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Academic Employment

- 2020- Associate Professor in Politics and Development, University of Birmingham
- 2016-2020 Assistant Professor/ Birmingham Fellow in Politics and Development, University of Birmingham
- 2013-2016 Research Associate, Developmental Leadership Program (DLP), University College London
- 2010-2013 Teaching Fellow, University College London
- 2010 Visiting Tutor, Goldsmiths College, University of London

Education

- 2013 PhD in Political Science, University College London
- 2006 MSc in International Public Policy, University College London
- 2005 BSc in Mathematics with Economics, University College London

Publications

BOOK

- 2018 *Is Democracy Failing? A Primer for the 21st Century*. London: Thames & Hudson. October 2018.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 “Loyalty or Accountability? Public Attitudes to Prosecuting Soldiers for the Murder and Abuse of Civilians” (with Neil Mitchell). *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.
- 2022 “Positive, Global, and Health of Environment Framing Bolsters Public Support for Climate Policy” (with Hilary Graham, David Hudson, Slava Jankin, Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson & Nick Watts). *Communications Earth & Environment*, forthcoming.
- 2022 “The 2022 Report of *Lancet* Countdown on Health and Climate Change: Compounding Health Crises” (with Marina Romanello *et al.*), *The Lancet*, forthcoming.
- 2022 “The 2022 Europe Report of the *Lancet* Countdown on Health and Climate Change: Towards a Climate Resilient Future” (with Kim van Daalen *et al.*), *The Lancet Public Health*, forthcoming.

- 2022 “The Inclusion of Health in Major Global Reports on Climate Change and Biodiversity” (with Wen-jia Cai, Peter Friberg, Slava Jankin, Johan Kuylenstierna & Maria Nilsson). *BMJ Global Health*, 7(6): e008731.
- 2022 “Foreign Aid Donors, Domestic Actors, and Human Rights Violations: The Politics and Diplomacy of Opposing Uganda’s Anti-Homosexuality Act”. *Journal of International Relations & Development*, 25(3): 657-684.
- 2022 “Do Intergovernmental Organization Have a Socialization Effect on Member State Preferences? Evidence from the UN General Debate” (with Nicola Chelotti & Slava Jankin Mikhaylov), *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(1): sqab069.
- 2021 “Human Rights Violations, Political Conditionality, and Public Attitudes to Foreign Aid: Evidence from Survey Experiments” (with Jonathan Fisher, David Hudson & Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson), *Political Studies*, 70(3): 603-623.
- 2021 “The 2021 Report of *Lancet* Countdown on Health and Climate Change: Code Red for a Healthy Future” (with Marina Romanello *et al.*), *The Lancet*, 398(10311): 1619-1662.
- 2021 “The *Lancet* Countdown: Tracking Progress on Health and Climate Change in Europe” (with Marina Romanello *et al.*), *The Lancet Public Health*, 6(11): e858-e865.
- 2021 “Engagement with Health in National Climate Change Commitments Under the Paris Agreement: A Global Mixed-Methods Analysis of the Nationally Determined Contributions” (with Hilary Graham, Pete Lampard & Slava Jankin Mikhaylov), *The Lancet Planetary Health*, 5(2): E93-E101.
- 2021 “Intergovernmental Engagement on Health Impacts of Climate Change” (with Hilary Graham, Pete Lampard & Slava Jankin Mikhaylov), *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 99(2): 102-111.
- 2021 “The 2020 Report of the *Lancet* Countdown on Health and Climate Change: Responding to Converging Crises” (with Nick Watts *et al.*), *The Lancet*, 397(10269): 129-170.
- 2020 “Power Plays and Balancing Acts: The Paradoxical Effects of Chinese Trade on African Foreign Policy Positions” (with Pádraig Carmody & Slava Jankin Mikhaylov), *Political Studies*, 68(1): 224-246.
- 2019 “The 2019 Report of the *Lancet* Countdown on Health and Climate Change: Ensuring That the Health of a Baby Born Today is Not Defined by a Changing Climate” (with Nick Watts *et al.*), *The Lancet*, 394(10211): 1836-1878.
- 2019 “Multiplex Communities and the Emergence of International Conflict” (with Caleb Pomeroy & Slava Jankin Mikhaylov), *PLoS ONE*, 14(10): e0223040.
- 2019 “The Donor’s Dilemma: International Aid and Human Rights Violations” (with Lior Erez), *British Journal of Political Science*, 49(4): 1431-1452.
- 2019 “What Does the Evidence Tell Us on ‘Thinking and Working Politically’ in Development Assistance?” (with Ed Laws, Heather Marquette & Mark Robinson), *Politics & Governance*, 7(2): 155-168 (special issue on Aid Effectiveness).
- 2019 “Making and Unmaking Cosmopolitans: An Experimental Test of the Mediating Role of Emotions in International Development Appeals” (with David Hudson, N. Susan Laehn & Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson), *Social Science Quarterly*, (2019) 100:3 544-564.
- 2018 “The 2018 Report of the *Lancet* Countdown on Health and Climate Change: Shaping the Health of Nations for Centuries to Come” (with Nick Watts *et al.*), *The Lancet*, (2018) 392(10163) 2479-2514.
- 2018 “The *Lancet* Countdown on Health and Climate Change: From 25 Years of Inaction to a Global Transformation for Public Health” (with Nick Watts *et al.*), *The Lancet* (2018) 391:10120 581-630.

