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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

International Relations, The Politics of International Law, Global Capitalism & Law, Backlash Politics, Ethics in International Affairs, China's Rising Influence in International Politics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Northwestern University

Norman Dwight Harris Professor of International Relations, 2021-
Board of Lady Managers of the Colombia Exposition Chair, 2018-2021
Founding Co-director Global Capitalism and Law Research Group, 2016-
Professor of Political Science and Law, 2011-
Professor of Political Science, 2010-
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2003- 2010
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2000-2003

University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law

Permanent Visiting Professor, [iCourts Danish National Resource Council Center of Excellence](#), 2012-

Smith College

Assistant Professor of Government, 1996-2000

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Teaching Assistant & Research Assistant 1991-1993

Harvard University

Center for European Studies Graduate Affiliate, 1992-1996, Visiting Scholar 2000-2001
Teaching Assistant, 1992-1993

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D. in Political Science, 1996

Cornell University B.A. Magna Cum Laude, with distinction in all subjects, 1988

HONORS AND AWARDS

Provost's Award for Exemplary Faculty Service, Northwestern University, 2023
Norman Dwight Harris Professor of International Relations, 2021
Board of Lady Managers of the Columbia Exposition Chair, Northwestern University, 2018-2021
Certificate of Merit for a Preeminent Contribution to Creative Scholarship, the highest scholarship award of the American Society of International Law, 2015 (For The New Terrain of International Law)
Best Book, ILAW Section of the International Studies Association, 2014 (For The New Terrain of International Law)
Honorable Mention, Chadwick F. Alger Prize for the best book published on the subject of international organization and multilateralism. International Studies Association, 2014 (For The New Terrain of International Law)
American Academy Berlin Prize, 2012
John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 2011
Honorable Mention, Best Contribution to the European Journal of International Relations, 2007-2009 (for *Agent or Trustee: International Courts in their Political Context*, *European Journal of International Relations*, 14 (1): 33-63, 2008)

Best Paper, European Communities Studies Association Conference 1999: Who are the Masters of the Treaty?: European Governments and the European Court of Justice (published in *International Organization*, 52 (1): 125-152, 1998)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Buffett Institute International Collaborations Grant, 2024
Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow for Tenured Faculty, Sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation, 2023-2024
Undergraduate Research Program Baker Grant, Northwestern University 2020
Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Buffett Institute Fellow, Northwestern University 2016-2020
Weinberg College W Innovator Grant, Northwestern University, 2017
Buffett Institute for Global Studies, "Big Ideas Grant" for the Research group on Global Capitalism & Law, 2015-2019
International Organization (the journal) workshop grant, 2014
American Political Science Association, Centennial Grant Supplemental Research Support, 2014
Northwestern University Public Voices Fellowship- the Op-Ed Project, 2013
Berlin Prize, American Academy in Berlin, 2012
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 2011
Dispute Resolution Research Center Conference and Research Grant, 2011
Northwestern University, University Research Grant, 2010, 2006, 2004
Center for the Americas at Vanderbilt University, Incubator Grant 2007
Northwestern Institute on Complex Organizations, Workshop Grant 2006-2007
Dispute Resolution Research Center Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2005, 2007
George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation Fellowship 2004
Emile Noel Fellowship, Harvard Law School 2000-2001
German Marshall Fund of the United States, Advanced Research Fellowship 2000-2001
Smith College Jean Picker Fellowship, 1998-1999
Smith Summer Research Grant 1997, 1998
Program for the Study of Germany and Europe Center for European Studies, Harvard University.
Dissertation Writing Grant 1995-1996, Research Fellowship 1994
Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Research Fellowship, 1995
Bourse Chateaubriand Scientifique, 1994
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Stipendium 1993
European Community Studies Association Dissertation Fellowship, 1992
MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Exploration Grant 1992
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Graduate Fellowship 1989-1991
Mellon Foundation Team Research Grant, 1988
Ford Foundation, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Research Grant 1987

VISITING POSITIONS

Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 2025
Department of Commerce, Senior Research Fellow, Bureau of Industry and Security, 2023-2024
University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law, Permanent Visiting Appointment from 2012
American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Visiting Fellow, 2004, 2008-2009, 2017-2018
Northwestern Law School, 2004, 2011, 2013
American Academy in Berlin, Bosch Public Policy Fellow, 2012
Institute d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po), France, 1998, 2010
Universität Bremen, 2004

Seikei University, 2003

Harvard Law School, Emile Noël Fellow, 2000-2001

Harvard University, European Union Center Visiting Fellow, 2000-2001

PUBLICATIONS

My [personal website](#) organizes the publications according to the following research strands: Global Capitalism and Law; Backlash and the Contested Authority of International Institutions; China's Engagement with International Law; Comparative International Courts; International Regime Complexity; The Global Diffusion of European Legal Models; Latin America's International Legal Transplant (The Andean Tribunal of Justice); Africa's International Courts; The European Court of Justice's Political Power

Edited Collections and Monographs

[INTERNATIONAL COURT AUTHORITY](#)

(edited with Laurence R. Helfer & Mikael R. Madsen), Oxford University Press (Simultaneous hardback and paperback, 2018). Authored chapters include:

- International Court Authority in a Complex World (with Helfer & Madsen)
- How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts (with Helfer & Madsen)
- The Andean Tribunal of Justice: From Washington Consensus to Regional Crisis (with Helfer)
- International Court Authority in Question: Introduction to Part III (with Helfer & Madsen)
- Conclusion: Context, Authority, Power (with Helfer & Madsen)

[TRANSPLANTING INTERNATIONAL COURTS: THE LAW AND POLITICS OF THE ANDEAN TRIBUNAL OF JUSTICE](#)

(with Laurence R. Helfer) Oxford University Press (Hardback: 2017; Paperback: 2019; in Spanish 2022)

