted on behalf of these states’ interests to turn the EU Commission and the Council in the direction of their national preferences for data governance. However, what is framed as human rights protections for data, continues to give considerable leverage to data brokers and law enforcement officials to use data as they wish.

Committee: Charles Hankla (Chair), Jelena Subotic, Toby Bolsen

PUBLICATIONS

“Balancing Foreign Policy Decisions: Why do EU Policy-Makers Differ in Their Refugee Policy Commitments?” Chapter 8, in *The Challenges of European Governance in the Age of Economic Stagnation, Immigration, and Refugees*, edited by Henry F. Carey, Lexington Books, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

“Tweeting the Cultural Divide: When Social Media Offensiveness Works for Right Wing Parties”, co-written with Adnan Rasool, April 2018, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

“Intra-EU Labour Migration, Remittances, and Economic Recovery in EU Bailout States: The Impact of the Free Movement of Labour”, January 2017, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA

“Balancing Foreign Policy Decisions: Why Do Some EU Policy-Makers Differ in Their Refugee Policy Commitments?”, Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, Columbia University, April 2016

INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND RESEARCH

Visiting PhD Student, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, Spring 2018
Focus: Cyber Studies Programme, Department of Politics and International Relations, Academic Mentor: Dr. Lucas Kello

Visiting graduate student, Sciences Po, Lille, France, 2016
Focus: European politics, European Union foreign policy, French politics, economic institutions of the European Union

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Doctoral Dissertation Research Stipend Enhancement Award, Spring 2018

Global Experience Scholarship, Georgia State University, Spring 2017

International Education, Study Abroad Scholarship, Spring 2016

TEACHING AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Instructor, Georgia State University
POLS 3200 Comparative Politics, Fall 2018
POLS 2401 Global Issues (Online), Summer 2018
POLS 2401 Global Issues, Spring 2017 (2 sections)
POLS 2401 Global Issues, Summer 2016
POLS 2401 Global Issues, Spring 2016
- Class sizes ranging from 25-120 students

Digital Course Development Team and Teaching Assistant,

POLS 3400 (Hybrid) International Relations, Spring 2018
POLS 6800 (Online) Research Methodology Summer 2017, Fall 2016

Writing Across Curriculum Consultant, Georgia State University
POLS 4900 Political Economy of Global Markets, Fall 2015

GRANTS, ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Grant-writing assistant to Professor Jennifer McCoy, Georgia State University,
Successful Grant Award from the International Studies Association for Workshop on
rising political polarization, Summer 2016

Data collection and database input, Robinson Country Intelligence Index, World
Affairs Council and Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University, Summer
– Fall 2015

TEACHING INTERESTS

Data governance, technology use and politics
Human migration and citizenship
International political economy
Foreign policy – US, EU, and Russia

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association

REFERENCES

Assoc. Professor Charles
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