- 2017 “The Politics-Bureaucracy Interface in Developing Countries” (with Marc Esteve), *Public Administration and Development*, (2017) 37:4 231-245.
- 2017 “Understanding State Preferences with Text As Data: Introducing the UN General Debate Corpus” (with Alex Baturo & Slava Mikhaylov), *Research & Politics* (2017) 4:2 205316801771282
- 2016 “Does Poverty Cause Conflict? Isolating the Causal Origins of the Conflict Trap” (with Alex Braithwaite & David Hudson), *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (2016) 33:1 45-66.
- 2015 “Governing the UN Sustainable Development Goals: Interactions, Infrastructures and Institutions” (with Jeff Waage *et al.*), *The Lancet Global Health* (2015) 3:5 e251-e252.
- 2015 “Tweeting Alone? An Analysis of Bridging and Bonding Social Capital in Online Networks” (with Javier Sajuria, Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson, David Hudson & Yannis Theocharis), *American Politics Research* (2015) 43:4 708-738.
- 2014 “International Inequality and World Poverty: A Quantitative Structural Analysis”, *New Political Economy* (2014) 17:2 201-226.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2018 “International Development NGOs, Representations in Fundraising Appeals, and Public Attitudes in UK-Africa Relations” (with Danielle Beswick, David Hudson, and Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson) in *Britain and Africa in the 21st Century: Between Ambition and Pragmatism*, edited by D. Beswick, J. Fisher & S. R. Hurt. Manchester: Manchester University Press (2019).
- 2015 “Case Study on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Education: Reflections on Interlinkage and Governance” (with Susannah Mayhew, Elaine Unterhalter, Nigel Poole & Niall Winters) in *Thinking Beyond Sectors for Sustainable Development*, edited by J. Waage & C. Yap. London: Ubiquity Press (2015), pp.89-107.
- 2015 “Governance and Institutions” (with David Hudson & Tom Pegram) in *Thinking Beyond Sectors for Sustainable Development*, edited by J. Waage & C. Yap. London: Ubiquity Press (2015), pp.63-76.
- 2014 “The Global Governance of Development: Development Financing, Good Governance and the Domestication of Poverty” (with David Hudson) in *Handbook of the International Political Economy of Governance*, edited by A. Payne & N. Phillips. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar (2014), pp.238-258.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW/WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “The Flag and the Stick: Aid Suspensions, Human Rights, and the Problem of the Complicit Public” (with Lior Erez). *Under review at World Development*.
- “The Not-So-Universal Declarations: Engagement Human Rights in the UN General Debate” (with Olga Gasparyan, Slava Jankin & Neil Mitchell). *In progress*.
- “Foreign Aid and the Trilemma of the Liberal Order: Reconceptualising Development Assistance in International Relations” (with Jack Corbett). *In progress*.

