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Positions

- Fall 2018- **Assistant Professor**, *School of Politics, Economics, and Global Affairs*, IE University
Fall 2017- **U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security Postdoctoral Fellow**, *John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding*, Dartmouth College
Fall 2016- **Hayward R. Alker Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *Center for International Studies*, University of Southern California
Summer 2017
Summer 2016 **Lecturer**, *Department of Political Science*, University of California, Berkeley

Education

- Summer 2016 **Ph.D. in Political Science**, *University of California, Berkeley*
Fall 2013 **M.A. in Statistics**, *University of California, Berkeley*
Spring 2010 **M.A. in Political Science**, *University of California, Berkeley*
Spring 2009 **B.A. (cum laude) in Political Science**, *University of Notre Dame*
Spring 2009 **B.A. (cum laude) in Arabic**, *University of Notre Dame*

Selected Research Projects

Sports, Society, and Politics

Beyond the Stadium: How Sports Change the World, Stanford University Press, 2026.

“Nationalism and Conflict: Lessons from International Sports.” *International Studies Quarterly* 61(4), 835-849. 2017.

Interactive Maps and Figures (by the Australian Broadcasting Commission)

In the media: [Washington Post \(I\)](#), [Washington Post \(II\)](#), [Los Angeles Times](#), [The Atlantic](#), [The Dish](#), [Huffington Post](#), [ThinkProgress](#), [Mother Jones](#), [Washington Monthly](#), [Inverse](#), [Stratfor](#), [Monkey Cage](#), [War is Boring](#), [Zeit \(Germany\)](#), [Slate Magazine \(France\)](#), [International Security Network \(Switzerland\)](#), [El Diario \(Spain\)](#), [Treccani \(Italy\)](#), [ORF \(Austria\)](#), [La Ci Vert \(Turkey\)](#), [L'Esprit Libre \(Canada\)](#), [Hjorthen \(Norway\)](#), [Voice of America \(South Korea\)](#), [Who Rules TW \(Taiwan\)](#), [Nexo Jornal \(Brazil\)](#), [ABC \(Australia\)](#), [Kar \(Greece\)](#), [El Comercio \(Peru\)](#), [Bastion Digital \(Argentina\)](#), [La Tercera \(Chile\)](#), [Efecto Naim](#), [UN Dispatch](#)

“Analyzing the Impact of Events Through Surveys: Formalizing Biases and Introducing the Dual Randomized Survey Design” (with Laura Jakli and Henry Pascoe—forthcoming at *Political Science Research and Methods*).

“How Do Nationalistic Antagonisms Affect Trade? Evidence from a Large Natural Experiment” (with Laura Jakli and George Yin—under review)

In the media: [Boston Globe](#)

“Rally Round the *Team*? How International Sports Shape Civil Conflict” (with Dylan Forrester)

Weaponizing International Sports: The Politics Behind International Sports Sanctions (book project with Thandiwe Keet—manuscript in progress)

In the media: [Washington Post](#), [The Bunker Podcast](#), [El Universo \(Ecuador\)](#), [IE Insights](#)

The Impact of Leaders

“Seeing Like a District: Understanding What Close-Election Designs for Leader Characteristics Can and Cannot Tell Us.” *Political Analysis* 33(4), 393-411. 2025 (with Chad Hazlett).

“Leader Age and International Conflict: A Regression Discontinuity Analysis.” *Journal of Peace Research* 61(4), 643-658. 2024 (with Allan Dafoe and Robert Trager).

“Is There a War Party? Party Change, the Left-Right Divide and International Conflict.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(4), 950-975. 2019 (with Allan Dafoe and Robert Trager).

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Awards

2023-24 **Award for Teaching Excellence**, *IE University*

2022-23 **Award for Teaching Excellence**, *IE University*

2021-22 **Award for Teaching Excellence**, *IE University*

2020-21 **Award for Teaching Excellence**, *IE University*

2019-20 **Award for Teaching Excellence**, *IE University*

2018-19 **Award for Teaching Excellence**, *IE University*

2012 **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award**, *University of California, Berkeley*

Fellowships

2014-15 **Graduate Division Fellowship**, *University of California, Berkeley*

2012-13 **Department Fellowship**, *Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley*

Grants

2023- **Research Grant**, *Spanish Ministry of Science*, Member of team led by Nikitas Konstantinidis studying the impact of sporting events on political attitudes

2022 **Research Development Grant**, *IE University*

2014 **National Science Foundation Conference Grant**, *Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting*

2014 **Project Development Grant**, *Berkeley D-Lab*

2008 **Nanovic Research Grant**, *Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame*

Selected Invited Talks

Feb 2024 **Analyzing the Impact of Events Through Surveys**, *UCLA*

Nov 2022 **How Do Nationalistic Antagonisms Affect Trade?**, *Dartmouth*

August 2019 **Causal Identification in IR**, *University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation*

April 2018 **Nationalism and World Politics**, *University of Cambridge*

Feb 2018 **Sports Nationalism and World Politics**, *Presentation for Senior Foreign Policy Advisors, Capitol Hill, Hosted by the Council on Foreign Relations*

