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Academic appointments

Tenure-track Assistant Professor, Copenhagen Business School, Department of International Economics, Government & Business
(July 2021–present; medical leave during 2023)

Fellow, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, ESG Initiative (July 2022–)

Affiliated scholar, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Political Risk Lab (November 2020–)

Postdoctoral fellow, Princeton University, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance
(September 2020–June 2021)

Postdoctoral fellow, University of Stellenbosch Business School, Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement
(May 2020–June 2021)

Education

Joint Ph.D. in Risk Management & Insurance and Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020.

Dissertation: Is violence bad for business? Political violence and Foreign Direct Investment

Committee: Tyler J. Leverty (co-chair), Mark S. Copelovitch (co-chair), Jon C.W. Pevehouse, Jessica L.P. Weeks, Rachel L. Wellhausen

Fields of Study: Risk Management & Insurance, International Business, International Relations, Methodology

M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2017.

B.S.F.S. in International Politics (cum laude) and Arab Studies, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, 2014.

Deerfield Academy, 2009.

Publications

"Indigenous Peoples' Reactions to Foreign Direct Investment: A Social Movement Perspective" (with Doron J. Tadmor and Witold J. Henisz). Conditionally accepted at the *Journal of International Business Studies*.

Nominated for the Best Paper Prize at the Strategic Management Society Annual Meeting (2023)

Nominated for the Responsible Management Paper Prize at the Strategic Management Society Annual Meeting (2023)

Nominated for the Research Methods Paper Prize at the Strategic Management Society Annual Meeting (2023)

"Domestic legitimacy, coethnics abroad, and the shape of the homeland" (with Nadav G. Shelef). Forthcoming in *Comparative Political Studies*.

"Competing Demand-Side Explanations and Populism: Cross-National Variation in a Recursive Ideational System" (with Witold J. Henisz). *Democratization*. 2024.

"A Test of the Democratic Peacekeeping Hypothesis: Coups, Democracy, and Foreign Military Deployments" (with Jamie Levin, Joseph MacKay, Abouzar Nasirzadeh and Anthony Sealey). *Journal of Peace Research*. 2020.

"Tracking Organizations in the World: The Correlates of War IGO Data, Version 3.0" (with Jon C.W. Pevehouse, Tim Nordstrom and Roseanne W. McManus). *Journal of Peace Research*. 2019.

"Economic Scenarios" (with Harpaul A. Kohli) in *Central Asia 2050: Unleashing the Region's Potential*. Eds. Rajat Nag, Johannes Linn, and Harinder Kohli. Sage Press. 2017.

"Alternative Long-Term Scenarios" (with Claudio Loser, Harpaul Kohli, Alden LeClair, Ieva Vilkelyte and Harinder Kohli) in *The World in 2050: Striving For a More Just, Prosperous, and Harmonious Global Community*. Ed. Harinder Kohli. Oxford University Press. 2016.

Revise and Resubmit

"From Green to Red: Renewable Energy Projects and Violent Conflict in Fragile Contexts" (with Joseph Bettles, Brian Ganson, and Witold J. Henisz)

Academy of Management Paper Proceedings (2024)

"Is Sentiment Associated With Conflict Events? Evidence and Implications For Peace Research" (with Kristian Hoelscher, Jason Miklian, Brian Ganson, and Witold J. Henisz)

"Political Risk, Sustainability and Sovereign Credit Risk: Pricing High-Frequency Political, Environmental, Social and Governance News" (with Lauren L. Ferry and Witold J. Henisz)

"IFC Projects and Increased Armed Conflict" (with Brian Ganson and Witold J. Henisz)

Under Review and Research in Progress

"Between a Rock and a Hard Place: How Do Multinational Enterprises Respond to China-US Decoupling?" (with Harald Pühr)

Academy of Management Best Paper Proceedings (2024)

Nominated for the Alan Rugman Most Promising Scholar Award (2024)

"Direct and Adjacent Experience With Intergroup Conflict Risk in MNC Decisions To Enter High-Risk Environments" (with Tony Lizhang He)

Academy of Management Paper Proceedings (2024)

"Is Violence Bad For Business? The Consequences Of Political Violence for Foreign Direct Investment"

Nominated for the Best Paper Prize at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting (2021)

"Differential Institutions, Differential Flows: Do PTAs Always Lead To Increased FDI?" (with Jon C.W. Pevehouse)

"Firm-Level Heterogeneity in the Cost Of Political Risk Events" (with Witold J. Henisz, Anastasia Gracheva and Xuchong Shao)

Nominated for the Best Paper Prize at the Strategic Management Society Annual Meeting (2023)

Nominated for the Research Methods Paper Prize at the Strategic Management Society Annual Meeting (2023)

