

# JUSTIN MELNICK

19 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10012

melnickj@nyu.edu  
justinmelnick.github.io

## 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

---

1. Melnick, Justin and Alastair Smith. 2024. Shaming Paris: A Political Economy of Climate Commitments. (conditionally accepted, *International Organization*)
2. Melnick, Justin, Alastair Smith, and Bruce Bueno de Mesquita. 2024. Political Life Cycles. Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.
3. Melnick, Justin. 2024. Domestic Politics in the European Union's Emissions Trading System: Evidence from Free Allowance Allocation. Forthcoming, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*.
4. 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. 2024. Domestic Inequality, Heterogeneous Redistribution, and Exit from International Agreements. (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. 2024. Information and Climate (In)action.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

---

1. Melnick, Justin. 2024. Where Did the Green Voters Go?
2. Conevska, Aleksandra and Justin Melnick. 2023. Policy Interventions as Experimental Treatments: Applications to Climate Politics.
3. Castillo-Quintana, Martin and Justin Melnick. 2023. A Theory of the Consequences of Private Military Companies.

## 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

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  
Harvard Political Economy Workshop; Pitt Formal Models of Conflict; Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models; Princeton Graduate Climate Lab; GSIPE

### Conference Participation

APSA (2023-2024); MPSA (2020 – undergraduate poster; 2024); IPES (2023); Climate Pipeline (2024)

### Internal Workshops

NYU International Relations Workshop (2021-2024); NYU Comparative Politics Workshop (2023); NYU Graduate Political Economy Seminar (2022-2023); Penn Perry World House Seminar (2019)

## TEACHING

---

- 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

---

- 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: *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2x)
- 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X