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EDUCATION

New York University

2020 - Present

Ph.D., Politics

- Committee: Alastair Smith (Chair), Tara Slough, Peter Rosendorff, Sanford Gordon

University of Pennsylvania

2020

B.A., *magna cum laude*, International Relations (*with distinction*) and Economics

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles

5. Melnick, Justin, Alastair Smith, and Bruce Bueno de Mesquita. 2026. Political Life Cycles. *Journal of Politics* 88(1).
4. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Domestic Inequality, Heterogeneous Redistribution, and the Globalization Backlash. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 37(4): 319-343.
3. Melnick, Justin and Alastair Smith. 2025. Shaming Paris: A Political Economy of Climate Commitments. *International Organization* 79(2): 281-305.
2. Melnick, Justin. 2024. Domestic Politics in the European Union's Emissions Trading System: Evidence from Free Allowance Allocation. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 5(4): 627-657.
1. Melnick, Justin and Alastair Smith. 2023. International Negotiations in the Shadow of Elections. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 67(7-8): 1452-1481.

Working Papers

1. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Learning and Free-Riding in International Climate Policymaking. (*job market paper*)
2. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Information and Climate (In)action.
3. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Where Did the Green Voters Go? Green Party Vote Shares and Public Support for Climate Policy.
4. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Pledge-and-Review, Domestic Politics, and Global Public Goods Provision.
5. Kennard, Amanda and Justin Melnick. 2025. Divergent Decarbonization: Great Power Competition and the Coming Climate Transition. (revise and resubmit, *International Organization*)

Work in Progress

1. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Coordination and Agency Problems in International Climate Finance.
2. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Leaders and Followers in International Climate Politics.
3. Conevska, Aleksandra and Justin Melnick. 2023. Policy Interventions as Experimental Treatments: Applications to Climate Politics.

OTHER WRITING

Case Studies

1. Melnick, Justin. 2023. "The Politics of Formulating and Implementing Climate Policies in the Netherlands." EGAP.

Commentary

1. Jan, Farah and Justin Melnick. 2020. China's Challenge to America's Political and Economic Liberal Order. *The National Interest*.
2. Jan, Farah and Justin Melnick. 2019. After Trump's Hong Kong Democracy Act, China is Still Winning. *Foreign Policy*.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

• Climate Doctoral Fellow, New York University	2025-2026
• Travel Grant, APSA Formal Theory Section	2024
• George Downs Prize, New York University	2024
• EGAP Politics of Climate Policy Case Study Grant	2023
• Dean's Conference Travel Fund, New York University	2023; 2025
• Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, Princeton University	2023
• Bradley Fellowship	2023
• MacCracken Award, New York University	2021 - 2026
• Norman D. Palmer Thesis Award, University of Pennsylvania	2020
• Rose Undergraduate Research Award, University of Pennsylvania	2020
• College Alumni Society Prize in IR, University of Pennsylvania	2020
• Global Eminence Fellow, Kyung Hee University	2018

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

Harvard; Environmental Politics and Governance Conference	2025
EGAP Climate Change Governance Meeting; NYU CESS; WashU; USC; LSE	2024
Harvard; Pitt; Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models; Princeton Graduate Climate Lab; GSIPE	2023

Conference Participation

APSA (2023-2025); MPSA (2020; 2024-2025); PECE (2023-2025); IPES (2023); Climate Pipeline (2024)

TEACHING

Graduate

• Quantitative Analysis IV (Ph.D.) for Prof. Tara Slough	Spring 2026 (scheduled)
• Game Theory I (Ph.D.) for Prof. Gaétan Nandong	Spring 2024
• Quantitative Analysis I (Ph.D.) for Prof. Neal Beck	Fall 2021; Fall 2022
• Quantitative Analysis I (M.A.) for Prof. Pat Egan	Summer 2021; Summer 2022; Summer 2023
• Strategic Thinking (Game Theory) (M.S.) for Prof. Mike Ting (Columbia)	Fall 2023; Fall 2024

Undergraduate

• Politics of Climate Change for Prof. Eric Dickson	Spring 2023; Fall 2025
• International Politics for Prof. Nicole Simonelli	Fall 2023

- Senior Honors Thesis Seminar II for Prof. Chris Dawes Spring 2025
- Senior Honors Thesis Seminar I for Prof. Alastair Smith Fall 2024
- Research Methods for Politics for Prof. Anna Harvey Spring 2022
- U.S. Politics and Policy in 2022 and Beyond for Prof. Pat Egan January 2022

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- Prof. Tara Slough (NYU) 2025
- Prof. Alastair Smith (NYU) 2022; 2023; 2024
- Prof. Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (NYU) 2023
- Prof. Amanda Kennard (Stanford) 2023
- Prof. Gaétan Nandong (NYU) 2023
- Prof. Neal Beck (NYU) 2021
- Stern DHL Globalization Initiative (NYU) 2020-2021
- Prof. Beth Simmons (Penn) 2018-2020

SERVICE

- Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *Climatic Change*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
- Replication Analyst (Proof Verification): *International Organization*
- Convenor: NYU Graduate Political Economy Workshop (Spring 2023); NYU Political Economy of Climate Change Reading Group (Summer 2024)

SKILLS

- Languages: Spanish, French, Italian, Mandarin Chinese [all from a very long time ago]
- Programming: R, Mathematica, \LaTeX
- Field Research: 60th Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies, Bonn Germany (2024)