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Academic Appointments

2025 - present	<i>Senior Lecturer in Political Science (Comparative Politics)</i> , School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne
2024 - 2025	<i>Lecturer in Political Science (Comparative Politics)</i> , School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne
2021 - 2023	<i>Lecturer</i> , Department of Politics, University of York
January - June 2023	<i>Korea-Pacific Program Fellow</i> , School of Global Policy & Strategy, University of California San Diego
2020 - 2021	<i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i> , Division of Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2019 - 2020	<i>US-Asia Grand Strategy Predoctoral Fellow</i> , Korean Studies Institute, University of Southern California

Degrees

2015 - 2020	<i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i> , University of Missouri-Columbia, USA
2011 - 2013	<i>M.A. (with distinction) in Intelligence and International Security</i> , King's College London, UK
2007 - 2010	<i>B.Sc. (hons) in Politics</i> , University of Bristol, UK

Research Activity

* = graduate student coauthor

Peer-Reviewed Books

Edward Goldring and Peter Ward. 2025. *Authoritarian Survival and Leadership Succession in North Korea and Beyond*. Cambridge University Press Elements series on Politics and Society in East Asia.

– Interviewed about the book on the *NK News* podcast

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Edward Goldring, Jonas Willibald Schmid*, and Fulya Apaydin. 2025. "The Effects of Blame Shifting Strategies Following Large-scale Disasters: Evidence from Turkey." *Perspectives on Politics*: 1-24.

Edward Goldring and Peter Ward*. 2024. "Elite Management Before Autocratic Leader Succession: Evidence from North Korea." *World Politics* 76(3): 417-456.

- Winner of the 2025 Best Article Award, APSA Democracy & Autocracy Section
- Featured in *World Politics' The Storied Teller*, "All the Autocrat's Men." July 23, 2024.

Edward Goldring and Austin S. Matthews. 2024. "Brothers in Arms No Longer: Who Do Regime Change Coup-Entry Dictators Purge?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 68(10): 1,913-1,940.

Edward Goldring and Austin S. Matthews. 2023. "To Purge or Not to Purge? An Individual-Level Quantitative Analysis of Elite Purges in Dictatorships." *British Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 575-593.

Bryce W. Reeder, Michael Hendricks, and **Edward Goldring**. 2022. "All Peacekeeping is Local: Measuring Subnational Variation in Peacekeeping Effectiveness." *International Studies Quarterly* 66(2): 1-12.

Edward Goldring and Sheena Chestnut Greitens. 2020. "Rethinking Democratic Diffusion: Bringing Regime Type Back In." *Comparative Political Studies* 53(2): 319-353.

Michael Wahman and **Edward Goldring**. 2020. "Pre-election Violence and Territorial Control: Political Dominance and Subnational Election Violence in Polarized African Electoral Systems." *Journal of Peace Research* 57(1): 93-110.

Edward Goldring, Brandon Beomseob Park*, and Laron K. Williams. 2020. "Should We Talk About the Weather? How Party Competition and Coalition Participation Influence Parties' Attention to Economic Issues." *Party Politics* 26(6): 730-743.

Edward Goldring and Michael Hendricks*. 2018. "Help is Close at Hand? Proximity and the Effectiveness of Peacekeepers." *Research & Politics*, October-December: 1-9.

Edward Goldring and Michael Wahman. 2018. "Fighting for a Name on the Ballot: Constituency-Level Analysis of Nomination Violence in Zambia." *Democratization* 25(6): 996-1,015.

- Reprinted in *Violence and Candidate Nomination in Africa*, edited by Merete Bech Seeberg, Svend-Erik Skaaning, and Michael Wahman. Routledge, 2020.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

Edward Goldring and Michael Wahman. 2016. "Democracy in Reverse: The 2016 General Election in Zambia." *Africa Spectrum* 51(3): 107-121.

