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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Research Fellow, International Security Program
Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

From Fall 2022

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Ph.D., Political Science

Expected 2023

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Dissertation: *Power Vacuums in Great Power Politics:
The Consequences of International Authority Collapse*

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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Moritz S. Graefrath and Marcel Jahn, “Conceptualizing Interstate Cooperation,” *International Theory* 1–29. Advance online publication. [[Link](#)]

WORKING PAPERS

Under Review

“Power Vacuums in International Politics: A Conceptual Framework”

“Concepts in Context: Ontological Coherence in Social Science Theorizing” (with Marcel Jahn)

In Progress

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

“Committing Suicide for Fear of Death? Great Powers, Uncertainty, and the Myth of Preventive Wars”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AFFILIATIONS

Fellowships

Predocctoral Fellowship, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School (\$36,000)	2022 – 2023
Presidential Fellowship in the Social Sciences, University of Notre Dame (\$29,000)	2017 – 2022
Nanovic Graduate Fellowship, Nanovic Institute for European Studies (\$2,000)	2019 – 2021

Grants

Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame International Security Center	2021
Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame Graduate Student Government	2021
Early Career Network Access Fund, Political Studies Association	2020
Event Grant, Notre Dame Graduate Student Union	2019
Downes Memorial Fund Professional Development Grant, University of Notre Dame	2019
Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame International Security Center	2019
International Visitor Grant, Political Studies Association	2019
Research Grant, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, University of Notre Dame	2019
Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University	2018
Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame International Security Center	2018
Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association	2018
Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame Graduate Student Government	2018
PROMOS Study Abroad Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	2015

Affiliations

Graduate Student Fellow, Notre Dame International Security Center	2019 – present
Graduate Student Fellow, Nanovic Institute for European Studies	2019 – 2021

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

- “Forgot About Clausewitz? The Politics of U.S. Strategy towards Germany in WWII, 1943-45” 2021
ISSS-IS Annual Conference, Bloomington, IN
- “Power Vacuum Politics and the Origins of the Cold War in Europe” 2021
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (virtual)
- “Power Vacuum Politics and the Origins of the Cold War in Europe” 2021
Transatlantic Studies Association Annual Conference (virtual)
- “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 Talks

- “When Empires Fall: Explaining U.S. Strategy towards the Japanese Power Vacuum after WWII” 2022
Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN
- “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) (virtual)
- “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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Specialized Training

Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS) Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University	2021
The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Inquiry, Syracuse University	2021
Winter School in Methods and Techniques European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Bamberg, Germany	2020

Other Workshops

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Sebastian Rosato Book project: "Intentions in Great Power Politics: Uncertainty and the Roots of Conflict"	2019
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

IR Theory and History: Europe, 1919-1939 University of Notre Dame	Spring 2021
Contesting the Idea of "Europe" Co-taught by the 2019-20 Nanovic Institute Graduate Fellows University of Notre Dame	Spring 2020
Intentions in Philosophy and International Politics Co-taught with Marcel Jahn (Ph.D. Student) University of Bayreuth	Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant

International Relations Professor Jazmin Sierra, University of Notre Dame One discussion section	Fall 2020
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Introduction to International Relations Professor Joseph Parent, University of Notre Dame	Spring 2020
Introduction to International Relations Professor Susan Pratt Rosato, University of Notre Dame Two discussion sections	Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019
Academic Writing and Presenting Professor Uwe Czaniera, University of Bayreuth One discussion section	Spring 2016
Decision and Game Theory I Professor Olivier Roy, University of Bayreuth One discussion section	Spring 2015
Introduction to Philosophy Professor Rainer Hegselmann, University of Bayreuth One discussion section	Fall 2014

Guest Lectures

“Contrasting the Theory and Practice of IR Research” Course: Thesis Research Design and Methods II, University of Notre Dame	2021
“The Rationality Assumption(s) in Realism” Course: Realism and Its Critics, University of Notre Dame	2019
“A Brief Introduction to Research Design in International Relations” Course: Thesis Research Design and Methods I, University of Notre Dame	2019
“International Finance” Course: Introduction to International Relations, University of Notre Dame	2019

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Excellence in Teaching Award Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame	2020
Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching Certificate Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame	2019

DEPARTMENT / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, <i>International Security</i> , <i>Security Studies</i>	
Co-Founder and -Editor, <i>Europe in the World</i> Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame	2021 – 2022

Elected President of the Political Science Graduate Organization University of Notre Dame	2020 – 2021
Co-Founder and -Organizer, Annual European Studies Student Conference Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame	2019 – 2020
Founder and Organizer, International Relations Workshop University of Notre Dame	2019 – 2020
Elected International Relations Field Representative Political Science Graduate Organization, University of Notre Dame	2019 – 2020
Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Program Committee Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame	2020

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Languages	German (native), English (fluent)
Software	R, \LaTeX , MS Office, WordPress

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Studies Association (APSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)
Political Studies Association (PSA)
Transatlantic Studies Association (TSA)

REFERENCES

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