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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor	University of North Georgia	August 2019-Present
Visiting Instructor	Florida International University	August 2018-July 2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	International Relations Florida International University Major Field: Foreign Policy & Security Studies Minor Field: Comparative Area Studies	2018
M.A.	International Studies Florida International University	2015
B.A	International Relations & Political Science Wartburg College Minor Fields: History & Intercultural Studies	2012

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

- Security studies & foreign policy
- Sino-Indian relations
- Geopolitics
- Small states in International Relations
- Indo-Pacific Affairs

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

- American Government
- International Organization
- Asian Security
- International Relations Theory
- Comparative Security Issues
- Model United Nations
- Global Issues (Introduction to International Relations)

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

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Reframing the Buffer State in Contemporary IR: Nepal's Relations with India and China. Under contract with Routledge.

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. (Forthcoming)

Peer-reviewed journal articles

"Implementing Quality Matters in the Political Science Online Classroom." *Journal of Political Science Education* (2021) (with Maria Gabryszewska). Forthcoming.

"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

[“Sino-Indian Relations and EU Development Policies in Nepal”](#) in *EU Development Policies: Between Norms and Geopolitics?* Palgrave Macmillan (2019). Eds. Sarah L. Beringer, Sylvia Maier & Markus Thiel.

Review essays

[“China’s Engagement with its Periphery.”](#) *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*, Vol. 4, No.2 (2017), pp.239-248.

Book reviews

Andrew Small. [“The China-Pakistan Axis: Asia’s New Geopolitics.”](#) *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*, Vol. 4, No.3 (2017), 357-360.

Bhumitra Chakma. [“South Asia’s Nuclear Security.”](#) *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*, Vol. 2, No.3 (2015), pp. 341-43.

T.V. Paul. [“The Warrior State: Pakistan in the Contemporary World.”](#) *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, Vol. 38, No.3 (2015), pp.538-39.

Other publications

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

[“The Geopolitics of Small States in South Asia: Explaining Bhutanese and Nepalese Security and Foreign Policies through Role Theory”](#) with Sarina Theys.

Working papers

[“The Politics of Hydroelectricity Generation: Chinese and Indian Interests in Nepal”](#) with Lukas K. Danner.

Book chapter titled "Recreating the Maritime Silk Road: An Analysis of China's Belt & Road Initiative in the Indian Ocean Region" in *Maritime Silk Road in the Indian Ocean*. Ed. Claudia Zanardi.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Security Strategies of Small States: Explaining Bhutanese and Nepalese Foreign Policies through the Lens of Role Theory." Co-authored with Sarina Theys. *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Virtual, April 2021.

"What is Innocent? Freedom of Navigation vs. Coastal States Rights in the Law of the Sea." Co-authored with Christine Bianco and Zenel Garcia. *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Virtual, April 2021.

"Constituting the Indo-Pacific: Securitization and the Politics of Region-Making." Co-authored with Zenel Garcia. *International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference*, Virtual, November 2020.

"Implementing Quality Matters in the Political Science Online Classroom." Co-authored with Maria Gabryszewska. *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020.

"'Make Him an Offer He Can't Refuse': Translating Geography as a Source of Power." Co-authored with Yang-Gyu Kim. *International Security Section of ISA (ISSS) and the International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA (IS) Annual Conference*, Denver, Colorado, October 2019.

"The Politics of Hydroelectricity Generation: Chinese and Indian Interests in Nepal." Co-authored with Lukas K. Danner. *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 2019.

"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.

ROUNDTABLES

"Going 'Back' to Normal or Creating a New Normal: Pedagogical Lessons from the Pandemic." *Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Online, March 2021.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer-reviewer

Journals

Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies
Asian Affairs: An American Review
Asian Politics & Policy
European Review of International Studies
International Studies Perspectives
Journal of Borderlands Studies
World Development

Presses

Cambridge University Press
Oxford University Press
Routledge
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
- 2018-19 Turkish Students' Association, Florida International University

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, & TRAVEL SUPPORT

Fellowships

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| 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 |

Grants

Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) Grant. With Dwight Wilson. Spring 2021
"Gamifying Global Issues: Integrating Experiential Learning by Simulating International Relations"
University of North Georgia

Awards

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

Travel support

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

Travel Grant Award, International Studies Association (ISA), Spring 2017
Baltimore, Maryland

Conference Travel Grant, Steven J. Green School of Summer 2017, Spring 2016
International and Public Affairs, Florida International University

Conference Travel Grant, Department of Politics and Summer 2017, Spring 2016,
International Relations, Florida International University. Spring 2015

Conference Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Spring 2015
Florida International University.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Languages

- Nepali (Native proficiency)
- Hindi (Advanced proficiency)
- English (Advanced proficiency)
- French (Beginner proficiency)

Archival research experience (Summer 2016)

India (National Archives of India, New Delhi, India)

Nepal (The Ministry of Archaeology, Kathmandu, Nepal)

The United Kingdom (The British Library-London, The National Archives-Kew Gardens)

Certificate in University Teaching and Learning, Center for the Advancement of Teaching
Florida International University

Online teaching

Adobe Connect for recorded and live lectures
Blackboard
Canvas
D2L (Brightspace)

SPSS, Microsoft Office, NVivo

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Studies Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

REFERENCES

Dr. Félix E. Martín (Advisor)

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