# JUSTIN MELNICK

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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

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 5. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Domestic Inequality, Heterogeneous Redistribution, and the Globalization Backlash. Forthcoming, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*.
- 4. Melnick, Justin and Alastair Smith. 2025. Shaming Paris: A Political Economy of Climate Commitments. Forthcoming, *International Organization*.
- 3. Melnick, Justin, Alastair Smith, and Bruce Bueno de Mesquita. 2024. Political Life Cycles. Forthcoming, Journal of Politics.
- 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. Information and Climate (In)action.
- 2. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Where Did the Green Voters Go? Green Party Vote Shares and Public Support for Climate Policy.
- 3. Kennard, Amanda and Justin Melnick. 2025. Divergent Decarbonization: Great Power Competition and the Coming Climate Transition.

# WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Learning and Free-Riding in International Climate Policy.
- 2. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Coordination and Agency Problems in International Climate Finance.
- 3. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Leaders and Followers in International Climate Politics.
- 4. 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.

## **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 (2023-2024); MPSA (2020; 2024-2025); IPES (2023); Climate Pipeline (2024)

# Internal Workshops

NYU International Relations Workshop (2021-2025); NYU Political Economy Workshop (2025); NYU Comparative Politics Workshop (2023); NYU Graduate Political Economy Seminar (2022-2023); Penn Perry World House Seminar (2019)

#### **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
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

Fall 2021; Fall 2022

# Undergraduate

• Politics of Climate Change for Prof. Eric Dickson

Spring 2023; Fall 2025

• International Politics for Prof. Nicole Simonelli

Fall 2023 Spring 2025

Senior Honors Thesis Seminar II for Prof. Chris Dawes
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
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	
• 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
• 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

## **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]
- Software: R, Mathematica, LATEX