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## ACADEMIC

Associate Professor (2022-)

## APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor (2017-2022),  
Department of Public and International Affairs,  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Post-Doctoral Research Associate, (2016-2017)  
Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy,  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, *University of Kentucky*, 2016  
M.Sc., Comparative Politics (Conflict Studies), *London School of Economics*,  
United Kingdom, 2010  
M.A., Political Science, *Tribhuvan University*, Nepal, 2008  
Commissioning Course, *Royal Military Academy Sandhurst*, UK, 1997

## OTHER

## TRAININGS

NextUp Leadership Development Fellow, UNCW, 2020-21  
Course Design Institute, UNCW, Summer 2020  
Quality Matters Online Learning, Spring 2018  
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models ([EITM](#)), University of Houston, Summer 2014, Duke University, Summer 2016  
ICPSR, University of Michigan, Summer 2013

## RESEARCH

**Phayal, A.** and Prins B. 2025. “*Conflict and Cooperation in the Maritime Space Resources, Militarization, and the Role of Non-State Actors*”, Book chapter, *Oxford University Press* (In Progress). [LINK](#).

**Phayal, A.**, Brandon Prins, Seyma Tufan, Sayed Riyadi, & Curie Maharani. 2025. “*Caught in the Net Unraveling the Crime-Milieu in Indonesian Waters through Survey Data*”, in *Political Geography*, 125. [LINK](#)

**Phayal, A.**, Ghatak, S., Prins B. & Zhang, H. 2024. “*Attrition and Provocation: Sub-national Variation in Terrorist Targeting*”, in *Perspectives on Terrorism*, 18-2. [LINK](#).

**Phayal, A.**, Gold, A., & Prins B. 2024. “*The Complementary Relationship between Illegal Fishing and Maritime Piracy A Case Study of the Gulf of Guinea*” in *Marine Policy*, 165. [LINK](#).

(Featured in [The Monkey Cage](#), [Washington Post](#), June 2022 )

**Phayal, A.**, Gold, A., Maharani, C., Palomares, D., Pauly, D., Prins, B., and Riyadi, S. “*All Maritime Crimes are Local: Understanding the Causal Link Between Illegal Fishing And Maritime Piracy*” in *Political Geography*, 109. (Featured in [War on the Rocks](#), June 2023)

(Covered in [Sea Around us website](#))

Gold, A., **Phayal, A.**, & Prins B. 2023. “[The Unexpected Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Maritime Crime: Evidence from Indonesia and Nigeria](#)” (*Online version*) in *International Area Studies Review*

**Phayal, A.**, Gold, A. & Prins B. 2022. “[Interstate Hostility and Maritime crime: Evidence from South East Asia](#)”. *Online version* in *Marine Policy*. (Featured in *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*).

**Phayal, A.**, 2022. “[Should I Signal Trust? Effect of Terrorism on Interpersonal Trust in Post-conflict and Non-post-conflict Countries](#)” (*Online version*) in *Terrorism and Political Violence* (Best faculty paper award [NCPSA](#) 2020)

**Phayal, A.** & Prins, B., 2020. “[UN Troop Deployment and Preventing Violence Against Civilians in Darfur](#).” *International Peacekeeping*, 27(2), pp.311-336. (Featured in *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*)

**Phayal, A.**, 2019. “[UN Troop Deployment and Preventing Violence Against Civilians in Darfur](#).” *International Interaction*, 45(5), pp.757-780. (Featured in *Political Violence at a Glance*)

Prins, B., **Phayal, A.**, & Daxecker, U. 2020. “[Maritime Piracy and Duration of Armed Conflicts](#).” *International Area Studies Review*, 22(2), pp.128-147. (Featured in *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post* )

**Phayal, A.**, Mason D., & Gurses, M. 2019 “[Who Wins, Who Loses, Who Negotiates Peace in Civil Wars: Does Regime Type Matter?](#)” *Journal of Global Security Studies*, 4(4), pp.482-498.