[NEW TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL LAW: COURTS, POLITICS, RIGHTS](#)

Princeton University Press (Simultaneous hardback and paperback, 2014)

- Certificate of Merit for a Preeminent Contribution to Creative Scholarship, American Society of International Law
- Best Book Award, ILaw Section of the International Studies Association
- Honorable Mention, Chadwick Alger Prize for the Best Book on Multilateralism

[OXFORD HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL ADJUDICATION](#)

(edited with Cesare Romano & Yuval Shany), Oxford University Press (Hardback 2014; Paperback, 2016; Chinese translation 2020; 2nd edition 2022). Authored chapters include:

- Mapping International Courts and Tribunals, the Issues and Players (with Romano and Shany)
- Contemporary International Adjudicators: Evolution and Multiplication
- Graphic Visualizations; Illustrations: A Reader's Guide (with Romano and Francesco Sebregondi)

[THE EUROPEAN COURT'S POLITICAL POWER: ESSAYS ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE ON EUROPEAN POLITICS](#)

Oxford University Press (Hardcover, 2009; Paperback 2011)

[ESTABLISHING THE SUPREMACY OF EUROPEAN LAW: THE MAKING OF AN INTERNATIONAL RULE OF LAW IN EUROPE](#)

Oxford University Press (Hardcover 2001; Paperback 2003; Translated into Albanian, 2012)

Special Editions of Journals (convener and editor)

[The International Adjudication of Megapolitics](#), *Law and Contemporary Problems*, 84(4) 2022 (with Mikael Rask Madsen)

[The Politics of Backlash in Comparison](#), *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 22 (4) 2020 (with Michael Zürn)

[Judicializing International Relations](#), thematic section in *International Studies Quarterly* 63(3) 2019 (with Emilie Haftner-Burton and Laurence R. Helfer)

[The Variable Authority of International Courts](#), Special Editors. *Law and Contemporary Problems* 79 (1) 2016 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Mikael Rask Madsen)
[Symposium on the Politics of International Regime Complexity](#), *Perspective on Politics* 7 (1) 2009 (with Sophie Meunier)

Journal Articles (*= peer reviewed journal)

- *[US Export Controls Across Time: Knowledge, Technology and China](#), *American Journal of International Law*, 19(1): 180-95. 2025
- *[So Long as We are a Constitutional Democracy: The Solange Impulse in a Time of Anti-Globalism](#), *Heidelberg Journal of International Law*, 85 (2025): 599-626. 2025.
- *[Global Governance in Time: Sequences, International Regime Complexes and Global Governance Politics](#), *World Politics* 76(2): 379-416. 2024 (with Stephen C. Nelson)
- [Making politics of International History and Law](#), *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal* 36(1): 95-106. 2022. Symposium on Anne Orford's *International Law and the Politics of History*
- [The Future of Embedded International Law: Democratic and Authoritarian Trajectories](#) *Chicago Journal of International Law* 23(1): 26-43, 2022
- *[How to Change the Operating System of Global Capitalism: A rejoinder](#) *International Journal of Constitutional Law (I•Con)* 20(1): 73-81, 2022
- *[The International Adjudication of Megapolitics](#), *Law and Contemporary Problems* 84(4):1-28 (2022) (with Mikael Rask Madsen)
- *[Beyond Backlash: The Consequences of Adjudicating Mega-politics](#), *Law and Contemporary Problems* 84(4) 219-241 (2022) (with Mikael Rask Madsen)
- *[The Promise and Perils of Theorizing International Regime Complexity in an Evolving World](#), *Review of International Organization* 17(2): 375-96. 2022
- *[From Colonial to Multilateral International Law: A Global Capitalism and Law Analysis](#) *International Journal of Constitutional Law (I•Con)* 19 (3): 798-864, 2021
- *[The ICJ In Comparison: Understanding the ICJ's Limited Influence](#). *Melbourne Journal of International Law*. 21(3), 676-697, 2021. [On SSRN](#).
- *[When and How to Legally Challenge Globalization: A Comment on the German Constitutional Court's False Promise](#), *International Journal of Constitutional Law (I•Con)* 19 (1): 269-284, 2021
- [Introduction to the Symposium on Sara McLaughlin Mitchell & Andrew P. Owsiak, 'Judicialization of the Sea: Bargaining in the Shadow of UNCLOS](#) *AJIL Unbound* 115 (2021): 368–72
- *[Gender and Status in American Political Science: Who determines whether a scholar is noteworthy?](#), *Perspective on Politics*, 18 (4) 1048-1067. 2020 (with Jean Clipperton, and Emily Shraudenbach, Laura Rozier)
- *[Comprehending Global Governance: International Regime Complexity v. Global Constitutionalism](#), *Global Constitutionalism* 9 (2) 413-423. 2020
- *[Conceptualising Backlash Politics: Introduction to a Special Issue on Backlash Politics in Comparison](#). *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 22(4): 563 –84. 2020 (with Michael Zürn)
- *[Theorising Backlash Politics: Conclusion to a Special Issue on Backlash Politics in Comparison](#), *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 22(4): 739-752. 2020 (with Michael Zürn)
- *[Visions of International Law: An Interdisciplinary Retrospective](#), Invited biennial lecture published in *Leiden Journal of International Law* 33(4): 837-869. 2020
- *[The Empire of International Law?](#) (review essay) *American Journal of International Law*, 113 (1): 183-199, 2019

