

# Michael O'Donnell Allen

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Academic Appointments	<b>Postgraduate Research Associate</b> , Yale University Affiliations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Jackson Institute for Global Affairs</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Department of Political Science</a></li></ul>	2020 to Present
Education	<b>Cornell University</b> , Ithaca, NY Ph.D., Government, 2021 (anticipated) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation: <i>Constructing International Commercial Arbitration: Traders, Lawyers and the Professional Competition for Authority over Global Commerce</i></li><li>• Advisers: Matthew Evangelista (chair), Odette Lienau, Christopher Way</li><li>• Exam fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics</li></ul> <b>University of Iowa</b> , Iowa City, IA B.A., Political Science and Chinese, 2011 <b>Beijing Language and Culture University</b> , Beijing, China	2013 to Present         2008–2009 2006–2007
Dissertation Project	My dissertation examines the causes and consequences of the global privatization of commercial dispute resolution. Specifically, I investigate the origins of the transnational movement behind the construction of international commercial arbitration (ICA) and how this regime interacts with domestic legal institutions today. ICA is a private system of binding dispute resolution in which parties have near complete freedom to design the process to fit their needs with minimal judicial oversight. To account for rapid the growth of ICA , I present a novel theory of institutional construction and change that accounts for the out-sized role of private, professional groups in the construction of transnational legal regimes such as ICA. Beyond providing know-how and expertise, expert and professional groups seek to enhance their professional prestige and workload by shaping institutions in order to cement their own authority over the institution's mandate. I test this theory in two ways. First, I use extensive archival material to trace the origins of the commercial arbitration movement in the United States and its expansion abroad. Second, I use data on local commercial arbitration laws as well as case, roster and professional membership data from leading international arbitration centers and professional groups to examine the effect of ICA on the authority of domestic courts. I show the ICA serves as a systemic substitute for local courts in regard to foreign direct investment, negating the well-known sensitivity of foreign direct investors to the quality of local legal institutions. This has the indirect effect of reducing investment in progressive legal reforms in weak rule of law countries.	

Working Papers	[1] Michael Allen. "Complement or Substitute? International Commercial Arbitration and the Diminishing Authority of Domestic Courts." <b>Revise and resubmit, International Organization</b>	
	[2] Michael Allen and Kenneth Scheve. "Sustaining Capitalism and Democracy: Lessons from Global Competition Policy" <b>Under review</b>	
	[3] Michael Allen. "Unbundling the State: Legal Development in an Era of Global, Private Governance"	
	[4] Elizabeth Acorn and Michael Allen. "Extra-Territorial Law Enforcement as a Mechanism of Legal Diffusion: A Reappraisal of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention"	
	[5] Michael Allen. "The Corruption Penalty: Global Commerce, Bribery, and the Growing Fear of Getting Caught"	
Works in Progress	[1] Michael Allen and Aditi Sahasrabuddhe. "Popular Legitimacy of Central Bank Independence"	
	[2] Michael Allen and Jimena Valdez. "Populism and the Termination of Bilateral Investment Treaties"	
	[3] Michael Allen. "Sources of Gender and National Bias in the Selection of Arbitrators at the International Chamber of Commerce"	
Additional Training	<b>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research</b> Courses on historical and interpretative methods	2016
	<b>Inter-University Consortium for Political &amp; Social Research</b> Courses: Empirical Modeling for Theory Evaluation, Complex Systems Models	2014
Teaching	<b>Cornell University</b>	
	<i>Instructor</i>	
	• The Politics of International Law and Courts	2015
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
	• Inquiry in Politics and Policy (Prof. David Silbey)	2017, 2018
Scholarships and Awards	• The Cold War (Prof. Matthew Evangelista)	2016
	• Freedom and Justice in the Western Tradition (Prof. Isaac Kramnick)	2015
	• Democracy and its Discontents (Prof. Alexander Livingston)	2015
	• Constitutional Law (Prof. Joseph Margulies)	2014
	<b>Hayek Fund for Scholars</b> (\$3,000, w/ Aditi Sahasrabuddhe) <a href="#">Institute for Humane Studies</a> , George Mason University	2021
	<b>Sage Doctoral Fellowship</b> Cornell University	2013, 2019

	<b>IQMR “Open Pool” Fellowship</b> <a href="#">Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research</a> , Syracuse University	2015
	<b>Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship Research Grant</b> (\$1,000) Cornell University	2015
	<b>Inequality Seed Grant</b> (\$1,500) <a href="#">Center for the Study of Inequality</a> , Cornell University	2015
	<b>Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship Award</b> Cornell University	2014
	<b>Chinese Government Scholarship</b> Beijing Language & Culture University	2008
Presentations & Talks	<b>International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting</b> University of Colorado Boulder	Upcoming
	<b>Roundtable on Empirical Anticorruption Law</b> New York University School of Law	Upcoming
	<b>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</b> Seattle, WA	Upcoming
	<b>DVPW-ÖGPW-SVPW Joint Int’l Political Economy Conference</b> Technical University of Munich (Postponed)	Upcoming
	<b>International Studies Association Annual Convention</b> Online	2021
	<b>Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting</b> San Juan, Puerto Rico	2020
	<b>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</b> Washington, DC	2019
	<b>European and Transnational Rulemaking</b> University of Amsterdam	2019
	<b>Law &amp; Society Association Annual Meeting</b> Washington, DC	2019
	<b>American Society of International Law Annual Meeting</b> Washington, DC	2019
	<b>Perry World House Workshop on Int’l Law, Organization and Politics</b> University of Pennsylvania	2019
	<b>Doing International Political Sociology</b> University of London (Paris, France)	2018
	<b>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference</b> Chicago, IL	2016

	<b>Midwest Regional Colloquium on Int'l Organizations and Law</b> Notre Dame University	2016
Professional Service	<b>Reviewer</b> <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>	
	<b>International Relations Minor Coordinator</b> Cornell University	2016–2017
	<b>Conference Organizer</b> <a href="#">Reppy Institute Graduate Workshop on Peace &amp; Conflict</a> , Cornell University (This workshop is now held annually and organized by the Reppy Institute Graduate Fellows.)	2016
	<b>Director's Fellow</b> <a href="#">Judith Reppy Institute for Peace &amp; Conflict Studies</a> , Cornell University	2015-2016
	<b>Graduate Fellow</b> <a href="#">Judith Reppy Institute for Peace &amp; Conflict Studies</a> , Cornell University	2014-2017
	<b>Graduate Fellow</b> <a href="#">Center for Teaching Innovation</a> , Cornell University	2016–2017
	<b>Graduate Student Steering Committee Member</b> <a href="#">East Asian Program</a> , Cornell University	2014-2016
	<b>Graduate Editor</b> <a href="#">Cornell International Affairs Review</a>	2014–2015
Work Experience	<b>Chinese University of Political Science and Law</b> , Beijing, China International Program Officer	2011-2013
Languages	Mandarin (Advanced) Italian (Intermediate)	
Software/ Programming	R, Stata	
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