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## EDUCATION

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### University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Ph.D., Political Science Expected 2022

Exam Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics  
Dissertation: *Power Vacuums in International Politics*  
Committee: Sebastian Rosato (Chair), Joseph Parent, Victoria Hui

M.A., Political Science 2019

### University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany

B.A., Philosophy & Economics (with greatest distinction) 2016

## WORKING PAPERS

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### Under Review

“Defining Interstate Cooperation: A Re-Primer” with Marcel Jahn

“A Tale of Two Pressures: Islamic Law States and the Timing of Litigation” with Emilia Justyna Powell and Benedikt A. Graf

“How Rare Are Rational Thinkers in International Politics? Revisiting the ‘Guilty Men’ of Interwar Britain”

### In Progress

“Power Vacuum Politics and the Origins of the Cold War in Europe”

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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### Fellowships

Graduate Student Fellowship, Notre Dame International Security Center 2019 – present

Nanovic Graduate Fellowship, Nanovic Institute for European Studies (\$2,000) 2019 – present

Presidential Fellowship in the Social Sciences, University of Notre Dame (\$29,000) 2017 – present

Transnational European Studies Seminar Fellow, Nanovic Institute for European Studies 2019

### **Grants**

Early Career Network Access Fund, Political Studies Association (\$100) 2020  
Event Grant, Notre Dame Graduate Student Union (\$375) 2019  
Downes Memorial Fund Professional Development Grant, University of Notre Dame (\$2500) 2019  
Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame International Security Center (\$1500) 2019  
Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University (\$600) 2019  
International Visitor Grant, Political Studies Association (\$750) 2019  
Research Grant, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, University of Notre Dame (\$750) 2019  
Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University (\$500) 2018  
Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame International Security Center (\$530) 2018  
Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (\$200) 2018  
Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame Graduate Student Union (\$400) 2018  
PROMOS Study Abroad Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **Specialized Training**

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) 2021  
Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Inquiry, Syracuse University  
Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2020  
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Bamberg, Germany

### **Other Workshops**

Summer Graduate Research Workshop 2019  
Institute for Humane Studies  
Berlin Seminar in Transnational European Studies 2019  
University of Notre Dame and University of Georgia

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Academic Conferences**

“A Tale of Two Pressures: Islamic Law States and the Timing of Litigation” 2021  
International Studies Association Annual Conference (virtual)

- “How Rare Are Rational Thinkers in International Politics?” (*cancelled due to COVID-19*) 2020  
Political Studies Association Annual International Conference, Edinburgh, UK
- “Power Vacuums in International Politics” 2019  
ISSS-IS Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- “Uncertainty in Anarchy and Hierarchy” 2019  
Political Studies Association Annual International Conference, Nottingham, UK
- “Uncertainty in Anarchy and Hierarchy” 2019  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- “Uncertain Men: Britain and the Inscrutable Intentions of Nazi Germany” 2018  
ISSS-IS Annual Conference, West Lafayette, IN
- “The Inscrutable Intentions of Nazi Germany” 2018  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

### **Other Invited Talks**

- “Power Vacuum Politics and the Origins of the Cold War in Europe” 2021  
Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
- “Theorizing the International Politics of Power Vacuums” 2020  
International Relations Theory Colloquium (IRTC)
- “Power Vacuums in International Politics” 2019  
Summer Graduate Research Workshop, Institute for Humane Studies, Bryn Mawr, PA
- “The Devil You Don’t Know: Uncertainty, Balancing Intensity, and Deterrence Failure” 2018  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL
- “The Inscrutable Intentions of Nazi Germany” 2018  
International Relations Workshop, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- Research Assistant for Sebastian Rosato 2019  
Book project: “Intentions in Great Power Politics: Uncertainty and the Roots of Conflict”
- Research Assistant for Luc Reydam 2018  
Article project: “Did the Rwandan Patriotic Front Systematically Murder Hutu Males?”

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Instructor of Record**

- IR Theory and History: Europe, 1919-1939 Spring 2021  
Seminar  
University of Notre Dame

Contesting the Idea of “Europe” Spring 2020  
Seminar co-taught by the 2019-20 Nanovic Institute Graduate Fellows  
University of Notre Dame

Intentions in Philosophy and International Politics Fall 2019  
Seminar co-taught with Marcel Jahn (Ph.D. Student, Humboldt University of Berlin)  
University of Bayreuth

**Teaching Assistant**

International Relations Fall 2020  
Professor Jazmin Sierra, University of Notre Dame  
One discussion section

Introduction to International Relations Spring 2020  
Professor Joseph Parent, University of Notre Dame

Introduction to International Relations Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019  
Professor Susan Pratt Rosato, University of Notre Dame  
Two discussion sections

Academic Writing and Presenting Spring 2016  
Professor Uwe Czaniera, University of Bayreuth  
One discussion section

Decision and Game Theory I Spring 2015  
Professor Olivier Roy, University of Bayreuth  
One discussion section

Introduction to Philosophy Fall 2014  
Professor Rainer Hegselmann, University of Bayreuth  
One discussion section

**Guest Lectures**

“The Rationality Assumption(s) in Realism” 2019  
Course: Realism and Its Critics, University of Notre Dame

“A Brief Introduction to Research Design in International Relations” 2019  
Course: Thesis Research Design and Methods, University of Notre Dame

“International Finance” 2019  
Course: Introduction to International Relations, University of Notre Dame

**AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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Excellence in Teaching Award 2020  
Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching Certificate 2019  
Kanab Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame

## DEPARTMENT / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Reviewer, *Security Studies*

Elected President of the Political Science Graduate Organization 2020 – present  
University of Notre Dame

Co-Founder and -Organizer, Annual European Studies Student Conference 2019 – present  
Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame

Founder and Organizer, International Relations Workshop 2019 – 2020  
University of Notre Dame

Elected International Relations Field Representative 2019 – 2020  
Political Science Graduate Organization, University of Notre Dame

Student Representative, Graduate Program Committee 2020  
Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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**Languages** German (native), English (fluent)

**Software** R,  $\LaTeX$ , MS Office, WordPress

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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International Studies Association (ISA)

Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)

Political Studies Association (PSA)

## REFERENCES

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