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- *[Theorizing the Judicialization of International Relations](#), *International Studies Quarterly*, 63(3): 449-463, 2019 (with Emilie Haftner-Burton and Laurence R. Helfer)
 - *[Law in Action: Human Rights, Conflict Resolution and National Identity](#), a review essay in *Perspective on Politics*, 16 (2): 460-64, 2018
 - *[The Rise of International Regime Complexity](#), *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, 14: 329-349, 2018 (with Kal Raustalia)
 - *[Backlash against International Courts in West, East, and Southern Africa](#), *European Journal of International Law*, 27 (2): 293–328, 2016 (with Laurence R. Helfer and James Thuo Gathii)
 - [\(EJIL Talk Symposium, 2016\)](#).
 - Reprinted in [THE PERFORMANCE OF AFRICA'S INTERNATIONAL COURTS: USING INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION FOR POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL CHANGE](#), James Thuo Gathii ed, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020)
 - *[How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts](#) *Law and Contemporary Problems*, 79 (1): 1-38, 2016 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Mikael R. Madsen)
 - *[A New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States](#), *American Journal of International Law*, 107 (4): 737-779, 2013 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Jacqueline McAllister) ([Opinio Juris-AJIL Symposium](#), 2014)
 - *[Legitimacy and Lawmaking: A Tale of Three International Courts](#), *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*, 14 (2): 479- 502, 2013 (with Laurence Helfer)
 - *[Transplanting the European Court of Justice: Findings from the Experience of the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#), *American Journal of Comparative Law*, 60 (6): 709-744, 2012 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Osvaldo Saldias)
 - *[The Global Spread of European Style International Courts](#), *West European Politics*, 35 (1): 135-154, 2012
 - *[The Evolving International Judiciary](#), *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, 7: 387-415, 2011
 - [Tipping the Balance: International Courts and the Construction of International and Domestic Politics](#), *Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies*, (13): 1-22, 2011
 - Featured in the Cambridge Yearbook's special [20th Anniversary Edition](#)
 - *[Legal Integration in the Andes: Lawmaking by the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#), *European Law Journal*, 17 (5) 701-15, 2011 (with Laurence R. Helfer)
 - *[Nature or Nurture: Judicial Lawmaking in the European Court of Justice and the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#), *International Organization*, 64 (4): 563-92, 2010 (with Laurence Helfer)
 - [The European Court's Political Power Across Time and Space](#) (translated into Romanian) 5 *Revista Romana de Drept European*, 2010
 - *[Islands of Effective International Adjudication: Constructing an Intellectual Property Rule of Law in the Andean Community](#) *American Journal of International Law*, 103 (1): 1-43, 2009 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Maria Florencia Guerzovich), Reprinted in 6 ANUARIO ANDINO DE DERECHOS INTELECTUALES (2010)
 - Presented and discussed in Greece, Argentina, and the Hague, in meetings organized by and for international judges
 - *[The Politics of International Regime Complexity](#), *Perspective on Politics*, 7 (1): 13-24, 2009 (with Sophie Meunier)
 - Top ten most downloaded and cited articles in *Perspective on Politics*, 2020
 - [The Andean Tribunal of Justice and its Interlocutors: Understanding the Preliminary Ruling Reference Patterns in the Andean Community](#), *Journal of International Law and Politics*, 41 (4): 871-929, 2009 (with Laurence R. Helfer)
 - *[Agent or Trustee: International Courts in their Political Context](#), *European Journal of International Relations*, 14 (1): 33-63, 2008
 - Honorable Mention, Best Contribution to the *European Journal of International Relations*, 2007-2009
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- *[Delegating to International Courts: Self-Binding vs. Other-Binding Delegation](#), *Law and Contemporary Problems*, 71 (1) 37-76, 2008
 - *[Nested and Competing Regimes in the Transatlantic Banana Trade Dispute](#), *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30 (3): 362-368, 2006 (with Sophie Meunier)
 - *[Private Litigants and the New International Courts](#), *Comparative Political Studies* 35 (1): 22-49, 2006
Unilateralism and Multilateralism in American Foreign Policy, *Northwestern Journal of International Affairs* 6, 2004
 - *[Resolving or Exacerbating Disputes? The WTO's New Dispute Resolution System](#), *International Affairs*, 79 (4): 783-800, 2003
 - [Do International Courts Enhance Compliance with International Law?](#), *Review of Asian and Pacific Studies*, 25: 51-78, 2003
 - *[Law, Political Science and European Union Legal Studies: An interdisciplinary project?](#), *European Union Politics*, 3 (1): 113-123, 2002 (responses by Renaud Dehousse and Georg Vanberg)
 - *[The European Legal System and Domestic Policy: Spillover or Backlash?](#), *International Organization*, 54 (3):489-518, 2000
 - Reprinted in Judith Goldstein, Miles Kahler, Robert Keohane, and Anne-Marie Slaughter eds *LEGALIZATION IN WORLD POLITICS* MIT Press, 2001
 - *[Explaining Variation in the Use of European Litigation Strategies: EC law and UK Gender Equality Policy](#), *Comparative Political Studies*, 33 (4): 316-46, 2000 (with Jeannette Vargas)
 - *[Who are the Masters of the Treaty?: European Governments and the European Court of Justice](#), *International Organization*, 52 (1): 125-152, 1998
 - Winner of the Best Paper Presented at the European Communities Studies Association Conference 1999
 - Reprinted in *INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION READER*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001 (Lisa Martin and Beth Simmons eds.)
 - *[The European Court's Political Power](#), *West European Politics*, 19 (3):458-487, 1996
 - *[Judicial Politics in the European Community: European Integration and the Pathbreaking Cassis de Dijon decision](#), *Comparative Political Studies*, 24 (4): 535-561, 1994 (with Sophie Meunier-Aitsahalia)
 - Reprinted in *THE EUROPEAN UNION: VOLUME II*, 397-424, *International Library of Politics and Comparative Government*, Dartmouth Press, 1997 (Neil Nugent ed.)

