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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

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. [Domestic Inequality, Heterogeneous Redistribution, and the Globalization Backlash](#). (revise and resubmit, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*)
2. Melnick, Justin. 2024. [Global Public Goods Provision, Information Dissemination, and Domestic Politics](#). (under review)
3. Melnick, Justin. 2025. [Information and Climate \(In\)action](#). (under review)

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Climate Change Policy is in Season: Complementarities in Global Climate Action.
2. Melnick, Justin. 2024. Where Did the Green Voters Go?
3. Conevska, Aleksandra and Justin Melnick. 2023. Policy Interventions as Experimental Treatments: Applications to Climate Politics.

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

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| Harvard University (scheduled); Environmental Politics and Governance Conference (scheduled) | 2025 |
| EGAP Climate Change Governance Meeting; NYU Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science; Washington University Conference for Early Career Scholars in Theoretical Political Economy; USC Political Economy of Energy Conference; LSE-NYU Political Economy Conference | 2024 |
| Harvard Political Economy Workshop; Pitt Formal Models of Conflict; 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

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| • 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 |
| • Senior Honors Thesis Seminar II (Undergraduate) for Prof. Chris Dawes | Spring 2025 |
| • Senior Honors Thesis Seminar I (Undergraduate) for Prof. Alastair Smith | Fall 2024 |
| • International Politics (Undergraduate) for Prof. Nicole Simonelli | Fall 2023 |
| • Politics of Climate Change (Undergraduate) for Prof. Eric Dickson | Spring 2023 |
| • Research Methods for Politics (Undergraduate) for Prof. Anna Harvey | Spring 2022 |
| • U.S. Politics and Policy in 2022 and Beyond (Undergraduate) for Prof. Pat Egan | January 2022 |

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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| • 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

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| • 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: *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2x); *Climatic Change*
- Replication Analyst (Proof Verification): *International Organization* (2x)
- 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, L^AT_EX