"The Subnational Political Economy Of Political Violence and Foreign Direct Investment"

Nominated for the Best Paper Prize at the International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting (2019)

"A Global Assessment Of World Heritage Status: Impacts and Implications For Co-Operation and Conflict" (with Lynn Meskell, Claudia Liuzza and Witold J. Henisz)

"Who Protests Whom in Challenges To The Liberal International Order? Liberalization, Economic Deprivation, and The Targeting Of Political and Economic Actors At World Heritage Sites" (with Claudia Liuzza, Lynn Meskell, and Witold J. Henisz)

"Business, Insular Stakeholder Relations, and Conflict" (with Witold J. Henisz)

"Authoritarian Political Selection: Ruling Parties and The Rise of Business Elites" (with Felix Schilling, Benjamin C.K. Egerod, and Mogens Kamp Justesen)

"Measuring Firm Standing Vis-A-Vis Socio-Political Actors: The Need For Better Data in Business and Peace" (with Witold J. Henisz and Brian Ganson)

"The dynamic capability of strategic issues management: Winning stakeholder support in evolving issue landscapes" (with Tony Lizhang He and Witold J. Henisz)

"Navigating the Nexus: Multinational Corporations, Regulatory Capture, and Foreign Direct Investment" (with Yumi Park)

Presentations

"Navigating the Nexus: Multinational Corporations, Regulatory Capture, and Foreign Direct Investment" (with Yumi Park). Presented to the *International Political Economy Society*. Florence, Italy. *November 2024*.

Panelist for debate: "In conducting business in emerging markets, foreign firms should allocate significant resources to nonmarket strategies (CSR and/or CPA)." Presented to the *Strategic Management Society*. Istanbul, Turkey. *October 2024*.

"Between a Rock and a Hard Place: How Do Multinational Enterprises Respond to China-US Decoupling?" (with Harald Pühr). Presented to the *Strategic Management Society*. Istanbul, Turkey. *October 2024*.

"The dynamic capability of strategic issues management: Winning stakeholder support in evolving issue landscapes" (with Tony Lizhang He and Witold J. Henisz). Presented to the *Strategic Management Society*. Istanbul, Turkey. *October 2024*.

"The dynamic capability of strategic issues management: Winning stakeholder support in evolving issue landscapes" (with Tony Lizhang He and Witold J. Henisz). Presented to the *Oxford Reputation Symposium*. Oxford, United Kingdom. *August 2024*.

"From Green to Red: Renewable Energy Projects and Violent Conflict in Fragile Contexts" (with Joseph Bettles, Brian Ganson, and Witold J. Hennisz). Presented to the *Academy of Management Conference 2024*. Chicago, IL. *August 2024*.

"Direct and Adjacent Experience With Intergroup Conflict Risk in MNC Decisions To Enter High-Risk Environments" (with Tony Lizhang He). Presented to the *Academy of Management Conference 2024*. Chicago, IL. *August 2024*.

"Between a Rock and a Hard Place: How Do Multinational Enterprises Respond to China-US Decoupling?" (with Harald Pühr). Presented to the *Academy of Management Conference 2024*. Chicago, IL. *August 2024*.

"From Green to Red: Renewable Energy Projects and Violent Conflict in Fragile Contexts" (with Joseph Bettles, Brian Ganson, and Witold J. Hennisz; and presented by Witold J. Hennisz). Presented to the *Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability 2024*. Los Angeles, CA. *June 2024*.

"The dynamic capability of strategic issues management: Winning stakeholder support in evolving issue landscapes" (with Tony Lizhang He and Witold J. Hennisz). Presented to the *Money in Politics Conference 2024*. Copenhagen, Denmark. *June 2024*.

"From Green to Red: Renewable Energy Projects and Violent Conflict in Fragile Contexts" (with Joseph Bettles, Brian Ganson, and Witold J. Hennisz). Presented to the *Wharton Management Emerging Markets Conference 2024*. Philadelphia, PA. *April 2024*.

"The dynamic capability of strategic issues management: Winning stakeholder support in evolving issue landscapes" (with Tony Lizhang He and Witold J. Hennisz). Presented to the *Organization Science Winter Conference 2024*. Zurich, Switzerland. *March 2024*.

"Direct and Adjacent Experience With Intergroup Conflict Risk in MNC Decisions To Enter High-Risk Environments" (with Tony Lizhang He). Presented to the *Strategic Management Society 2023*. Toronto, Canada. *October 2023*.

"Indigenous Land Claims and Foreign Direct Investment: Evidence of Conflict Impacts from Geo-Spatial Media Event Data" (with Doron J. Tadmor and Witold J. Hennisz). Presented to the *Strategic Management Society 2023*. Toronto, Canada. *October 2023*.