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- The High Water Mark of International Judicialization?* In Charles Brower, et al. eds. *By Peaceful Means: Essays commemorating the contributions of David D. Caron to international dispute resolution*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 28 p 533-551. (2024) On [SSRN](#).
- Chinese and Western Perspectives on the Rule of Law and their International Implications*, in Ignacio de la Rasilla and Cai Congyan eds. *THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK ON CHINA AND INTERNATIONAL LAW*, 2024. Chapter 5, p 94-112. (with Ji Li). On [SSRN](#)
- The Contested Authority and Legitimacy of International Law: The State Strikes Back*, in *RULE IN INTERNATIONAL Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 214-241 (Christopher Daase, Nicole Deitelhoff and Alexandra Witts. eds., 2023). On [SSRN](#).
- Contracting v. Multilateralism in Global Economic Governance: Before, During and After the WTO*, in *INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: DEMISE OR TRANSFORMATION?* *World Trade Forum Series*, Cambridge University Press, 15-44, (Manfred Elsig, Rodrigo Polanco & Peter van den Bossche eds, 2021), [on SSRN](#).

Big Decisions in European Legal and Economic Integration: What Have We Learned? in CASSIS DE DIJON 40 YEARS ON, Bloomsbury, 253-271 (Albertina Albors-Llorens, Catherine Barnard and Brigitte Leucht eds, 2021), [on SSRN](#).

Backlash against International Courts in West, East, and Southern Africa, in THE PERFORMANCE OF AFRICA'S INTERNATIONAL COURTS: USING INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION FOR POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL CHANGE, (with Laurence Helfer and James Thuo Gathii) Oxford University Press, 254-259 (James Thuo Gathii ed. 2020).

Critical Junctures and the Future of International Courts in a Post-Liberal World Order In THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS: REGIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL CHALLENGES, Routledge, 8-33 (Avidan Kent, Nikos Skoutaris & Jamie Trinidad eds., 2019), [on SSRN](#).

The Future of International Law in THE NEW GLOBAL AGENDA, Rowman & Littlefield, 25-42 (Diana Ayton-Shenker ed., 2018), [on SSRN](#)

National Perspectives on International Constitutional Review: Diverging Optics, in COMPARATIVE JUDICIAL REVIEW, Edward Elgar, 244-271 (Erin Delaney and Rosalind Dixon eds., 2018), [on SSRN](#)

The Evolution of International Law and Courts In Oxford University Press: 590-610 (Orfeo Fioretos, Tulia G. Falletti and Adam Scheingate eds., 2016), [on SSRN](#)

- Reprinted in INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS IN TIME, Oxford University Press, 251-274 (Orfeo Fioretos ed., 2017)

Too Much Power for the Judges? Understanding the European Court's Political Power in KEY CONTROVERSIES IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, Palgrave Macmillan, Chapter 5 (with a response by Jeremy Rabkin) (Zimmerman, Hubert and Dür, Andreas eds. 2012; 2nd edition with Daniel Keleman, 2016; 3rd edition with Daniel Kelemen, 2020)

Regional Dispute Settlement (with Liesbet Hooghe) In THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF COMPARATIVE REGIONALISM, Oxford University Press, 538-558 (Tanja A. Börzel/Thomas Risse eds., 2016), [on SSRN](#)

The Influence of the Andean Intellectual Property Regime on Access to Medicines in Latin America (with Laurence Helfer) in BALANCING WEALTH AND HEALTH: GLOBAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND THE BATTLE OVER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN LATIN AMERICA, 247-262 (Rochelle Dreyfuss & César Rodríguez-Garavito eds., 2014), [on SSRN](#)

On Law And Policy in the European Court of Justice: An American Perspective In EUROPE: THE NEW LEGAL REALISM, Djøf Publishing 2011 (Koch, Henning et al eds., 2011)

Judicialization of International Relations in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, Sage Publications, (Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser and Leonardo Morlino eds., 2011)

The European Court and Legal Integration: An Exceptional Story or Harbinger of the Future? In THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF LAW AND POLITICS Oxford University Press, 209-228 (Keith Whittington, Daniel Keleman, Greg Caldiera eds., 2008)

Designing International Legal Mechanisms to Help Enforce Trade Agreements In INSTITUTIONAL APPROACHES TO REGIONALISM, (In Japanese, Kazuya Hirobe ed., 2008)

The Theory and Reality of the European Coal and Steel Community (with David Steinberg). In MAKING HISTORY: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF ROME, Oxford University Press, 89-104 (Sophie Meunier and Kathleen McNamara eds., 2007)

Delegation to International Courts and the Limits of Recontracting Political Power In DELEGATION UNDER ANARCHY: STATES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRINCIPAL-AGENT THEORY, Cambridge University Press, 312-338 (Darren Hawkins, Daniel Neilson, Michael J. Tierney, and David A. Lake eds., 2006)

The European Court of Justice and European Law In EUROPE TODAY, Rowman and Littlefield, (Ronald Tiersky ed. 1999; 2nd ed., 2004)

The European Court of Justice In ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, 191-194, Lynne Rienner Publishers, (Desmond Dinan ed., 1998)

[Explaining National Court Acceptance of European Court Jurisprudence: A Critical Evaluation of Theories of Legal Integration](#). In *THE EUROPEAN COURTS AND NATIONAL COURTS*, Hart Publishing 225-250, (Anne-Marie Slaughter, Alec Stone-Sweet and Joseph Weiler eds., 1998)

In Progress

Ruling the Global Economy: Why is Money so Different from Trade? Book project with article spin-offs (with Stephen C. Nelson)

“The Legalization of Global Economic Governance: Contracting, Unilateralism and Multilateralism,” article (with Tim Meyer). [On SSRN](#) and also under revision

Providing Access to Health in a Changing Institutional World Book project with article spin-offs (with Laura Pedraza-Farina, UCLA law)

Backlash Politics, book project (with Michael Zürn, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)

US Export Controls: Past, Present and Future a book project (proposal is out for review)

“Reframing International Law: The China Strategy?” a book chapter for a book edited by Greg Shaffer (Georgetown Law) and Ji Li (UC Irvine Law). [On SSRN](#).

Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best: The Example of Reforming the World Trade Organization, (with Cristina Lafont). [On SSRN](#).

Book Reviews

VEILED POWER: INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE PRIVATE CORPORATION 1886–1981, Doreen Lustig. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press in *American Journal of International Law*, 117(1), 172-177, 2023

ISLAMIC LAW AND INTERNATIONAL LAW: PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES Emilia Justyna Powell, Oxford University Press. In *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration and Institutions*. 33(4): 985-987, 2020. Shorter form published in *Journal of Peace Research*

IN PLACE OF INTERSTATE RETALIATION: THE EUROPEAN UNION’S REJECTION OF WTO-STYLE TRADE SANCTIONS, William Phelen, Oxford University Press. In *Review of International Organizations* 11(1): 145-149, 2016

EUROLEGALISM: THE TRANSFORMATION OF LAW AND REGULATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION, Daniel R. Kelemen, Harvard University Press. In *Common Market Law Review* 49 (1): 417-9, 2012

THE SWORD AND THE SHEILD: THE UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS, Cesare P.R. Romano ed. In *Perspectives on Politics* 9 (4): 978-80, 2011

THE EUROPEAN COURT AND CIVIL SOCIETY: LITIGATION, MOBILIZATION AND GOVERNANCE, Rachel A. Cichowski, Cambridge University Press. In *Perspectives on Politics*, 8 (2): 698-9, 2010

TRADING VOICES : THE EUROPEAN UNION IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS, Sophie Meunier, Princeton University Press. In *Perspectives on Politics* 4 (4): 813-4, 2006

LAW AND GOVERNANCE IN POSTNATIONAL EUROPE: COMPLIANCE BEYOND THE NATION STATE, Michael Zürn and Christain Joerges eds Cambridge University Press 2004. In *Modern Law Review*, 30 (5): 767-771, 2005

THE RULES OF FEDERALISM, R. Daniel Kelemen, Harvard University Press. *European Union Studies Association Review*, 17 (3): 16-17, 2004

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE SUPRANATIONAL PARTY SYSTEM, Amie Kreppel, Cambridge University Press. In *Comparative Political Studies*. 37 (1): 121-124, 2004

THE MANY FACES OF DIFFERENTIATION IN EU LAW, Bruno De Witte, Dominik Hanf and Ellen Vos eds Intersentia Press, 2001. In *European Union Studies Association Review Section*, 15 (3), 2002

On-Line Interviews

Faculti interview, October 2024 about Reframing International Law: The China Strategy. [The interview can be found here](#). The [paper it is based on is available here](#).

Amsterdam Center for International Law: [On redundancy, regime complexity and universality in international law](#), June 12, 2019. Chicago Tonight [“Global Affairs Takes Center Stage”](#), April 6, 2017.

[Chicago Tonight “Trump’s Russian Reset”](#) January 9, 2017.

[EJIL Live! interview with Joseph Weiler, August 3 2016](#).

Sage Video [International Law and International Relations, 2016](#)

Sage Video [International Law Making a Difference](#), 2016

Sage Video [International Law: The Gap Between Hopes and Expectations, 2016](#)

Op-Eds

[Is it a Dance or is it Chicken?: The German Constitutional Court’s European Central Bank Ruling](#)

VerfassungsBlog, May 13, 2020

[Time for a World Trade Organization 2.0](#) Wall Street Journal, September 15, 2019

[Trump’s tariffs aren’t the biggest trade problem. Will China step in to protect the WTO?](#) The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, June 18, 2018

[Disentangling Ethics and the Law: What’s legal isn’t necessarily ethical](#) National Law Review, February 28, 2018

[The Future of International Law in an Age of Trump](#), The Berlin Journal (Fall) 2017

[Ein Jahr nach der Wahl Die USA gefährden die Zukunft des internationalen Rechts](#) Tagesspiegel Causa November 8, 2017

[The Least Bad Option in Syria: The U.S. has to swallow some bitter pills, because letting the civil war drag on is even worse](#) US News and World Reports, November 5, 2015

[The Trials and Tribulations of Prosecuting Heads of State: The ICC and Kenyatta](#) The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, December 19, 2014

[Will America’s Failed Domestic Policy Spur a New Cold War?](#) The Huffington Post, May 13, 2014

[Four Well Intentioned International Law Ideas Doomed to Fail](#) OZY, May 20, 2014

[Let Nations, Not the World, Prosecute Corruption](#) (with Juliet Sorensen) US News and World Report, April 30, 2014

[International Law’s Legacy vs. The Cases of Ukraine and Syria](#) The Huffington Post, March 27, 2014

[The Only Way to Counter Russia: Invoking international law is the best way to respond to Russia’s action in the Ukraine](#) US News and World Report, March 12, 2014

[German high court challenges the European Central Bank pledge to defend the Euro](#) The Global Post March 6, 2014

[Has Putin Broken International Law?](#) CNN Opinion, March 5, 2014.

[Beyond the Bubbles: Sodagate reminds us Good v. Evil not always so clear](#) The Huffington Post, February 7, 2014

[International Law and Chemical Weapons: Conservative arguments of substance](#) The Huffington Post, November 15, 2013

[Is Grouphink Driving Us Towards War](#) The Boston Globe, September 16, 2002

[Iraq: Who Lied? The high cost of lying about war](#) The Chicago Tribune, June 29, 2003

Other Publications (Conference Proceedings, On-Line Forums, Newsletters)

[The Promise of Multilateralism in Latin America](#), *Proceedings of the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting*, 114: 324-28, 2021.

