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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto
Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

July 2023 - Present

EDUCATION

University of Virginia

Ph.D., Political Science.

2023

Dissertation: “Political Risk, Media Framing, and Heuristics in Sovereign Bond Markets.”

Committee: David Leblang (chair), Sonal Pandya, Layna Mosley, Murad Idris, Justin Kirkland.

London School of Economics and Political Science

M.Sc.: International Political Economy.

2017

University of Bologna

M.A.: International Relations.

2016

B.A.: International Studies.

2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Financial Markets; Media and Markets; Currency Politics; Political Communication; Computational Text Analysis; Fiscal Policy; Trade Policy; European Political Economy.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Nones, N. 2025. The Dynamics of Negativity in Media Outlets: the Case of the Greek Sovereign Bond Crisis. Accepted at **The British Journal of Politics and International Relations**.

Nones, N. 2024. Preferential Trade Agreements and Leaders’ Business Experience. **International Studies Quarterly** 68(4): sqae129.

Nones, N. 2024. The Greek crisis as a “morality tale”? An empirical assessment. **European Union Politics** 25(2): 291-312.

Nones, N. 2024. Political independence through monetary dependence? The case of Montenegro. **New Political Economy** 29(1): 42-59.

Nones, N. 2023. Business politicians and fiscal consolidation. **Business & Politics** 25(4): 495-516.

WORKING PAPERS (DRAFTS AVAILABLE)

“Fiscal Consolidation and Support for the European Currency.” (with M. Scholten) (*Revised & Resubmitted*).

“European Identity and the Euro in Kosovo.” (*Revise & Resubmit*)

“Trade and Exchange Rate Competition in East Asia.” (with M. Manger) (*Revise & Resubmit*).

“The Persistence of Media Tone in Economic News.” (*Under Review*)

“Economists as policy-makers.” (*Under Review*)

“The BRICS Acronym as a Heuristic Device in Sovereign Bond Markets.”

“The PIIGS Acronym as a Heuristic Device during the European Sovereign Bond Crisis.”

“The Deployment of Nuclear Weapons Abroad and Military Spending.”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“(Supra)national identity and Euro coins iconography.”

“Home Media Bias and the Europeanization of the Public Sphere.”

“Fiscal Consolidation and Health Policy. An Empirical Reassessment.”

“Assessing Public Opinion Effects of Climate Protests using Google N-Gram. The case of ‘Ultima Generazione’.”

“Individual-level Determinants of Support for a Common BRICS Currency.”

US Troops Deployment Abroad and Host Country’s Military Spending (with P. Pham).

COMMENTARIES, BLOG ENTRIES, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Nones, N. (2024). How the Greek crisis became a morality tale. LSE EUROPP blog, 20 March 2024.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Grant, 2025, 1500\$.
- SPSA Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2024, 300\$.
- ISA Travel Grant, 2024, 550\$.
- APSA Travel and Accessibility Grant, 2023, 150\$.
- Graduate Student International Political Economy Grant for Conference Travel, 2022, 500\$.
- Dumas Malone Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2022, approx. 12000\$.
- Travel Funding, University of Virginia, 2022, 600\$.
- Albert Gallatin Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2021, approx. 12000\$.
- Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, University of Virginia, 2020, 500\$.
- Travel Funding, ISA-South Conference, Department of Politics, University of Virginia, 2019, 600\$.
- Fully funded PhD Scholarship, Politics, University of Virginia, 2017-2022, approx. 23000\$ per year.
- Full-year Overseas Scholarship for Graduate Studies, University of Bologna-University of California, 2014-2015.
- Erasmus Scholarship, University of Bologna-Catholic University of Leuven, 2014.
- Merit-based Master’s tuition fee exemption, University of Bologna, 2013-2014.

SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024: ISA-RIPE Pre-conference Workshop; International Studies Association (ISA); Western Political Science Association (WPSA); MapleMeth III; South Political Science Association Summer (SPSA); American Political Science Association (APSA) (Accepted); APSA-GSIPE Pre-conference Workshop (Accepted).