**Phayal, A.**, Khadka, P. & Thyne, C. L. 2015. “[What Makes an Ex-Combatant Happy? A Micro Analysis of DDR in South Sudan](#)”. *International Studies Quarterly*, 59(4):654-688. (Featured in *Political Violence at a Glance*)

**Phayal, A.** 2011. “[Cost Of Violence & The Peaceful Way Out: Comparative Analysis on the Provisional Irish Republican Army & the Communist Party of Nepal \(Maoists\)](#)”. *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, 4(1):1-20.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

Khadka, Prabin B., and **Phayal, A.** 2023. “The Economic Impact of Peacekeeping: Unemployment, Violence and Support Towards Peacekeepers.” In *Handbook on Peacekeeping and International Relations*, ed. Han Dorussen. Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, United Kingdom.

Prins, B., Gold, A., **Phayal, A.**, & Daxecker, U. 2022. “Maritime Piracy and Foreign Policy.” *Oxford Handbook of Foreign Policy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

#### SELECTED ONGOING PROJECTS

“Operationalizing Hybrid Warfare” (In progress).

“*BJP Policies, Hindu Nationalism, and Terrorism in India*” (With Sambuddha Ghatak). (*Under Review*) [\[LINK\]](#)

#### Non-Peer reviewed

Phayal, A., Shrestha, Jui, & Barron, P. 2016 *[Aid and Recovery in Post-Earthquake Nepal: Quantitative Survey September 2016 \(Phase 3\)](#)*. The Asia Foundation.

Ramachadder, S., Phayal, A., & Barron, P. 2016 *Aid and Recovery in Post-Earthquake Nepal: One Year On (Phase 2)*. The Asia Foundation.

Barron, P., Chingchit, S., Phayal A. & Pillai, S. 2015. *Aid and Recovery in Post Earthquake in Nepal (Phase 1)*. The Asia Foundation.

#### GRANTS/ AWARDS

UNCW Research Momentum Fund 2023 (\$6,000)

“Maritime Crime in South East Asia.” MINERVA Research Initiative (With Brandon Prins) (\$689,198), 2021-23

UNCW Faculty Fellow in the Research Community in International Trade and Exchange, 2023, 2024 (\$1,225, \$6000)

UNCW Faculty Fellow in the Center for Social Impact, 2020 (\$6,000)

Oral Parks Memorial Best Faculty Paper Award, NC Political Science Association, 2020

International Studies Association Catalytic Workshop Grant, 2018 (\$10,000)

Summer Curriculum Initiative Award, UNC Wilmington 2017-18 (\$6,000)

Malcom E. Jewell Award, University of Kentucky 2016

Presidential Fellowship Award, University of Kentucky 2016

Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Kentucky 2015/16

Emerging Global Scholars Award, University of Kentucky 2014

EITM Summer Fellowship (NSF) University of Houston, 2014 & Duke University, 2016

EITM Travel Scholarship (NSF) to attend 2012 MPSA, Chicago

Jim Winkates Best Graduate Paper Award, ISA-South 2012.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/ INVITED TALKS

Invited: Round table speaker, The Atlantic Center, Azores, Portugal, May, 2024.

“Why are Gulf of Guinea Waters so Dangerous? The Expected and Unintended Consequences of Conflict, Poverty, and Illegal Fishing” (With Prins, B.). ISA, Montreal, CA. March 2023. World Bank, Washington D.C. November 2023.

“Trust Traditional Authority Amid Fear & Democratization: Evidence from Somalia,” (With P. Khadka) APSA, Seattle, WA, 2021; NCPSA, Wilmington, NC, 2023.

“Fishing and Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea” (With Gold, A., Prins, B.), Illicit Economies and Extra-Legal Actors Conference, October 13-14, UC San Diego; Society of Policy Scientists Annual Institute, November 17-19, Duke University.

R Studio conference 2022, July 26-28, Maryland.

“Illegal Trawlers Took the Resources: Understanding the Causal Link Between Maritime Piracy and Illegal Fishing,” (With Gold, A. & Prins, B.) ISA, Nashville, 2022.

“Interstate Hostility and Maritime crime: Evidence from South East Asia,” (With B. & A. Gold) APSA, Seattle, WA, 2021.