[Introduction to the Symposium on Kristina Daugirdas's Reputation as a Disciplinarian of International Organizations](#) *AJIL Unbound Symposium*, 113: 218-222, 2019

[Is the Era of the Internationalists Over? A comment on Hathaway and Shapiro's *The Internationalists*](#) *International History and Politics Newsletter* 4 (2): 3-7, 2019

[Whose Rule of Law is it?](#) *Law and Social Inquiry Forum* 2, discussing of Mila Versteeg and Tom Ginsburg's article "Measuring the Rule of Law: A Comparison of Indicators" *Law and Social Inquiry* 42, 2017

Is International Law's Thin Line of Justice Too Thin? Symposium discussion of Steven Ratner's *The Thin Justice of International Law* (Oxford University Press, 2015) at [James Stewart's Blog](#), 2016

Has Active Citation been a Boon for Replication? Lessons from Law Review Publishing, *International History and Politics Newsletter* 1 (2): 10-13, 2016

[Symposium: New Directions in Comparative Public Law](#), *Law and Courts Newsletter of APSA* 22 (3): 43-5, 2012

The Judiciary's New Robes: The Evolution of International Court Power, *The Berlin Journal* 21 (Fall): 39-45, 2011

[Jurist Social Movements in Europe](#), *European Union Studies Association Review* 20 (4): 6-11 2007

[International Courts are not Agents! The Perils of the Principal-Agent Approach to thinking about the Independence of International Courts](#), *Proceedings of the American Society of International Law* 2005 Conference. 99: 138-141, 2005

Do the Lessons of EU Legal Integration "Travel", *European Community Studies Association Review*, 13 (1): 3-4, 2000

LEADERSHIP

Co-Founder and Co-Director: [Research Group on Global Capitalism and Law](#), 2015-Organization of Women Faculty, co-chair 2015-2023

Faculty Senate, Representative from the Department of Political Science, 2011, 2020-2023

Grawemeyer Prize for Ideas that Change the World Jury, 2022

Big-Ten Academic Leadership Program, 2020-2021

Provost's Advisory Committee on Women Faculty, 2016-2020

Committee to design a University mentoring program (2018-2020)- Lead author of report

American Academy of Berlin: Chair of Selection Committee for the Berlin Prize 2019-2023, Berlin Prize Committee, 2016-2019

Weinberg College Tenure and Promotions Committee, 2017-2020

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2015-2017

Director of International Studies, 2006-2008

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2006-2007

American Political Science Association, International History and Politics Section, Chair 2016-2018; Vice Chair, 2014-2016

American Society of International Law: Executive Committee, 2015-2017

PluriCourts: Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order, Faculty of Law of the University of Oslo, Scientific Advisory Committee Chair 2013-2016

Editorial Boards and Editor Positions

Journal of International Dispute Settlement, General Editor 2020-2023

American Journal of International Law, 2015-2019, 2019-2023

Journal of International Dispute Settlement, 2016-2018

International Studies Review, 2015-2019, 2019-2020
International Organization, 2012-2014, 2015-2017
Law and Social Inquiry, 2009-2012, 2014-2016
European Union Politics, 2000-2010

Program Review Committees

University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Department of Political Science Program Review, 2016
Northwestern University, Psychology Department Program Review, 2015
Brigham Young University, Kennedy Center Program Review, 2009

SERVICE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(see also leadership)

Provost's Faculty Appeals Committee 2023
The Graduate School's Presidential Fellowship Committee, 2023
Graduate Placement Director, Department of Political Science, 2021-2022
International Relations Field Head, Department of Political Science 2003, 2014, 2020, 2022
ChangeMakers, 2015-2016
Organization of Women Faculty, Pay Equity Study Chair, 2013-2015
Director of the Honors Program, Department of Political Science, 2005-2006, 2014-2015
Undergraduate Research Grant Committee, 2014-2015
Legal Studies Advisory Board, 2007-2016
Leopold Lecture Committee, 2006-2015
Co-Founder and Co-Convenor International Law and International Organization Working Group, Buffett Institute 2004- 2016
International Studies Advisory Board, 2003-2011
Co-Chair- International Studies Reform Committee, 2005-2006
Steering Committee, Carnegie Foundation Program on Ethics in International Affairs, 2001-2002

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Political Science Association

Award Committee: Robert Jervis and Paul Schroeder Best Book in International History and Politics, 2013
Committee on Founding a Journal, Law and Courts Section, 2009-2010
Midwest APSA Conference Planning Committee: International and Comparative Law Section, 2010
Award Committee: Luebbert Best Book in Comparative Politics (Chair), 2007
Award Committee: Best Book, Dissertation, and Paper in West European Politics, 2003
Award Committee: Gabriel Almond Prize, the Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, 2000

American Society of International Law

Co-founder of the International Law and Social Science Interest Group, 2022-2026
American Journal of International Law, Editorial Board, 2015-2019, 2019-2023
Executive Committee, 2015-2017
Certificate of Merit Book Awards Committee, 2016, 2018
Research Forum 2014, Co-Chair

Council of Europe

Conference Committee, 2006

European Society of International Law

Program Committee for the Annual Meeting, 2015
International Studies Association

International Organization Section, Executive Committee 2013-2016,
Nominations committee (chair) 2014
ISA Committee on Appointments, 2010-2012

European Community Studies Association

Executive Committee, June 2001-2005
Secretary, June 2003-2005
Conference Program Committee, 2002-2003
Award Committee: Best Dissertation on the European Union, 1999, 2002
Award Committee: Best Book on a European Union Topic, 2005

