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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Konstanz , Konstanz, Germany	
Postdoctoral Fellow	2025 – present
Colorado State University , CO, USA	
Adjunct Instructor	2025 – present
PhD Candidate & Graduate Teaching Assistant / Instructor	2020 – 2025
College of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Council	2022 – 2024
InTERFEWS NRT Trainee	2021 – 2022
The North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network , Canada	
Fellow and Media Coordinator	2020 – present
University of Copenhagen , Copenhagen, Denmark	
Guest Researcher	May 2024
Fridtjof Nansen Institute , Oslo, Norway	
Guest Researcher	September 2024

EDUCATION

Colorado State University , USA	
Ph.D. in Political Science	2020 – 2025
Graduate Teaching Certificate	2020– 2024
<i>Dissertation: Is the Arctic Heating Up? Complicating the Picture of Regional Security</i>	
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen , Netherlands	
M.A. in International Security	2019
University of Massachusetts , USA	
Certificate in Journalism	2017
Boston University , USA	
B.A. in International Relations and German Language	2015

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Books (1)

1. *Practicing Security in the Arctic: Nordic Defence Cooperation and the Making of a Security Community – Under Contract with Routledge* (expected publication Fall 2026)

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (22)

1. The Fragmented Arctic: Comparing Arctic Security Public Opinion in Russia and the A7. (with Wilfrid Greaves). *Polar Record* 62(e6): 1-13.
2. Desecuritizing the arctic: Maritime governance in the Northern Sea Route and the Northwest Passage. *Marine Policy* 185(2026). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2025.106990>
3. NATO and the Arctic in the 2020s. (with Nicholas Glesby) In Heininen, L., H. Exner-Pirot and J. Barnes (eds.) (2025). *Arctic Yearbook 2025: War and Peace in the Arctic*. Akureyri, Iceland: Arctic Portal.
4. Constructing Low-Tension: The Role of Experts and Narratives in the Case of Greenland. *Cooperation and Conflict*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00108367251364175>
5. The Shortest Nuclear Route to Climate Change to Great Power Competition: Tracing Arctic Security. *Ocean and Society* 2(8846) (2024): 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.17645/oas.8846>
6. Local (or Not) Insecurity on Arctic Twitter/X: Global Insecurity and Climate Change. *Northern Review* 56 (2024) <https://doi.org/10.22584/nr56.2024.003>
7. The nutritional turn towards crisis: a critical perspective. (with Julianne Liebhenguth) *Critical Studies on Security* (2024) <https://doi.org/10.1080/21624887.2024.2354577>
8. Overlooking Nature: The Arctic, climate change, and environmental diplomacy in the study of Canadian foreign policy. (with Wilfrid Greaves) *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1080/11926422.2024.2344001>
9. Scoping Arctic expertise: The mismatch between traditional theories of expertise and Indigenous expertise. *Polar Record* 60 (e12) (2024): 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S003224742400007X>
10. Integrating Indigenous women's traditional knowledge for climate change in Canada. (with Annie Martel). *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous People* (2024) <https://doi.org/10.1177/11771801241241816>
11. Security for the small: materializing securitization in Finland and Norway. (with Renato Fakhoury) *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* (2024) <https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2023.2301301>
12. The Arctic Potential: Cutting the Gordian Knot of EU-Russia Relations? (with Iren Marinova) *European Security* (2024) <https://doi.org/10.1080/09662839.2024.2306990>
13. Whose Anxiety? What Practices? The Paris School and Ontological Security Studies. *International Politics* (2023) <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-023-00543-8>
14. War in Ukraine in a Polarised America. (with Peter Harris and Iren Marinova) *LSE Public Policy Review* 3(1) (2023) <https://doi.org/10.31389/lseppr.89>
15. The European Union's 'never again' Arctic narrative. (with Andreas Raspotnik) *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* (2023) <https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2023.2193735>
16. Pulling back the curtain: coloniality-based narratives of wilderness in US Arctic policy. *The Polar Journal* 12(2): 198-214 (2022) <https://doi.org/10.1080/2154896X.2022.2137084>

