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EDUCATION

New York University
Ph.D., Politics

2020 - Present

- 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 and Domestic Political Survival.
5. Kennard, Amanda and Justin Melnick. 2025. Repealing the "Green New Scam": Impacts of the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election on Green Stock Prices.
6. Melnick, Justin and Alastair Smith. 2025. Staying in Power, Cutting the Power: Leader Tenure and Electricity Distribution.

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. Kennard, Amanda and Justin Melnick. 2025. Divergent Decarbonization: Great Power Competition and the Coming Climate Transition.
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*.

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)