Advisory Boards

Chinese Journal of Transnational Law, International Scientific Advisory Board, 2023-
PluriCourts: Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order (Chair)
Centre of Excellence at the Faculty of Law of the University of Oslo. 2013-2016
Toward a New History of European Public Law, Saxo-Institute. University of Copenhagen. 2013-2015

Book Manuscript Reviewer

Oxford University Press, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020
Cambridge University Press 2007, 2010, 2011, 2014 2017, 2018, 2020
University of Chicago Press, 2008, 2009
Princeton University Press, 2006, 2019
Lynne Rienner, 2019
Rowman and Littlefield Press, 2003
University Press of New England, 2006 Routledge
Press. 2005, 2002
Sage Press 2003

Research Proposal Review

National Science Foundation, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
European Science Foundation, 2005

Journal Reviewer (10-20 per year)

American Political Science Review, International Organization, American Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, Comparative Political Studies, World Politics, International Theory, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Review of International Organizations, Review of International Political Economy, Journal on Law and Courts, International Political Science Review, Journal of Public Policy, European Journal of International Relations, Journal of Common Market Studies, Comparative European Politics, Political Science Research Quarterly, Government and Opposition, Journal of European Public Policy, Law and Society, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, British Journal of Politics, Law and Social Inquiry, Journal of Dispute Resolution, European Journal of International Law, American Journal of International Law, African Journal of International and Comparative Law

SELECT RECENT INVITED SCHOLARLY TALKS, POLITICAL SCIENCE

July 2025	Council on Foreign Relations Virtual Event: "National Security, Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence in an Age of Great Power Competition"
June 2025	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin "Militant Democracy Strategies and Backlash Politics," workshop on Questioning Militant Democracy Strategies to Safeguard Democracy
June 2025	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin "Providing Access to Health in a Changing Institutional World"

May 2025	Law and Society Conference, ““The Legalization of Global Economic Governance: Contracting, Multilateralism, Unilateralism”
March 2025	International Studies Association Conference “Access to Health in a Changing Institutional World
October 2024	Buffet Institute, Northwestern University. “The Domestic Politics of US Export Control Policy”
September 2024	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin “Backlash Politics” Workshop- Cohost and discussant
May 2023	Political Economy of International Organization Conference, University of California San Diego. Contracting v. Multilateralism in Global Economic Governance
September 2022	Northern Illinois University Political Science Speaker Series Rethinking Backlash Politics
March, 2022	Yale International Relations Speaker Series Contracting v. Multilateralism in Global Economic Governance
March, 2022	University of Illinois Champaign Urbana International Relations Speaker Series Contracting v. Multilateralism in Global Economic Governance
January 2022	Oxford University International Relations Speaker Series Contracting v. Multilateralism in Global Economic Governance
November, 2021	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, Overlapping Spheres of Authority and Interface Conflicts in the Global Order
October, 2021	Thomas Mann House- Los Angeles, The End of Crises? Political Reflections after the German Elections
July, 2021	Society of International Law: Rethinking Global Economic Law Governance The Legalization of Global Economic Law
April, 2021	Northwestern University Office of Research Gender and Status: Who determines whether a scholar is noteworthy?
October, 2020	Princeton University International Relations Speaker Series Ruling the Global Economy: Why is Money so Different from Trade?
February 2020	Contestations of the Liberal Script, Opening Conference Theorizing Liberalization: Plenary Roundtable
October, 2019	World Trade Forum, University of Bern Plenary on the Future of International Economic Dispute Resolution International Economic Governance and Dispute Resolution: Contractual v. rule of law approaches
October, 2019	Keynote Address: Danish EU Studies-ECSA Conference, Arhuus University Europe and the Rule of Law
March, 2019	Globus, University of Oslo (Philosophy) Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best
February, 2019	University of Chicago, International Relations Series Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best
January, 2019	European University Institute, Florence, Robert Schuman Center Ruling the Global Economy: Why is Money so Different from Trade?

SELECT RECENT INVITED SCHOLARLY TALKS, LAW

March 2025	ICourts Talk, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law ““The Legalization of Global Economic Governance: Contracting, Multilateralism, Unilateralism”
March 2025	Northwestern Law School, “The Legalization of Global Economic Governance: Contracting, Multilateralism, Unilateralism”

May 2024	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin: Solange at Fifty Conference “So Long as We are a Constitutional Democracy”
September 2023	University of Pennsylvania School of Law: US, China and the Global South Workshop, presenting “International Law and Development: China’s Strategy? (with Iza Ding)
September 2023	UC Irvine School of Law, China and the International Legal Order Conference presenting “Reframing international law: the China Strategy?”
June 2023	Pluricourts, University of Oslo, Closing Conference, Invited Speaker
February 2023	Pluricourts, University of Oslo, Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the study of international law (with Laurence Helfer)
May 2022	Universidad Externado de Colombia, book launch for the Spanish translation of <i>Transplanting International Courts: The Law and Politics of the Andean Tribunal of Justice</i>
March 2022	University of Chicago, Symposium on Tom Ginsburg’s book <i>Democracy and International Law</i>
February 2022	Temple Law School, Laura H. Carnell Chair Workshop on Anne Orford’s book <i>International Law and the Politics of History</i>
December 2021	University of Chicago, Center on Democracy: Democracies and International Law Roundtable
December 2021	World Law Conference, Barranquilla Colombia, Regional Dispute Adjudication
November 2021	Wuhan University School of Law China, Chinese and Western Perspectives on the Rule of Law and Its International Implications
November 2021	American Society of International Law Research Forum, Contracting v. Multilateralism in Global Economic Governance
June 2021	Key Note Address, Pluricourts, University of Oslo School of Law (delayed due to Corona Virus) Nationalist Backlash and the Future of International Courts
June 2021	IMAGINE Project University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law Constitutional Law Scholarship and the Constitutional Project
May 2020	Melbourne Law School, The International Court of Justice in Comparison
June 2020	American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, The Future of Multilateralism in Latin America
January, 2020	University of Georgia International Law Series International Economic Governance and Dispute Resolution: Contractual v. rule of law approaches
November, 2019	Center for International Dispute Settlement, Geneva (via videolink) Plenary public event: Can we save the WTO Appellate Body (and Dispute Settlement) from a shipwreck, and how?
September, 2019	Caribbean Court of Justice Academy of Law Invited to address and advise on a manual to enhance preliminary ruling references by national judges
May, 2019	Keynote Address: Amsterdam Center for International Law The Future of International Law in an Age of Nationalist Populism
May, 2019	Keynote Address: Leiden Journal of International Law Lecture Visions of International Law: An Interdisciplinary Retrospective
March, 2019	University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best
January, 2019	Keynote Address, European University Institute, Executive Training Institute The Future of International Courts in a Post-Liberal World Order