17. Can Exceptionalism Withstand Crises? An Evaluation of the Arctic Council's Response to Climate Change and Russia's War on Ukraine. (with Erin Fitz). *Global Studies Quarterly*: 1-6 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksac042>
18. Conceptualizing the Arctic as a Zone of Conflict. *The Central European Journal of International and Security Studies* 15(4) (2021). <https://doi.org/10.51870/CEJISS.A150401>
19. A Decolonial Approach to Arctic Security and Sovereignty. In Heininen, L., H. Exner-Pirot and J. Barnes (eds.) (2021). *Arctic Yearbook 2021: Defining and Mapping Sovereignties, Policies and Perceptions*. Akureyri, Iceland: Arctic Portal. Available from <https://arcticyearbook.com/>
20. The Canadian Navy and Human Security in the Arctic. *The Canadian Naval Review* 16(3) (2021). https://www.navalreview.ca/wp-content/uploads/CNR_pdf_full/cnr_vol16_3.pdf
21. The Consequences of Russian Populism. *Sicherheit und Frieden* 37(1) (2019). <https://doi.org/10.5771/0175-274X-2019-1-29>
22. Intergovernmental Nuclear Fuel Banks: Re-examined. *The Asian Journal of Peacebuilding* 6(2): 305-317 (2018) <https://doi.org/10.18588/201811.00a040>

Additional Peer-Reviewed Scholarship (11)

1. A decolonial approach to Arctic security and sovereignty. In Hønneland, G., Østhagen, A., & Rottem, S. V. (eds.) *Handbook of the Politics of the Arctic*, Edward Elgar Publishing: Northampton. (2026).
2. Choose Your Own Adventure: The European Union and Arctic Security (with Andreas Raspotnik). In: Raspotnik, A., & Østhagen, A. (eds.) *The Nordic States, NATO and the EU in Arctic Security*, Edward Elgar Publishing: Northampton: 111-133. (2025).
3. Maritime Security (Chapter 39): *Palgrave Handbook on EU-Asia Relations*. (with Iren Marinova, and Jason C. Moyer). Accepted and awaiting publication.
4. Case 371 – Arctic Exceptionalism Under Threat: The Pausing of the Arctic Council After the Invasion of Ukraine (with Renato Fakhoury). *Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University*. [\[link\]](#) (2025)
5. International Relations in Canada: The Arctic (with Wilfrid Greaves). In: Murphy, M. (eds.) *International Relations in Canada: Understanding the Field*, (2026).
6. Populism and Authoritarianism. In: Oswald M. (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook of Populism*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham: 177-193 (2022) <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-80803-7>
7. Decolonizing IR. *New Voices in Postcolonial Studies* (2021)
8. Russia's New Soft Power: The Mir System. *The Journal of Liberty and International Affairs* 6 (2) (2020) <https://doi.org/10.47305/JLIA2020032g%20>
9. Corruption or Stabilizing: The Political Economy of Corruption in the Donbas. *Kyiv-Mohyla Law and Politics Journal* 5 (2019) <https://doi.org/10.18523/kmlpj189980.2019-5.37-57>
10. Transitional Justice: Lustration and Vetting in Ukraine and Georgia. *The Journal of Liberty and International Affairs* 5(2) (2019)
11. Analyzing Poland's National Security Strategy. *The International Relations Review: Boston University* (Spring 2015): 22-24

Relevant and Recent Policy Briefs (25)

1. More Exercises, Not More Militarization. In Center for Strategic Studies and International Studies *Northern Connections*. 2026