SELECTED POLICY AND OTHER PAPERS

- “The Political Road to Digital Revolution: How the Reform of Myanmar’s Telecoms Sector Happened” (with David Hudson)
- “Thinking and Working Politically in Development: From Theory Building to Building an Evidence

Base” (with Heather Marquette and Mark Robinson), DLP Research Paper 37, Developmental Leadership Program.

“The Politics-Bureaucracy Interface in Development: Impact on Reform”, DLP State of the Art Paper 2 (2014), Developmental Leadership Program.

“Poverty Reductionism: The Exclusion of History, Politics, and Global Factors from Mainstream Poverty Analysis”, BISA IPEG Papers in Global Political Economy Series (2009), British International Studies Association.

Grants & Awards

- 2022 “Climate Action to Advance Healthy Societies in Europe (CATALYSE)”. Principal Investigator (with Cathryn Tonne, Josep Anto, Ian Hamilton, Slava Jankin Mikhaylov & Maria Nillson) Horizon Europe - health impacts of climate change costs and benefits of action and inaction. *Horizon Europe*. €10.354 million (€340,000 University of Birmingham allocation).
- 2022 “The Not-So-Universal Declarations: Types and Effects of Human Rights Rhetoric in the UN General Assembly”. Co-investigator (with Slava Jankin & Olga Gasparyan), Small Grant. *SCRIPTS*. €40,000.
- 2021 “Moral Frames and Public Support for Climate Policies”. Co-investigator (with Slava Jankin Mikhaylov, Lior Erez, Hilary Graham, Pete Lampard & Will Lowe), Faculty Activity Fund (FAF). *Hertie School, Berlin*. €25,000.
- 2020 “War Crimes and Punishment: Understanding Public Attitudes to Human Rights and Humanitarian Law” (with Neil Mitchell). Principal investigator, BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant. *British Academy*. £9,240.
- 2019 “Public Attitudes Towards Climate Change and Public Health”. Co-investigator (with Slava Jankin Mikhaylov, Hilary Graham, David Hudson, Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson & Nick Watts), Small Grant. *Hertie School of Governance*. €37,030.
- 2018 “Foreign Aid Donors, Diplomacy, and Human Rights in the Global South”. Principal investigator, British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award (BARSEA). *British Academy*. £14,324.04.
- 2018 “Corporate engagement with health and climate change”, (with Slava Jankin Mikhaylov), *The Lancet Countdown/ Wellcome Trust*. £16,000.
- 2017 “The Politics of Development Assistance and Human Rights: Uganda’s Antihomosexuality Act and Donor Governments’ Response”. Principal investigator, IAA Urgency Fund Grant. *Economic and Social Research Council*. £2,126.
- 2016 Birmingham Fellowship Research Grant. *College of Social Sciences, University of Birmingham*. £10,000.
- 2016 “Understanding the Politics of Investment Reform in Myanmar” (with David Hudson). Principal investigator, Research Grant. *Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade*. £9,660 (18,000 AUD).
- 2014 “A Common Foreign Policy? Analysing Foreign Policy of EU Member States Using Speeches in the UN General Assembly” (with Slava Mikhaylov & Rob Smith). Small Grant. *University College London Grand Challenges*. £4,000.
- 2014 “A Common Foreign Policy? Analysing Foreign Policy of EU Member States Using Speeches in the UN General Assembly” (with Slava Mikhaylov). Small Grant. *University College London European Institute*. £800.
- 2010 “Mapping the Structure of International Inequalities and the Poverty-Conflict Nexus” (with David Hudson & Alex Braithwaite). *Economic and Social Research Council*. £87,025.

