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EDUCATION

The London School of Economics

September 2025 - August 2026

MSc International Relations (Research)

- Focusing on critical international relations scholarship, with courses in Critical International Law; Race, Resistance, and Decolonisation; Empire and Conflict in World Politics.
- Taking PhD-level methodology classes, including Qualitative Text and Discourse Analysis.
- Will pursue a 10,000-word thesis under Dr Shikha Dilawri on post-colonial perspectives on environmental violence in international law.

University of Oxford

October 2021 - June 2025

BA (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

First-Class Honours

- Awarded the Gibbs Prize for Best Overall Performance in Politics. Ranked 9th out of 228 candidates, top 4% of cohort.
- Highlighted Courses: International Relations (78), International Security & Conflict (77), Environmental Economics (71, 74 in coursework)
- Completed a 15,000-word thesis (79) under Prof Louise Fawcett and Weishen Zeng on the existence of a global environmental 'hierarchy' and its reflection in international environmental agreements, using critical discourse analysis of archival materials.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Gibbs Prize in Politics (Written Paper)

August 2025

- £500, awarded by the University of Oxford for the best written paper by an undergraduate in the final examinations.

Master's Book Prize

June 2023 & July 2024

- £25 x2, awarded by St Catherine's College, Oxford, for exceptional first-class performance in Quantitative Economics and Microeconomics.

Jonathan Bailey Debating Prize

June 2023

- £100, awarded by St Catherine's College, Oxford, for contribution to debating at the college and university level.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Climate Change & (In)Security Project, University of Oxford

July 2025 - Present

Research Intern

- Draft briefs on topical issues in climate security, focusing on climate security in Indigenous communities globally, focusing on critical mineral operationalisation in Indonesia.
- Conduct literature reviews of academic and grey literature to support qualitative analyses for policy audiences.

G20 Research Group, University of Toronto

July 2024 - December 2024

Research Compliance Analyst

- Monitored the compliance of nations to commitments made in G20 Communiqués, focusing on commitments made on climate change and global environmental governance.
- Researched and synthesised evidence of compliance from a diverse range of sources, including World Bank/IMF meeting minutes, bilateral meetings, and report sponsorship.

- Qualitatively coded G20 compliance using depth and breadth analysis according to standardised criteria.
- Supported background research efforts that aided in-person teams in reporting and negotiations at G20 summits, particularly the G20 Rio Summit.

Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford September 2024 - October 2024
Research Assistant

- Assisted Dr Farsan Ghassim with his book on public opinion on international organisations, global governance, and long-term visions of global democracy.
- Employed qualitative content analysis to code American survey responses to capture participant sentiments on a hypothetical global government.
- Collaborated with other research assistants to create consistency across languages (Portuguese, Japanese, and German) to ensure coding remained consistent across languages, including contextual linguistic information.

Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI) June 2024 - September 2024
Research Assistant

- Compiled literature reviews that summarised defence procurement policy and NATO operations in Canada, drawing on academic and grey literature.
- Authored policy briefs on critical mineral supply chains and international cooperation, focusing on small-n comparative case studies contrasting Canada and Australia.
- Interviewed and developed questions for experts like Canada's Parliamentary Budgetary Officer [Yves Giroux](#) and Former Assistant Deputy Minister of Materiel Alan Williams.
- Supported mentorship and outreach efforts by the CDAI to encourage participation of women and gender minorities in security.
- Invited to return to rapporteur the Montreal Climate Security Summit, writing policy briefs on conversations featuring military, political, and industry leadership.

Department of Economics, University of Oxford April 2023 - August 2023
Research Assistant

- Worked under the supervision of Professor Alex Teytelboym on the Oxford Policy Engagement Network (OPEN) to catalogue the policy impact and engagement of the Department of Economics.
- Coded and tagged the work of over 30 academics to identify strengths and weaknesses in the policy engagement of the Department.
- Supported the creation of a dedicated [Impact & Engagement](#) page to display academics and their accomplishments, including tagging and re-designing individual webpages.

SKILLS

Research Skills

- *Qualitative:* In-depth interviews with public figures, analysing interview transcripts, critical discourse analysis of legal documents and historical archives, qualitative content analysis.
- *Quantitative:* Intermediate econometrics, data visualisation, analysis of large datasets.
- *Coding Languages:* R (Advanced) and MATLAB (Intermediate)

Other Skills

- *Languages:* English (Native), Mandarin Chinese (Proficient), French (Intermediate, B2).
- *Web Development:* Squarespace, WordPress, NationBuilder, and HTML/CSS.
- *Other Technical Skills:* MS Office, including Excel and PowerPoint.