2. Trump's Greenland threats should be taken seriously but it is not for sale. LSE's USAPP American Politics and Policy. 2026 [\[link\]](#)
3. Sharing Strategic Geography: The Nordics Amid a Changing Security Reality. High North News. 2025. [\[link\]](#)
4. Who is An Expert on Greenland? The Arctic Institute. 2025 [\[link\]](#) part of the edited series *Knowledge Production in the Arctic*. Co-edited with Trym Eiterjord ([introduction](#))
5. A Canadian-European Security Consensus. NAADSN. 2025 [\[link\]](#)
6. Understanding Ontologically Insecure Communities in the Arctic. (with Renato Fakhoury). NAADSN. 2025. [\[link\]](#)
7. NATO and the Arctic: Implications for Command and Control. NAADSN. 2024. [\[link\]](#)
8. NATO in the Arctic. NAADSN. 2024. [\[link\]](#)
9. Integrated Naval Deterrence in the Arctic Region – Strategic Options for Enhancing Regional Naval Cooperation. 2024 (primary writer of report) [\[link\]](#)
10. The Arctic is Cold Again: Climate Change, Political Competition, and Security Challenges. 2024 [\[link\]](#)
11. A Transatlantic Perspective on Arctic Security. American University's Transatlantic Policy Briefs. 2024. [\[link\]](#)
12. Asking the Tough Questions on Ukraine. Wilson Center's Global Europe Program. 2024. [\[link\]](#)
13. China's Role in Arctic Conferences. NAADSN. 2024. [\[link\]](#)
14. Countering Russia's Hybrid Threats in the Arctic. (with Katarina Kertysova). European Leadership Network. 2023. [\[link\]](#)
15. Academic Research on China's Arctic Interests in English, 2006-2021: Preliminary Quantitative Analysis. NAADSN. 2023. [\[link\]](#)
16. Beavers and Lions: Comparing Canadian and Norwegian Arctic Narratives. NAADSN. 2023. [\[link\]](#)
17. From Russia to Norway: Three scenarios for the Arctic Council's future after the chairmanship handover. European Leadership Network. 2022. [\[link\]](#)
18. Expertise is political, not neutral. The Loop: ECPR. 2022. [\[link\]](#)
19. When 5G meets AI: Next Generation of Communication and Information Sharing. (with Katarina Kertysova and Gundars Bergmanis-Korats). NATO Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence, Riga, 2022. [\[link\]](#)
20. Public Opinion Polls Across the Arctic: Dataset, Methodology, and Takeaways. NAADSN. 2021. [\[link\]](#)
21. The European Green Deal as an EU-Arctic Foreign Policy Tool. (with Andreas Raspotnik). Modern Diplomacy. 2021. [\[link\]](#)
22. The EU's Draft Report on the Arctic: Cooperation over competition? European Leadership Network. 2021. [\[link\]](#)
23. Threats to states' identity are equally important as threats to state borders. The Loop: ECPR. 2021. [\[link\]](#)
24. Policy Primer: Human Security Europe and the Arctic. NAADSN. 2021. [\[link\]](#)
25. Over 50 policy briefs are available upon request.

Under Review (4)

1. Ontologically Insecure Communities (with Renato Fakhoury) Revise & Resubmit with Special Issue at *European Journal of International Security*.

2. Manifesting Space: Memory and Russia's Spatial Insecurity (with Renato Fakhoury) Under Review at *Cooperation and Conflict*
3. Is the EU Learning to Speak the Language of Power? Lessons from Two Seas (with Iren Marinova) Under Review with *Journal of European Integration*.
4. The Beguiling Familiarity of Popular Geopolitical Imaginaries: Mission Impossible and the Politics of Intelligence. Under Review at *Geopolitics*.

Working Manuscripts (5)

1. Where Knowledge Politics and Experts Meet: Svalbard. Under Preparation for Submission.
2. Oceanic Cooperation in the Global Commons (with Renato Fakhoury). Under Preparation for Submission.
3. Drinking Our Own Kool-Aid: Science Diplomacy as a Cure-All (with Charlotte Gehrke). Under Preparation for Submission.
4. (De)Securitization as Regional Legitimacy: Brazil's, China's and India's Influence on Arctic Governance (with Marc Jacobsen). Under Preparation for Submission.
5. Unsettled Spaces: Strategic Indeterminacy and Spatial Politics in the Arctic. Under Preparation for Submission.

Book Reviews (2)

1. Book Review of *International Politics in the Arctic: Contested Borders, Natural Resources, and Russian Foreign Policy*. by Geir Hønneland, 17(1) (2022) *Nordicum-Mediterraneum*, Icelandic e-Journal of Nordic and Mediterranean Studies, University of Akureyri.
2. Book Review of *Renegotiating Authority in EU Energy and Climate Policy*. by Anna Herranz-Surrallés, Israel Solorio, and Jenny Fairbrass (2023) *Nordicum-Mediterraneum*, Icelandic e-Journal of Nordic and Mediterranean Studies, University of Akureyri.

TEACHING & SUPERVISION

Colorado State University as Instructor of Record

International Security, undergraduate	Summer 2026
Russia, Central, and East European Politics, undergraduate	Fall 2025
International Security, undergraduate	Summer 2025
Russia, Central, and East European Politics, undergraduate	Summer 2024
Current World Problems, undergraduate	Fall 2023
US Foreign Policy, undergraduate	Summer 2023

Ministry of Defense Advisor Program, McKellar Corporation as Lecturer

Arctic and Scandinavian Politics and Security	Spring 2023
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Colorado State University as Teaching Assistant

Current World Problems, undergraduate	Spring 2025
Introduction to International Relations, undergraduate	Fall 2024
Introduction to International Relations, undergraduate	Spring 2024
Introduction to International Relations, undergraduate	Spring 2023
Introduction to International Relations, undergraduate	Fall 2022

Introduction to International Relations, undergraduate	Spring 2021
Current World Problems, undergraduate	Fall 2020

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam as Junior Lecturer
 International Law Clinic (graduate) Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

