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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Ph.D., Political Science Expected 2023

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Dissertation: *Power Vacuums in International Politics: Great Power Competition in the Wake of 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. doi:[10.1017/S1752971921000208](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1752971921000208).

WORKING PAPERS

Under Review

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

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

In Progress

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

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AFFILIATIONS

Fellowships

Presidential Fellowship in the Social Sciences, University of Notre Dame (\$29,000)	2017 – present
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 WW II, 1943-45” ISSS-IS Annual Conference, Bloomington, IN	2021
“Power Vacuum Politics and the Origins of the Cold War in Europe” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (virtual)	2021
“Power Vacuum Politics and the Origins of the Cold War in Europe” Transatlantic Studies Association Annual Conference (virtual)	2021

“A Tale of Two Pressures: Islamic Law States and the Timing of Litigation” International Studies Association Annual Conference (virtual)	2021
“How Rare Are Rational Thinkers in International Politics?” (<i>cancelled due to COVID-19</i>) Political Studies Association Annual International Conference, Edinburgh, UK	2020
“Power Vacuums in International Politics” ISSS-IS Annual Conference, Denver, CO	2019
“Uncertainty in Anarchy and Hierarchy” Political Studies Association Annual International Conference, Nottingham, UK	2019
“Uncertainty in Anarchy and Hierarchy” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2019
“Uncertain Men: Britain and the Inscrutable Intentions of Nazi Germany” ISSS-IS Annual Conference, West Lafayette, IN	2018
“The Inscrutable Intentions of Nazi Germany” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA	2018

Other Talks

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

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

Guest Lectures

“Contrasting the Theory and Practice of IR Research”	2021
Course: Thesis Research Design and Methods II, University of Notre Dame	
“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 I, University of Notre Dame	
“International Finance”	2019
Course: Introduction to International Relations, University of Notre Dame	

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

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

DEPARTMENT / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, <i>International Security</i> , <i>Security Studies</i>	
Co-Founder and -Editor, Europe in the World	2021 – present
Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame	
Elected President of the Political Science Graduate Organization	2020 – 2021
University of Notre Dame	
Co-Founder and -Organizer, Annual European Studies Student Conference	2019 – 2020
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	
Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Program Committee	2020
Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame	

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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