“[BJP Policies and Terrorism in India](#),” Invited Speaker at University of Central Florida, October 29, 2020 (with S. Ghatak).

“Does Community Driven Conflict Resolution Work? Evidence from Randomized Control Trial in Western Ivory Coast,” MPSA, Chicago, 2016; APSA 2016, Philadelphia, APSA 2020.

“Fear of Violence & Support for Strong Leaders,” International Studies Association, Hawaii (March, 2019), American Political Science Association 2016, Philadelphia.

“Uneven Burden of Peacekeeping: Assessing Risk-Taking Propensity Across TCCs.” MPSA, Chicago, 2019; APSA, Washington DC, 2019.

“Poverty, conflict and UN Peacekeeping.” Invited Talk at Coastal Carolina UN Association, Wilmington, NC, 2018.

“Deter or Negotiate: The Dynamics of Peace Building in War Torn Countries,” ISA, San Francisco, 2018; Peacebuilding in Conflict & Post-Conflict Societies workshop at University of Tennessee, 2018.

“Peacekeeping Deployment & Prevention of Violent Fatalities in Darfur,” ISA-South, Orlando, 2017.

“Resources, Piracy & Armed Conflict Duration” (With B. Prins & U. Daxecker), Peace Science Society, Notre Dame, IN, 2016.

“Post-conflict Elections & Stability,” APSA, Washington DC, 2014; ISA, New Orleans, 2015.

“Support by Fear: The Role of Violence in Post-conflict Elections,” ISA-South, Atlanta, 2012; MPSA, Chicago, 2013. SPSA, New Orleans, LA, 2014.

“What Makes an Ex-Combatant Happy? A Micro Analysis of DDR in South Sudan,” (With C. Thyne & P. Khadka), Peace Science Society, Knoxville TN, 2013.

“Political Institutions and Post-conflict stability,” International Studies Association-South, Charlotte, NC, 2013.

#### SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Senate, UNC Wilmington (2023-)

Editorial Board, *International Studies Quarterly*. (2018-2023)

Section Chair, Undergraduate Research in International Relations (Section 79), MPSA, 2020-2021.

Faculty Senate, UNC Wilmington (2018-2020)

Distant Education Advisory Committee, UNC Wilmington (2019-)

Member, Faculty Hiring committee, UNC Wilmington (2017, 2018, 2022)

Panel Chair and Discussant ISA 2018, SPSA 2017, 2014 New Orleans

Academic Journal reviewer: *American Political Science Review* (2020, 2021), *European Journal of International Relations* (2021), *Conflict Management & Peace Science* (2021), *International Studies Quarterly* (2020, 2019[2], 2018[2], 2016, 2015), *Justice Quarterly* (2020), *International Studies Review* (2020), *Journal of Global Security Studies* (2020), *Journal of Peace Research* (2020), *Social Science Quarterly* (2020), *International Interactions* (2019, 2021), *Terrorism & Political Violence* (2019), *International Studies Perspectives* (2017), *Journal of Peacebuilding & Development* (2017), *Journal of Politics* (2016, 2020)

Professional Member: *American Political Science Association*, *International Studies Association*, *Peace Science Society*, *Midwest Political Science Association*

#### RELEVANT FIELD & UN EXPERIENCES

Consultant for *The Asia Foundation, Nepal* to research post-earthquake need assessment in Nepal, June-July 2015, 2016, 2017.

UN Peacekeeper, East Timor, 2001-2002

UN Peacekeeper, UN Mission in Sudan, 2008-2009

Infantry Officer’s Advanced Course 2006-7, Fort Benning, US

UN Logistic Training, Brindisi Italy, 2004  
Officer in the Nepal Army, 1997-2010  
Ranger course 1999, Fort Benning, US  
Officer Cadet Training, *Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, UK 1997*

COMMUNITY      Community engagement with local partner Cape Fear Collective 2019-  
United Nations Association (Coastal Carolina Chapter)  
UNCW Research Community in International Trade and Exchange

SKILLS            Computational Tools  
R, Python, STATA, QGIS,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , SPSS  
Language  
Nepali (Native), Hindi (Fluent), Urdu (Spoken), Arabic (Basic)