"IFC Projects and Increased Armed Conflict" (with Brian Ganson and Witold J. Hennisz). Presented to the *International Political Economy Society Annual Conference*. Washington, DC. *October 2023*.

"Firm-Level Heterogeneity in The Cost Of Political Risk Events" (with Witold J. Hennisz, Anastasia Gracheva and Xuchong Shao). Presented to *Academy of International Business Annual Conference 2023*. Warsaw, Poland. *July 2023*.

"Firm-Level Heterogeneity in The Cost Of Political Risk Events" (with Witold J. Hennisz, Anastasia Gracheva and Xuchong Shao). Presented to *Money and Politics Annual Conference*. Copenhagen Business School. *June 2023*.

"Who Protests Whom in Challenges To The Liberal International Order? Liberalization, Economic Deprivation, and The Targeting Of Political and Economic Actors At World Heritage Sites" (with Claudia Liuzza, Lynn Meskell, and Witold J. Hennisz). Presented to *Political Economy of International Organizations Annual Conference* San Diego, CA. *May 2023*.

"Political Risk, Sustainability and Sovereign Credit Risk: Pricing High-Frequency Political, Environmental, Social and Governance News" (with Lauren L. Ferry, Witold J. Hennisz and Anastasia Gracheva). Presented to *Political Economy of International Organizations Annual Conference* San Diego, CA. *May 2023*.

"Who Protests Whom in Challenges To The Liberal International Order? Liberalization, Economic Deprivation, and The Targeting Of Political and Economic Actors At World Heritage Sites" (with Claudia Liuzza, Lynn Meskell, and Witold J. Henisz). Presented to the NATO Human Security Unit, NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium. *February 2023*.

"Economic Anxiety, Cultural Backlash and Populism: Cross-National Variation in a Recursive Ideational System" (with Witold J. Henisz). Presented to *Academy of International Business Annual Conference 2022*. Miami, FL. *July 2022*.

"The political economy of business & conflict" Presented to *Wharton/Columbia Management, Analytics, and Data Conference* New York, NY. *May 2022*.

"Economic Anxiety, Cultural Backlash and Populism: Cross-National Variation in a Recursive Ideational System" (with Witold J. Henisz) Presented to *Alpine Winter Conference 2022*. Innsbruck, Austria. *January 2022*.

"Differential institutions, differential flows: Do PTAs always lead to increased FDI?" Presented to *Money and Politics conference*. Copenhagen, Denmark. *November 2021*.

"Investing with mitigated fear of failure: Firm nationality & political risk" *International Political Economy Society Annual Conference*. Boulder, CO. *October 2021*.

"Investing with mitigated fear of failure: Firm nationality & political risk" *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*. Seattle, WA. *September 2021*.

"The political economy of business & conflict" Presented to *Money and Politics conference*. Copenhagen, Denmark. *August 2021*.

"Is violence bad for business? The consequences of political violence for foreign direct investment" Presented at the *Academy of Management Annual Conference*. Virtual. *July 2021*.

"The political economy of business & conflict" Presented to *Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement*. Virtual. *May 2021*.

"The political economy of business & conflict" Presented to *Perry World House* at the University of Pennsylvania. Virtual. *April 2021*.

"Global diversification and political risk: Discount or premium?" *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*. Virtual. *September 2020*.

"The subnational political economy of political violence and foreign direct investment" Presented at the *International Relations Colloquium*. Madison, WI. *March 2020*.

"The subnational political economy of political violence and foreign direct investment" Presented at the *International Political Economy Society (IPES) Annual Conference*. San Diego, CA. *November 2019*.

"Differential institutions, differential flows: Do PTAs always lead to increased FDI?" Presented at the *International Political Economy Society (IPES) Annual Conference (with Jon C.W. Pevehouse)*. Cambridge, MA. *November 2018*.

"Is violence bad for business? The consequences of political violence for foreign direct investment" Presented at the *International Relations Colloquium*. Madison, WI. *October 2018*.

"Why do states exit IGOs?" Presented at the *International Relations Colloquium (with Caileigh Glenn)*. Madison, WI. *October 2017*.

"The impact of attitudes on immigration on levels of terrorist activity." Presented at *Models and Data*. Madison, WI. *May 2017*.

"Why do states exit IGOs?" Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (with Caileigh Glenn)*. Chicago, IL. *April 2017*.

"Why do people join politically violent groups?" presented at the *Comparative Politics Colloquium*. Madison, WI. *October 2016*.

"The Longer-Term Prospects for Emerging Market Economies: Is the Era of Rapid Convergence Coming to an End?" presented at the *Emerging Markets Forum*. Airlie, VA. *October 2014*.

"Religious freedom: Antidote for transnational Islamist terrorism?" presented at the *Arab Studies Colloquium*. Washington, DC. *May 2014*.