2023: Mini-conference on the Concept of Economic Statecraft; APSA; Virtual International Political Economy Workshop (VIPE); Graduate Students International Political Economy Workshop (GSIPE).

2022: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); APSA; APSA-GSIPE Pre-conference Workshop; Reppy Graduate Conference, Cornell University; GSIPE; Lansing B. Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics, University of Virginia.

2021: ISA; MPSA; APSA; GSIPE.

2020: PolMeth XXXVII; APSA; ISA West; ISA Midwest.

2019: ISA South.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor:

Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis, University of Toronto (PhD-level class) 2025.
International Political Economy, University of Virginia 2022.
Introduction to Political Economy, University of Virginia 2021.

Assistant:

TA, American Congress, Justin Kirkland, University of Virginia 2022.
TA, Ethics and International Relations, Michael Smith, University of Virginia 2019, 2020, 2021.
TA, Military Force and International Relations, Dale Copeland, University of Virginia 2020.
TA, Political Economy of the Welfare State, Mark Schwartz, University of Virginia 2019.
Grader, Political Research with Quantitative Methods, Nicholas Winter, University of Virginia 2019.
Grader, Generalized Linear Models, Shawna Metzger, University of Virginia 2019.
Grader, Political Methodology, Carolyn Coberly, University of Virginia 2019.
TA, Introduction to International Relations, Todd Sechser, University of Virginia 2018.
RA, Aldo Di Virgilio & Luca Pinto, University of Bologna 2013.

Guest lectures:

“Data Visualization in R”, University of British Columbia (Instructor: George Poulakidas) 2024.
“Challenges to Liberalism in the EU and US”, Carnegie Mellon University (Instructor: A. Katitas) 2023.
“The Political Economy of the Euro Currency”, Carnegie Mellon University (Instructor: A. Katitas) 2022.
“Currency and Power since World War II”, University of Virginia (Instructor: T. Sechser) 2018.

Invited Talks:

“Moral Content in Financial news via Automated Text Analysis”, University of Massachusetts Amherst 2021.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Organizing Team Member: Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) 2024-2025.

Editorial Assistant: the *American Journal of Political Science* 2020-2022.

Discussant and/or Chair: SPSA (2024), WPSA (2024), ISA (2024); GSIPE (2023, 2022, 2021).

Reviewer: Political Studies Review.

OTHER ACADEMIC-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Project-based consulting experience at Interos (risk management company). Summer 2020.

- Assessed and enhanced existing text-based metrics and data sources for risk management models.
- Directed the development of an Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) data dictionary to train Machine Learning models for risk assessment.

SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING (CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE)

- McCall MacBain Postdoctoral Scholars Leadership Certificate (McMaster University). 2024.
- Survey Experiments; Computational Analysis of Social Media (Universitat Pompeu Fabra).
- Survey Design; Political Text Analysis (Australian National University).
- Modelling Commodity Market Risk with Stata (Timberlake Consultants).
- Modeling Interactions and Non-Linearities; Mastering Logistic Models; Diff-in-Diff Methods; Introduction to Meta-Analysis; Causal Modeling with RDDs (Institute for Statistical and Data Science). 2023.
- Bayesian Econometrics I; Bayesian Econometrics II (Barcelona School of Economics). 2021.
- Bayesian Econometrics (Italian Econometric Association). 2021.
- Time Series II; Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Text Analysis (ICPSR, University of Michigan). 2020
- Time Series I, Social Network Analysis I (ICPSR, University of Michigan). 2019.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Italian Econometric Association, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Quantitative Collaborative Graduate Fellow (University of Virginia, 2020-2023).

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), French (beginner), Spanish (beginner).

PROGRAMMING/COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata (proficient), R (proficient), \LaTeX (proficient), Python (intermediate), MATLAB (beginner).

REFERENCES

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