Supervision

Masters

MA Thesis Supervision

Louise Flahaut, University of Konstanz and Utrecht University	2026 – present
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Hanna-Julie Obermueller, University of Hamburg	2025 – present
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MPP Project Supervision

Zachary Stout, University of Maryland, College Park	2025 – present
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Bachelors

Honors College Supervision

Sebastian Hutchinson, University of Massachusetts Lowell	Spring 2023
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LEADERSHIP

New Voices in National Security Initiative, American University	2026
Side Event Organizer, High North Dialogue	2026
Co-Organizer of ECR Workshop, Arctic Security Conference, Oslo	2026
Co-Editor for Special Issue on Polar Expertise with the <i>Polar Journal</i>	2026
Co-Editor for Special Issue on Arctic Securitization with <i>Global Studies Quarterly</i>	2026
Manfred Wörner Seminar, Bundeswehr	2025
Co-Organizer for Polar Expertise Workshop, University of Bielefeld	2025
Bridging the Gap Fellow	2023 – 2025
Co-Organizer for Writing Workshop for Graduate Students	2025
Moderator at Arctic Security Conference, Oslo	2024 – 2025
Co-Organizer for Workshop on GenAI in Higher Education	2024
Co-Organizer for ECR Workshop for Ontological Security Scholars	2024
Co-Organizer for Roundtable on Polar Expertise at EISA-PEC	2024
Moderator and Co-Organizer for Arctic Governance Seminar, NAADSN	2023
Member of Organizing Team for Advancing Collaboration Workshop (ACCUSARS III)	2022
CLA Graduate Student Council Member	2022 – 2024

GRANTS

Zenit Fellowship, University of Konstanz (€100.000)	2026
Polar Expertise Workshop, University of Bielefeld (€5000)	2025
American Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship (\$5000)	2024
Travel Grant for Conference, University of Copenhagen (\$1500)	2024
Travel Grant for Conferences, Colorado State University (\$4500)	2020 – 2024
Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Colorado State University (\$20340 yearly)	2020 – 2024
ISA Travel Grant (\$750)	2023
Travel Grant for Arctic Circle Assembly, NAADSN (\$1197)	2022
Travel Grant for Conference, Harvard University's Belfer Center (\$1500)	2022
UC San Diego's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Workshop (\$1000)	2022

Humane Studies Fellowship (\$700)	2022
Professional Development and Supply Award, Colorado State University (\$500)	2021
InTERFEWS Traineeship (\$34000)	2021 – 2022
Demonstrator Lab, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (€5000)	2019
Knowledge Management Fund: Virtual Human Rights Lawyer (€5000)	2018

CONFERENCES & GUEST LECTURES

Erasmus Staff Mobility, University of Turku	2026
Invited Panelist, European Leadership Network	2026
Invited Guest Lecture, South Dakota School of the Mines	2026
Invited Book Workshop Discussion, Finnish Institute of International Relations	2026
Invited Guest Lecture, University of Michigan Ann Arbor	2026
Offene Tagung der Themengruppe Polar und Meerespolitik der DVPW	2026
Invited Guest Lecture, Stanford University	2026
Heidelberg Futures Leaders in Sciences and Humanities Forum	2025
Nansens nordområdeseminar 2025: Nordisk balansegang i Arktis	2025
Keynote, CECRI University of Minho's Center for Studies of International Relations	2025
Pacific Council Webinar	2025
Invited Guest Lecture, European Arctic Security Policy, Sciences Po	2025
High North Security Dialogue, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	2025
Arctic 2030 Scenario Development, Center for Naval Analysis & U.S. Coast Guard Academy	2025
ITSS Verona Webinar: Arctic Ambitions	2025
UArctic Arctic Climate Interventions: Geoengineering and Arctic Governance	2025
International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP)	2025
Creating Ontological Security in International Relations Workshop, University of Kiel	2025
Invited Seminar, Arctic Hybrid Warfare, AI, Security and Defense Forum at MIT	2024
EISA PEC	2023 – 2025
International Studies Association	2022 – 2025
Arctic Circle Assembly	2022 – 2025
Theorizing the Nuclear Age in International Relations (DIIS)	2023
Testimony for UK Parliament's International Relations and Defence Committee	2023
Invited Moderator, NORAD 65 th Anniversary Virtual Panel, NAADSN	2023
Invited Guest Lecture, Arctic Hybrid Warfare, University of Denver	2023
IPS Belgium Seminar Series Presenter	2023
Invited Guest Lecture, Nuclear Weapons and IR, Colorado State University	2023
Invited Guest Lecture, Ontological Security, University of Massachusetts Lowell	2023
Arctic Frontiers	2023
Guest Lecture, Arctic Competition, NESACenter for Strategic Studies	2022
Arctic Security Working Group Presenter	2022
The Northern Political Economy Symposium	2020, 2022
Moderator, Defeat Mechanisms, Deterrence by Denial and Continental Defence	2022
ISA Northeast	2021 – 2022
Colorado State University Gradshow	2022
Invited Expert, Future of Arctic Governance, Harvard University	2022
UC San Diego's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Workshop	2022
Invited Panelist, Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa	2022
Western Political Science Association Conference	2022

