

# JUSTIN MELNICK

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## EDUCATION

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**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

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5. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Domestic Inequality, Heterogeneous Redistribution, and the Globalization Backlash. Forthcoming, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*.
4. Melnick, Justin, Alastair Smith, and Bruce Bueno de Mesquita. 2024. Political Life Cycles. Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.
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

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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

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1. Melnick, Justin. 2025. Learning and Free-Riding in International Climate Policymaking.
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

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### 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

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### 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); 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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### 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

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- 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

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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; 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

## SERVICE

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- 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

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- Languages: Spanish, French, Italian, Mandarin Chinese [all from a very long time ago]
- Software: R, Mathematica,  $\text{\LaTeX}$