Selected Working Projects

Purges: How Dictators Fight to Survive (book manuscript)

- Under contract with *Cornell University Press*

Teaching Autocracy and Autocratic Politics (editor for book manuscript)

- Under contract with *Edward Elgar Publishing*

"Military Purges and Autocratic Leader Survival" (with Austin S. Matthews)

"Rules to Live (and Die) By: Introducing the Global Succession Rules Dataset (with Anne Meng)

"The Autocratic Job Market: Succession and Popular Approval in Uganda" (with Rebecca Tapscott)

"Succession in Uganda: What Do Ugandan Citizens Think of Muhoozi Kainerugaba?" (with Rebecca Tapscott)

"Exporting Digital Authoritarianism? Drivers and Effects of China's Surveillance Technology" (with Sheena Chestnut Greitens)

Other Writing

Edward Goldring and Peter Ward*. 2022. "The Kims Aren't Just Looking at Things: What Leadership Events Can Tell Us About North Korean Politics." *Woodrow Wilson Center and the National Committee on North Korea*.

Edward Goldring. 2022. "Before Categorising Autocracies, We Need to Count Them Accurately." *The Loop*.

Edward Goldring and Austin S. Matthews. 2022. "The Logic of Autocratic Purges." *Political Violence at a Glance*.

Edward Goldring. 2020. Review of "The Great Successor: The Divinely Perfect Destiny of Brilliant Comrade Kim Jong Un." *Journal of Asian Studies* 79(4): 1013-1014.

Edward Goldring. 2020. "How Would Joe Biden and Kamala Harris Handle North Korea?" *The Center for National Interest*.

Edward Goldring. 2020. "Body Politic: Why Kim Jong Un's Health Still Matters." *NK News*.

Edward Goldring and Sheena Chestnut Greitens. 2019. "The Importance of Regime Similarity to Explain Democratic Diffusion." *Democratic Audit*.

Edward Goldring. 2018. "North Korea is Marching with South Korea at the Olympics Opening Ceremony. Does This Mean a Diplomatic Thaw is Coming?" *Washington Post*.

Edward Goldring. 2018. Review of "North Korea: Markets and Military Rule." *Democratization* 25(1): 187-188.

Edward Goldring. 2017. "Will U.N. Sanctions Stop North Korean Missile Tests? Don't Count On It." *Washington Post*.

Conferences

2025: APSA, Authoritarian Political Systems Group Mini-Conference on Authoritarian Politics, IPSA World Congress

2024: Authoritarian and Challenging Environments Research Group Workshop, Authoritarian Political Systems Group Mini-Conference on Authoritarian Politics, EPSA, Seoul Workshop for Empirical Research in Politics

2023: WPSA

2022: APSA, EPSA, Korean Political Studies Colloquium, Korea Foundation Next Generation Policy Expert Network with Chatham House, MPSA, The Future of North Korean Studies at the University of Vienna, Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes

2021: Annual Conference on New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data, APSA, Empirical Political Science in Hong Kong, EPSA, ISA, MPSA

2020: Asia Online Political Science Seminar Series, CKF Foreign Policy Seminar on Foreign Imposed Regime Change

2019: California Workshop on Empirical Political Science, MPSA, 7th International Conference of NextGen Korean Studies Scholars at the University of Michigan

2018: National Committee on North Korea's 'Knowing North Korea' conference

2017: African Studies Association Annual Meeting

2016: African Studies Association Annual Meeting

Invited Talks

2025: Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on Democratic People's Republic of Korea Internal Stability, Keynote at Illinois State University Annual Conference for Students of Political Science, Monash University, University of São Paulo

2024: US Government, Yonsei University

2023: University of California San Diego

2022: University of Edinburgh, University of Strathclyde

2021: University of Reading, Woodrow Wilson Center and the National Committee on North Korea

2020: University of California San Diego, University of York

2018: University of Essex

Teaching Experience

Graduate

Geospatial Social Science Analysis, International Political Science Association at the National University of Singapore: Summer 2025

Asia Pacific: Zone of Conflict or Peace? University of Melbourne: Spring 2024, Spring 2025

Comparative Institutions and Public Policy, University of York: Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Spatial Interdependence in Theory and Practice (lab instructor), International Political Science Association at the University of São Paulo: Spring 2018

Undergraduate

Authoritarian Politics, University of Melbourne: Fall 2025

Comparative Politics, University of Melbourne: Fall 2024, Fall 2025

Research Design, University of York: Fall 2023

Introduction to Democratic Politics, University of York: Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Political Enquiry, University of York: Spring 2022