Invited Guest Lecture, Ukraine Conflict, Colorado State University	2022
Offene Tagung der Themengruppe Polar und Meerespolitik der DVPW	2022
Invited Speaker on Arctic Shipping Lanes, CNBC	2022
Invited Speaker on Arctic Politics, Pacific Pension Investment Institute	2022
Climate Security Nexus Workshop, University of Hamburg	2021
Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit	2021
Polar Journal New Voices Workshop	2021
26 th World Congress of Political Science	2021
International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting	2021
International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS X)	2021
Annual Canadian Sociological Association Conference	2021
Invited Podcast Speaker for the Arctic Institute's Bookshelf Podcast	2021
Invited Guest Lecture on Lustration in Georgia/Ukraine at Maastricht University	2021
Invited Speaker at War and Peace Dynamics Research Group, University of Norway	2021
The 20 th Annual Graduate Strategic Studies Conference	2020
Invited Guest Lecture on Arctic Policy, University of Connecticut	2020
Standing Group on Organized Crime General Conference ECPR	2019
Invited Seminar Lecture, University of Amsterdam	2019
Fourth Tartu Conference on Russian and Eastern European Studies	2019
Invited Speaker, Diplomatic Training Programme, Clingendael	2019
European Political Consortium Annual Conference	2014

AWARDS

Winner of Best Paper by Postgraduate Student, CEJISS	2021
Fellow, Congress Bundestag Exchange for Young Professionals	2015 – 2016

SERVICE

Project Manager, Colorado State University's Political Science Graduate Handbook Committee	2022
Reviewer for <i>Cooperation and Conflict</i> , <i>Global Studies Quarterly</i> , <i>Polar Journal</i> , <i>Polar Geography</i> , <i>Global Society</i> , <i>the Arctic Yearbook</i> , <i>Polar Record</i> , <i>Journal for Contemporary European Studies</i> , <i>European Security</i> , <i>European Journal of International Security</i> , <i>Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning</i> , <i>Journal of Transport History</i> , and <i>New Perspectives</i>	
Editorial Board of <i>Ocean and Society</i>	2026 – present

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Leadership Certificate, University of Konstanz	2025 – present
Graduate Teaching Certificate, Colorado State University	2024
Euro SWAMOS	2023
IQMR Summer 2022 (Open Pool Scholarship Recipient)	2022
Bridging the Gap's PhD New Era Workshop	2021
UC San Diego's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation	2021 – 2022
Decolonial Summer School, Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona	2021
International PhD School: Russia in the Arctic Dialogue: Northern Arctic Federal University	2021
Indigenous Communication and Consultation, Indigenous Awareness Canada	2021
Social, Humanistic, and Behavioral Research & RCR Graduate Certificates, CITI Program	2021

Spring College Fellow, Arctic Institute 2020
Gender-Based Analysis Plus, Government of Canada 2020

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Fellow, Younger Generation Leader's Network on Euro-Atlantic Security 2023 – present
Senior Research Associate, Arctic Institute 2022 – present
Thematic Network on Geopolitics and Security, University of the Arctic 2021 – present

PREVIOUS AFFILIATIONS

Summer Associate & Adjunct, RAND Corporation 2024
Research Assistant, European Leadership Network 2022
Future of Land and Housing Project, New America 2021
Fellow of Peace and Conflict Studies Research Group, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam 2018 – 2020
Senior Research Associate, Public International Law & Policy Group 2017 – 2020
Member of Fact-Finding Mission to Transnistria and Moldova 2019
Short-Term Assistant Analyst, The Hague Center for Strategic Studies 2018
Member of Investigations and Analysis Team, International Criminal Court 2017

LANGUAGES

Native English, fluent German, conversational Dutch and Russian, basic Norwegian

COMPUTING

NVivo, R, Latex, Python, HTML/Java, Social Network Analysis, Access Database Design

REFERENCES

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