2008-2009 Department Bursary Award. *Department of Political Science, University College London*. £1,650.

Policy Advisory Work

2013-2014 Overseas Development Institute, Social Development, Consultant.

2008-2009 United Nations Development Programme, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Rural Finance Consultant.

2007-2009 United Nations Development Programme, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Statistics and Monitoring Consultant.

Selected Invited Talks

2022 “Do Climate Change Messages Matter? A Multi-Country Conjoint Study of Framing on Public Support for Climate Policy”. Invited presentation to Department of Political Economy, King’s College London, London, 23 February 2022.

2021 “New findings: Confronting the health impacts of climate change – the 2021 report of the Lancet Countdown”. Keynote talk at the *European Launch of the 2021 Lancet Countdown Report and 2021 EU Policy Brief*, 2 December 2021.

2021 “Reflections on Foreign Aid Withdrawals and Human Rights”. Closing talk at the *Foreign Aid Withdrawals and Suspensions: Why, How & Are They Effective?* Virtual Workshop, 21 May 2021.

2021 “War Crimes and Punishment: How Loyalty, Leadership and Perpetrator Motives Influence Public Support for Accountability”. Online Presentation to Conflict and Change Group, Department of Political Science, University College London, London, 27 January 2021.

2021 “Do Climate Change Messages Matter? A Multi-Country Conjoint Study of Framing on Public Support for Climate Policy”. Online Presentation to Our Planet, Our Health Group, Wellcome Trust, London, 26 January 2021.

2019 “What Does the Evidence on ‘Thinking and Working Politically’ in Development Assistance Tell Us?”. Plenary talk at the *From Politics to Power? Rethinking the Politics of Development Effective States & Inclusive Development (ESID) Conference*, University of Manchester, Manchester, 10 September 2019.

2018 “Do Intergovernmental Organizations Have a Socialization Effect on Member State Preferences? Evidence from the UN General Debate”. Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Southampton, Southampton, 28 November 2018.

2018 “How Should Aid Donors Respond to Human Rights Violations? The Politics and Diplomacy of Opposing Uganda’s Anti-Homosexuality Act”. Presentation to School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy, Royal Holloway, University of London, London, 14 November 2018.

2018 “UK Aid and Development Policy”. Presentation at the Oxfam GB Strategic Retreat, Birmingham, 4 October 2018.

2018 “The Diplomacy of International Development”. Guest lecture to the Institute for Diplomacy and International Governance, Loughborough University London, London, 13 March 2018.

2017 “The Political Obstacles to Tackling Extreme Poverty”. Presentation at the 2017 *Professional Development Conference* for the Department for International Development’s (DFID) Infrastructure, Livelihood and Climate and Environment Advisors, Bristol, 14 February 2017.

2017 “Building Reform Coalitions: Lessons from Myanmar”. Presentation at the 2017 *Global Leadership Forum*, Collaborative Leadership for Development, World Bank, Washington DC, 7 March 2017.