Comparative Political Systems, University of Missouri: Spring 2019

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Amounts in US dollars

Early Career Researcher Grant (\$17,111), University of Melbourne: 2025

School of Social and Political Sciences Award for Teaching Excellence in Undergraduate Subjects (\$645), University of Melbourne: 2024

Fieldwork Funding (\$3,275), University of Melbourne: 2024

European Centre for North Korean Studies Non-Resident Fellow: 2022-present

Korea Foundation Field Research Fellowship (\$2,200 & round-trip airfare): 2022

Research Development Fund, University of York (\$6,500 each year): 2021, 2022

Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, The George Washington University (\$60,000): 2020-2021 (*declined*)

James Joo-Jin Kim Program Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (\$59,000): 2020-2021 (*declined*)

Graduate Studies Fellowship, Korea Foundation (\$25,000): 2019-2020

Raymond White Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Missouri (\$12,000): 2019-2020

John D. Bies International Travel Scholarship, University of Missouri (\$2,058): 2019

Nam Center for Korean Studies Travel Grant, University of Michigan (\$600): 2019

David M. Wood Excellence in Political Science Research Award, University of Missouri: 2019

Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association (\$500): 2019

Visiting Researcher, London School of Economics; funded by the Paul Wallace and Robin Remington Graduate Research Scholarship, University of Missouri (\$9,000): 2018

Korean Language Fellowship, Korea Foundation (\$5,200 & accommodation): 2018

Visiting Summer Scholar, The Institute for Far Eastern Studies in Korea at Kyungnam University (\$2,900 & accommodation): 2017

Research Grant, Kinder Institute of Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri (\$2,000 each year): 2017, 2018, 2020

Travel Grant, Graduate Professional Council at the University of Missouri (\$400): 2017

Visiting Research Fellow, South African Institute for Policy and Research: 2016

Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace, Middlebury College's Korean Summer Language School (tuition, room, & board): 2016

Robin Remington Award for Outstanding New or First-Year Student, University of Missouri: 2016

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantship, University of Missouri (\$18,000 per year): 2015-2019; declined 2019-2020

Service

Coordinator	Early Career Academic Network Coordinator, University of Melbourne, 2025-2027
Chair	Poster Session for Democracy & Autocracy Section at APSA: 2022
Organizer	Korean Political Studies Colloquium: 2023-2024; York Department of Politics Research Seminar Series: 2022; York Quantitative Politics Research Seminar: 2022
Discussant	Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series: 2020; Authoritarian Political Systems Group: 2022; Conflict Dynamics Workshop: 2023; EPSA: 2024; IKSU K-Unification Friends International Conference for Young Scholars: 2023; Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes: 2022; WPSA: 2023
Examiner	PhD Dissertation: 2022
Media Appearances	<i>ABC, Espresso, NK News Podcast, Observador, and Pink News</i>
Mentor	The Laidlaw Undergraduate Leadership and Research Programme
Reviewer	<p>Journals: <i>Alternatives, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Applied Economics, Asian Studies Review, Asian Survey, British Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Canadian Journal of Political Science, The China Journal, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Electoral Studies, Foreign Policy Analysis, Government & Opposition, International Interactions, International Politics, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of International Relations and Development, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Political and Military Sociology, The Journal of Politics, Modern Africa: Politics, History and Society, Pacific Affairs, Political Studies, Problems of Post-Communism, Public Opinion Quarterly, Research & Politics, Security Studies, and World Politics</i></p> <p>Books: <i>Cambridge University Press and SAGE Publications</i></p>

Further Training

2023	<i>Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice, University of York</i>
2021	<i>Political Text Analysis, The Australian National University</i>
2019	<i>Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Emory University</i>
2019	<i>Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Boot Camp, University of California San Diego</i>
2018	<i>Korea Foundation Language Training Fellow, Yonsei University Korean Language Institute</i>
2018	<i>IPSA-USP Summer School in Concepts, Methods, and Techniques in Political Science and International Relations, University of São Paulo</i>
2016	<i>Korean Summer Language School, Middlebury College</i>

Fieldwork

South Korea: 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2022

Uganda: 2024

USA: 2019

Zambia: 2016

Languages

Korean	intermediate/proficient
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