May 2017 **Estimating the Likelihood of Great Power War**, *Yale University*

May 2017 **Nationalism and Conflict: Lessons from International Sports**, *UCLA*

March 2017 **Nationalism and the New World Order**, *University of Pennsylvania*

Selected Presentations

- Nov 2024 **Games of Power: The Impact of Sports on Geopolitics**, *IE Talks in London*
- July 2024 **Analyzing the Impact of Events Through Surveys: Formalizing Biases and Introducing the Dual Randomized Survey Design**, *Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting*
- June 2024 **Rally Round the *Team*? How International Sports Shape Civil Conflict**, *CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference*
- July 2023 **Seeing Like a District: Understanding What Close-Election Designs for Leader Characteristics Can and Cannot Tell Us**, *Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting*
- March 2023 **Exploring a Classroom Simulation About Space and Cyber Affairs**, *International Studies Association Annual Conference*
- May 2021 **Nationalism and Trade: Evidence from a Large Natural Experiment Involving the World Cup**, *European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions*
- Mar 2019 **The Surprising Effectiveness of Sports Sanctions**, *International Studies Association Annual Conference*
- Aug 2017 **Violence of the Left and Right: When Liberals and Conservatives Opt for War**, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*
- Feb 2017 **United We Fight: Democratic Unity and State Aggression**, *International Studies Association Annual Conference*
- Aug 2016 **Agency Versus Structure in International Affairs: A New Empirical Approach**, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*
- July 2016 **United We Fight: Democratic Unity and State Aggression**, *Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting*
- Feb 2015 **Regression Discontinuity in Practice: Straightforward Solutions to Common Problems**, *International Studies Association Annual Conference*
- Aug 2014 **More than a Game: Sports, Nationalism, and Interstate Conflict**, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*
- Aug 2014 **Tribal Relations: Social Cohesion and Shared Sovereignty**, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*
- Jul 2014 **Direct Sports Competition and International Conflict: Evidence from a Randomized Natural Experiment**, *Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting*
- Aug 2013 **Nationalism and Interstate Conflict: A Regression Discontinuity Analysis**, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*
- Jul 2013 **Nationalism and Interstate Conflict: A Regression Discontinuity Analysis**, *Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting*
- Mar 2011 **Structuring the Study of Conquest**, *International Studies Association Annual Conference*
- Sept 2010 **The New Motives of Conquest**, *Berkeley International Relations Colloquium*

Courses Taught

Sports and Politics (Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022)

Research Methods in IR (Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018)

Interplanetary Relations (with Charles Kushner) (Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022)

Technology II (Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022)

Probability and Statistics (Graduate Level) (Fall 2022, Fall 2021)

Probability and Statistics (Undergraduate Level) (Fall 2021, Fall 2020)

Quantitative Methods (Graduate Level) (Fall 2020)
Programming for Economists I (Fall 2021, Fall 2020)
Global Governance (Spring 2019, Fall 2018)
International Security (Summer 2016, Summer 2015)
Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods (Summer 2016)

Experience as a Graduate Student Instructor

Conflict Management, with *Michaela Mattes*

War!, with *Ron Hassner*

Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods, with *Jason Wittenberg*

Quantitative Methodology in the Social Sciences Seminar, with *Jasjeet Sekhon*

The Statistics of Causal Inference in the Social Sciences, with *Jasjeet Sekhon*

Introduction to American Politics, with *Paul Pierson*

Middle Eastern Politics, with *Kiren Chaudhry*

Classroom Simulation Development

Summary: I am the author of the [Space and Cyber Affairs Simulation](#), which has been developed at IE University through the Multimedia Department. The game uses challenges in the space and cyber realms to teach students important insights from game theory and social constructivism. This simulation is used in courses on a wide range of topics, including international relations, game theory, negotiation, strategy, and sustainability. The game materials include a detailed teaching note for instructors, optional lecture slides that can be presented before the game, and a short preliminary reading for students that will give them the necessary background information to understand and play the game.

Bronze at the [Learning Technology Awards](#) in the Best Technology-Based Learning Game Category (2024)

Shortlisted for the [QS Reimagine Education Awards](#) in the E-Learning Category (2023)

Research Assistance in Graduate School

- 2016 **Aila Matanock**, Regression Discontinuities in Corruption Country Rankings
- 2013-14 **Jasjeet Sekhon**, Analysis of Regression Discontinuities in Electoral Settings
- 2013-14 **Aila Matanock**, Shared Sovereignty in International Relations

Service

- 2014-Present **Referee**, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Union Politics*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Area Studies Review*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Organization*, *International Relations*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Causal Inference*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Kyklos*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Security Studies*
- 2020-Present **Volunteer R Instructor**, IE University
- 2016 **Volunteer Statistical Consultant and Instructor**, *D-Lab*, UC Berkeley
- 2016 **Faculty Sponsor**, *Enactus*, UC Berkeley

Selected Work Experience

- 2015 **Statistical Consultant and Instructor**, *D-Lab*, UC Berkeley
Workshop Topics: Regression Discontinuity, Simulations, Text Analysis, Functions, and Data Cleaning
- 2013 **Statistical Consultant**, *Medical Research on H1N1*, Supervised by Jasjeet Sekhon
- 2011-12 **Coordinator**, *International Relations Colloquium*, University of California, Berkeley
- 2009, 2011-12 **Head Coach**, *Gulf Park Summer Swim Team*
- 2008 **Intern**, *Transatlantic Policy Network*, Brussels, Belgium