- 2016 “Understanding the Complex Politics of Reform in Myanmar’s Telecommunications Sector”. Presentation to the Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Bangkok, 25 February 2016.
- 2016 “Understanding the Complex Politics of Reform in Myanmar’s Telecommunications Sector”. Presentation to the Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Myanmar Country Office, Yangon, 27 January 2016.
- 2016 “NGO Representations and Emotional Pathways to Public Engagement with Development”. Presentation at the *Africa Campaigning in the UK* workshop, Royal African Society, London, 20 January 2016.
- 2016 “The Donor’s Dilemma: International Aid and Non-Democratic States”. Presentation at the *Power, Development and Messy Politics: Dilemmas of International Aid* event, UCL Global Governance Institute, 18 January 2016.
- 2015 “The Politics of Private Sector Reform”. Presentation at the Mekong Business Initiative (MBI) Strategic Planning Workshop, Asian Development Bank, Bangkok, 13 August 2015.
- 2015 “The International Political Economy of Development”. Opening roundtable presentation at the *New Directions in International Political Economy* conference, University of Warwick, 13-15 May 2015.
- 2014 “The Politics-Bureaucracy Interface and Reform in Developing Countries”. Teleconference presentation to Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Governance Specialists, 12 November 2014.
- 2014 “The Politics-Bureaucracy Leadership Interface”. Presentation to the United Nations Development Programme’s (UNDP) Global Centre for Public Service Excellence, Singapore, 29 April 2014.
- 2014 “Tackling Inequality in India”. Expert panelist on *The Guardian* live Q & A, 10 April 2014.
- 2012 “International Inequality and World Poverty: A Quantitative Structural Analysis”. Presentation to the Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford, 31 October 2012.

Teaching

COURSE CONVENOR/INSTRUCTOR

Human Rights & Development: University of Birmingham (UG). Autumn 2022-present.

International Development (distance learning module): University of Birmingham (G). Autumn 2019-present.

International Development: University of Birmingham (G). Autumn 2019-2022.

Research Design, Practice & Ethics: University of Birmingham (G). Autumn & Spring 2018-2019.

Politics of Global Development: University College London (UG). Summer 2016.

Political Economy of Development: University College London (G). Spring 2013.

International Development & Public Policy: University College London (UG). Spring & Autumn 2010-13.

Political Economy: Goldsmiths College, University of London (UG). Spring 2010.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Introduction to International Relations: University College London (UG). Autumn 2012-13.

Political Economy & Public Policy: Goldsmiths College, University of London (UG). Spring 2010.

Political Economy of Development: University College London (G). Spring 2010.

International Organization: University College London (G). Autumn 2009.

Professional Service

PEER REVIEW FOR JOURNALS

American Political Science Review, *Asian Journal of Communication*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Civil Wars*, *Conflict Management & Peace Science*, *Comparative European Politics*, *Communications Earth & Environment*, *Discourse & Society*, *Eastern European Economics*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Global Public Health*, *International Affairs*, *International Environmental Agreements*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Global Ethics*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of International Relations & Development*, *Journal of International Development*, *Journal of Intervention & Statebuilding*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Local Government Studies*, *New Political Economy*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies Review*, *Politics & Governance*, *Public Administration & Development*, *Public Management Review*, *Review of International Organizations*, *The Lancet Regional Health – Europe*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Sciences*, *Sustainability*, *Wellcome Open Research*.

PEER REVIEW FOR PRESSES AND FUNDING BODIES

British Academy, UK; Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK; Oxford University Press (OUP); UK Research & Innovation (UKRI).

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Primary supervisor on 55 MSc dissertations, 2018-present, University of Birmingham.

Primary supervisor on 40 MSc dissertations, 2010-2013, UCL.

Principal supervisor to two PhD candidates, co-supervisor to six PhD candidates, 2017-present, University of Birmingham.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, 2016–PRESENT

Director of Research, International Development Department (IDD): 2020–present.

Head of Postgraduate Research, School of Government (interim): Jan 2022-Oct 2022.

Programme Lead for MSc. Development Politics and Policy, International Development Department (IDD): 2021–present.

Senior Management Team (SMT), School of Government: 2022–present

School Research Committee, School of Government: 2020–present

Research Committee, International Development Department (IDD): 2016–present.

MA Social Research Board, College of Social Sciences (CoSS): 2018–2020.

Undergraduate Working Group, International Development Department (IDD): 2019–2020.

EXTERNAL ROLES

External Examiner for MSc Social Research Methods programme, University of Southampton: 2021–present.

Advisory Board Member for ‘My Body, My Planet’ project, Natural History Museum & Museum for the United Nations – UN Live: 2021–present.