Selected grants, honors & academic awards

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| Otto Monsted Foundation Grant | 2024 |
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| Christensen Foundation Grant | 2023 |
| Bay & Paul Foundation Grant | 2021 |
| Research Council of Norway grant for Peace Positive Private Sector Development in Africa (P3A) | 2021 |
| Penn Global Engagement Funding Award, University of Pennsylvania | 2021 |
| Niehaus Postdoctoral Fellowship, Princeton University | 2020 |
| Postdoctoral fellowship in business and conflict, Africa Center for Dispute Settlement | 2020 |
| First place, Three Minute Thesis™ | 2019 |
| Wisconsin Project on International Relations Award | 2019 |
| American Political Science Association Travel Grant | 2019 |
| Political Science Summer Initiative Award | 2019 |
| Wisconsin student research award | 2019 |
| Wisconsin Project on International Relations Award | 2018 |
| Institute for Regional and International Studies travel grant | 2018 |
| Political Science Summer Initiative Award | 2018 |
| National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention | 2017 |
| Graduate School Summer Initiative Award | 2017 |
| Wisconsin Project on International Relations Award | 2017 |
| Political Science Summer Initiative Award | 2017 |
| Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Alternate | 2016 |
| Gain Scholar, Georgetown University | 2012 |
| Dean's List, Georgetown University | 2010-2014 |

Policy work & contracts

Co-founder (with Witold J. Henisz and Brian Ganson) of the Business and Conflict Research Initiative, a consortium of scholars who collaborate on the development of innovative tools and analyses, combining the strengths of diverse academic and practice domains. BCRI generates evidence and insight on the many complex inter-relationships between the private sector, conflict and peace, human security, and human development.

"Quantifying Stakeholder Sentiment Towards Companies on S-related Themes" (with Anastasia Gracheva and Witold J. Henisz) funded by BlackRock (2023)

"IFC Projects and Increased Armed Conflict" (with Brian Ganson and Witold J. Henisz) funded by Finance for Peace (2023)

"Political Risk, Sustainability and Sovereign Credit Risk: Pricing High-Frequency Political, Environmental, Social and Governance News" (with Lauren L. Ferry, Witold J. Henisz and Anastasia Gracheva) funded by Brown Advisory (2022)

"Indigenous Land Claims and Foreign Direct Investment: Evidence of Conflict Impacts from Geo-Spatial Media Event Data" (with Doron J. Tadmor and Witold J. Henisz) funded by the Bay and Paul Foundations (2021)

"De-Risking the Investment Landscape: High-impact FDI policies for the GCC" in collaboration with Oliver Wyman (2021)

"Peace dividends through private investments: Insights, action, and evaluation enabled by new developments in information sciences?" (with Brian Ganson) funded by the Peace Dividend Initiative (2021)

Teaching experience

Course Co-coordinator; Assistant Professor
Political Economy of Development (BSc.) *Spring 2024; Spring 2023; Spring 2022*

Course Co-coordinator; Assistant Professor
Political Science (BSc.) *Fall 2024; Fall 2023; Fall 2022; Fall 2021*

Assistant Professor
Comparative Business and Politics (MSc.) *Spring 2022*

Assistant Professor
Governing Risk in the World Economy (BSc.) *Spring 2024; Spring 2023; Spring 2022*

Teaching Assistant
A Comparative Study of Genocide (Professor: Scott Straus) *Fall 2017*

Teaching Assistant
Introduction to International Relations (Professor: Mark Copelovitch) *Fall 2016*

Skills

Language

Modern Standard Arabic - Advanced proficiency

Jordanian Arabic - Advanced proficiency

Spanish - Advanced proficiency

Portuguese - Advanced proficiency

Danish - Intermediate proficiency

Computer

STATA, R, Python, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Visual Basic for Applications (VBA), JavaScript, advanced Microsoft Excel

Academic service

Organizing Committee, Money in Politics conference (June 2024; June 2023)

Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*; *American Political Science Review*; *International Organization*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Review of International Organizations*; *Review of International Business Policy*; *Energy Economics* 2020–present

Professional memberships

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| Academy of Management | 2020–present |
| American Risk & Insurance Association | 2020–present |
| Strategic Management Society | 2020–present |
| Academy of International Business | 2020–present |
| Financial Management Association | 2019–present |
| American Political Science Association | 2016–present |
| Midwest Political Science Association | 2016–present |

Pre-doctoral professional employment

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| Project Associate, Centennial Group International | 2014–2016 |
| Project Associate, Emerging Markets Forum | 2014–2016 |
| Director, Learning Enterprises International | 2013–2014 |
| Market Research Associate, Scalable Display Technologies | 2010–2013 |

References

Available upon request.

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