TEACHING AND GRADUATE TRAINING

Political Science Graduate Courses

International Relations and International Law
International Relations Theory
Global Capitalism and Law
International Organizations

Political Science and International Studies Undergraduate Courses

The Politics of International Law
Ethics in International Affairs
The Rule of Law Around the World (First Year Seminar)
International Organizations and National Policy (Capstone Seminar)
Political Science Honors Seminar

Law School Courses

International Courts and Tribunals
International Law and International Relations

Sage Politics and International Relations Video Collection

[International Law Making a Difference](#)
[International Law and International Relations: The Gap Between Hopes and Reality](#)
[International Law and International Relations](#)

[ICourts Summer School for Phd Students](#)

Designed the Summer School's focus, structure and assignments
Teaching on Generations of Research: You can advance but not go backwards

Co-authorship with students

[Gender and Status in American Political Science: Who determines whether a scholar is noteworthy?](#)
at *Perspective on Politic*, 18 (4) 1048-1067. 2020 (with Jean Clipperton, and Emily Shraudenbach, Laura Rozier)

[A New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States](#) *American Journal of International Law* 107 (4): 737-779, 2013 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Jacqueline McAllister)

[Transplanting the European Court of Justice: Findings from the Experience of the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#) *American Journal of Comparative Law* 60 (6): 709-744, 2012 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Osvaldo Saldias)

[Islands of Effective International Adjudication: Constructing an Intellectual Property Rule of Law in the Andean Community](#) *American Journal of International Law* 103 (1): 1-43, 2009 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Maria Florencia Guerzovich)

[The Theory and Reality of the European Coal and Steel Community](#)
(with David Steinberg). In MAKING HISTORY: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF ROME. Oxford University Press (Sophie Meunier and Kathleen McNamara eds. 2007)

[Explaining Variation in the Use of European Litigation Strategies: EC law and UK Gender Equality Policy](#)
Comparative Political Studies, 33 (4): 316-46, 2000 (with Jeannette Vargas)

Dissertation Advising

Daniel Loebell (Chair)

Completed

Bo Won Kim (Chair) (University of Texas, Arlington)

Chris Dinkel (Oklahoma State University, Business School)

Ayodeji Perrin (Chair), Sharswood Fellow, Penn Law School

Lena Trabucco (Chair), Cambridge, Center for the Study of Existential Risk

Joshua Freedman, Oberlin College

Completed Continued

Jacqueline McAllister (Chair), Kenyon College

Ji Li (Chair), UC Irvine Law School

Salvatore Caserta, iCourts Assistant Professor

Ari Shaw (Chair), UCLA, Williams Institute

Alisa Kaplan (Chair), Action for a Better Tomorrow

Maria Guertzovich (Chair), Global Partnership for Social Accountability

Erin Kimball Damman, University of Idaho

Helen Callaghan, European University Institute

Kimberley Sims

Osvaldo Saldias, Humboldt Universität, Berlin

Nicole Richardt, University of Utah

Barbara Murphy

SELECT TELEVISION APPEARANCES, INTERVIEWS AND PRESENTATIONS TO CIVIC GROUPS

[Is China's Role as a Peacemaker between Russia and the World Working?](#) Morning Shot radio spot, Omny FM 89.3, March 22, 2023.

What is the Point of International Law, Northwestern Alumni Association Speaker Series, 2022

[Deep Dish on Global Affairs Prosecuting War Crimes in Ukraine](#), Podcast by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, April 7, 2022

[On redundancy, regime complexity and universality in international law](#), Interview at the Amsterdam Center for International Law, June 12, 2019

Do Ethical Considerations Matter in International Relations, Unitarian Church of Wilmette, April 20, 2019

[Global Affairs Takes Center Stage](#), Chicago Tonight, April 6, 2017

[Trump's Russia Reset](#), Chicago Tonight, January 9 2017

[Joseph Weiler interviews Karen J. Alter on the politics of backlash](#), EJIL Live! Interview August 3, 2016

The Use of Force in International Politics: Legal and Ethical Perspectives

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, October 20, 2016

The United States Constitution and International Law

Chicago Bar Association June Civil Rights and Constitutional Law Committee, May 2013 (with Professor Stephan Calabresi)

CNN Live- Interview about Putin's Annexation of the Crimea, March 6, 2014

Should We Stay or Should We Go Now? A debate on US Foreign Policy in Iraq

Chicago Council on Foreign Relations series "GoAT- Globally Occupying The Attention Of Chicago's Untapped Audience" Schuba's Tavern, June 2004

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

iCourts Center of Excellence, University of Copenhagen School of Law, 2012-

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (by courtesy), 2011-

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member 2000-2005, Life Member 2007-

American Political Science Association, 1990-

American Society of International Law, 1999-

European Society of International Law, 2016-

LANGUAGES

Fluent French, Italian and German; Conversant Spanish
