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### Academic research positions

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<i>Postdoctoral Research Scholar</i>	2024-2025
Columbia University, Center for Political Economy	
<i>Visiting Research Fellow</i>	2023
Johns Hopkins University, American-German Institute	

### Education

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Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Toronto	2024
<i>Committee:</i> Louis Pauly (chair); Alexander Reisenbichler; Phillip Lipsky	
<i>Fields:</i> International relations; Public policy	
M.A., Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University	2019
B.A., Honours, International Political Economy, Bishop’s University	2016

### Peer-reviewed publications

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- O’Connell, William D. and Christian Elliott. (2023). “States and new markets: The novelty problem in the IPE of finance”. *Review of International Political Economy*. 30(2): 403-420. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2023.2165529>
- O’Connell, William D. (2022). “Silencing the crowd: China, the NBA, and leveraging market size to export censorship”. *Review of International Political Economy*. 29(4): 1112-1134. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2021.1905683>

### Works in progress

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- The Politics of Moral Hazard in International Finance (*book project*)
- “International Political Economy in Canada” (with Louis W. Pauly; forthcoming chapter in Murphy, Michael P. A. (ed.) *International Relations in Canada: Understanding the Field*. Palgrave Macmillan.)
- “This-time-is-different at the Financial Stability Board: Risk, resilience, and the reconstruction of shadow banking” (*under review*)
- “Translating politics into technocracy: The European Banking Union in a global perspective” (*preparing for submission*)

## Book reviews

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Kobrak, Christopher and Joe Martin. (2018). *From Wall Street to Bay Street: The Origins and Evolution of American and Canadian Finance*. University of Toronto Press. *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*. (2019). 22(5): 222-223.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/11926422.2018.1553202>

## Media and other writing

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“The budget’s tax changes on corporations and the wealthy are long overdue”. *The Globe and Mail*. Online April 16, 2024 (print edition April 17, 2024).  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-the-budgets-tax-changes-on-corporations-and-the-wealthy-are-long/>

“Quebec’s out-of-province tuition hike is a major loss for the province and country”. *The Globe and Mail*. Online October 17, 2023 (print edition October 18, 2023).  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-quebecs-out-of-province-tuition-hike-is-a-major-loss-for-the-province/>

“Translating politics into technocracy in the European Banking Union”. *American-German Institute*. August 22, 2023. <https://americangerman.institute/publication/translating-politics-into-technocracy-in-the-european-banking-union/>

“Think government is inefficient? That is exactly why we need to pay civil servants more”. *The Globe and Mail*. Online April 24, 2023 (print edition April 25, 2023).  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-pay-civil-servants-more/>

“Banks do need to be taxed more – the budget’s new dividend tax was justified”. *The Globe and Mail*. Online March 30, 2023 (print edition March 31, 2023).  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-federal-budget-dividend-bank-tax/>

Interview on *The Sam Laprade Show* regarding the SVB and Credit Suisse crises. CityNews Ottawa. March 17, 2023. <https://ottawa.citynews.ca/all-audio/the-sam-laprade-show/podcast-the-sam-laprade-show-for-march-17th-2023-6717438>

“Was the SVB crash a one-off, or a warning sign?” Interview on *The Big Story Podcast*. March 16, 2023. <https://thebigstorypodcast.ca/2023/03/16/was-the-svb-crash-a-one-off-or-a-warning-sign/>

“Scam of the century? Cryptocurrency and the collapse of FTX”. Panelist on *The Debate with Francois Picard*, France 24, Paris, November 21, 2022.  
<https://www.france24.com/en/tv-shows/the-debate/20221121-scam-of-the-century-cryptocurrency-and-the-collapse-of-ftx>

“A cryptocurrency primer – banks or exchanges? which are they?”. Interview on *Weekend Mornings with Stirling Faux*, CKNW-980 Vancouver, August 13, 2022.  
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3BGHbpZpMtMbY2xDmsIzB3>

“Crypto platforms say they’re exchanges, but they’re more like banks”. *The Conversation*. August 11, 2022. <https://theconversation.com/crypto-platforms-say-theyre-exchanges-but-theyre-more-like-banks-188339>

## Conference presentations

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Canadian Political Science Association	2023; 2024
International Studies Association	2022; 2023; 2024; 2025
Northeast Political Science Association	2018

## Major Grants and Awards

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Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship (€60 000; declined)	2024
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (\$20 000)	2023
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15 000)	2022
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15 000)	2021
Michael W. Donnelly Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy (\$9 000)	2022
DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship (€5 500)	2022
JIGES Graduate Research Fellowship (\$5 000)	2022
School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant (\$5 000)	2022
C. B. Macpherson Dissertation Fellowship (\$3 000)	2022
Lorne Bozinoff Doctoral Fellowship in Political Analysis (\$3 000)	2022
Noah Blackstein Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy (\$2 000)	2023

## Teaching

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<i>Instructor of record, University of Toronto</i>	
Topics in International Politics: The Politics of Global Finance	2023
<i>Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto</i>	
Global Political Economy I: History and Theory	2020; 2022; 2023
Global Political Economy II: Policy and Analysis	2022
International Law	2020
Introduction to International Relations	2021
Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I	2019; 2021
Law and Global Business	2020
<i>Teaching Assistant, Carleton University</i>	
Introduction to Microeconomics	2017
Introduction to Statistics for Economics and Business	2018
Introduction to Statistics for International Affairs	2018
Research Methods for International Affairs	2019

## **Invited talks and guest lectures**

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“The systemic context of IPE”. Department of Political Science, *University of Toronto*. Toronto, ON. September 2023.

“Translating politics into technocracy: The European Banking Union in a global perspective”. American-German Institute, *Johns Hopkins University*. Washington, D.C. June 2023.

“Global finance: From Bretton Woods to the Global Financial Crisis”. Glendon College, *York University*. Toronto, ON. September 2022.

## **Membership and service**

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Co-chair, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto, 2021-2022

Treasurer, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto, 2022-2023

Area representative for Public Policy, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto, 2020-2021; 2021-2022

Convener and founder, International Political Economy Working Group, University of Toronto, 2021-2022; 2022-2023

Peer-reviewer: *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*; *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*; *Review of International Political Economy*

Member: International Studies Association; Canadian Political Science Association

## **Research interests**

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Global governance and international institutions

Politics of global finance

Political economy of multinational corporations

China and international affairs

European economic integration

## **Languages**

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English (native); French (fluent)

## References

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Louis Pauly

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