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### **Education:**

- Ph.D. in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2006.
- B.A in International Relations (graduation with honors). The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1997.

### **Academic Positions Held:**

- Associate Professor, School of International Service, American University (September 2014- Current).
- Visiting Research Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2022-23.
- Editorial Board, *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*.
- Director, Doctoral Program, *School of International Service, American University* (July 2018- June 2021).
- Assistant Professor, *School of International Service, American University* (2008-2014).
- Faculty Advisor, Center for Israel Studies, American University (2008-Current).
- Senior Research Fellow, Peace and Violence Research Lab (SPA-AU, 2015-Current).
- Affiliate, *Center for Security, Innovation, and New Technology*
- Interim Director, Doctoral Program, *School of International Service, American University* (December 2014- July 2016).
- Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, *John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University*, (2006- 2008).
- Instructor, *Tufts University* (2008).
- Instructor, *Boston University* (2007).
- Instructor, *Bentley College* (2007).

### **Academic Prizes, Honors, and Fellowships:**

- Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award: “Center-Periphery Interaction in the Indian Western Himalayan Borderlands.” (For AY 22-23).
- Dean’s Summer Research Award (DSRA): “Buffering Conflict: Geographic Separation Mechanisms, Security, and Insecurity.” (For Summer 2021).
- Outstanding Faculty Administrator Award for role of Director of Doctoral Studies, School of International Service, American University 2021.
- A. Leroy Bennett Award for a paper presented at ISA Northeast conference, “Accepting the Unacceptable: West Germany’s Shifting Territorial Concepts,” 2015, (with Anne Kantel).

- Edger E. Furniss Award for the best first book in international security, Mershon Center for International Security, 2014.
- Faculty Research Award, American University, 2010.
- Kenneth N. Waltz prize for the best 2006 dissertation in the area of security studies, *American Political Science Association*
- Post-doctoral fellowship at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2006-8).
- Department Fellowship, Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1999-2004).
- Summer Research Grant (ETIA) from the Center of International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2003, 2004, 2005).
- Fellowship, Helmut Kohl Institute for European Studies (1999), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

### Books:

- *Triadic Coercion: Israel's Targeting of States that Host Non-State Actors* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2018). With Wendy Pearlman.
- *Territorial Designs and International Politics: Inside-out and Outside-in* (New York, Routledge, 2018). Co-edited with Burak Kadercan.
- *Good Fences, Bad Neighbors: Border Fixity and International Conflict* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012).
  - This book won the 2012 Edgar E. Furniss Award for the best first book in International Security.

### Edited Volumes:

- “Territorial Designs.” A Special Edited Volume of the Journal *Territory, Politics, Governance*, Vol. 5, No. 2. May 2017. (With Burak Kadercan)
  - \* Reprinted with minor changes as edited book.

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

- “Buffer Zones and International Rivalry: Internal and External Geographic Separation Mechanisms,” *International Affairs* 99, No. 2, 2023: 645-665 (with Min Kim).
- “Territorial Designs and International Politics: The Diverging Constitution of Space and Boundaries,” *Territory, Politics, Governance* 5, No. 2, 2017: 115-130. (With Burak Kadercan).
  - Reprinted in Boaz Atzili and Burak Kadercan (eds.), *Territorial Designs and International Politics: Inside-out and Outside-in* (New Routledge, 2017).
- “Accepting the Unacceptable: Lessons from West Germany’s Border Politics,” *International Studies Review* 17, No. 4 (2015): 588-616 (With Anne Kantel).
- “Triadic Deterrence: Coercing Strength, Beaten by Weakness,” *Security Studies* 21, No. 2 (June 2012): 305-335 (with Wendy Pearlman).
- “State Weakness and ‘Vacuum of Power’ in Lebanon,” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 33, No. 8 (August 2010): 757-782.

- “When Good Fences Make Bad Neighbors: Fixed Borders, State Weakness, and International Conflict.” *International Security*, Vol. 31, No. 3 (Winter 2006-7): 139-173.

#### Invited Articles:

- “Border Fixity and the Transformation of International Relations,” *Harvard International Review*,” [Web Publication, September 2008].
- “The Virtues and Vices of Fixed Territorial Ownership,” *SAIS Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (Summer-Fall 2007): 95-108.

#### Other Academic Articles:

- Book Review of Alexander Bukh, *These Islands are Ours: The Social Construction of Territorial Disputes in Northeast Asia*, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 136, No. 3 (Fall 2021).
- Book Review of Uri Ben-Eliezer, *War over Peace: One Hundred Years of Israel's Militaristic Nationalism*, *H-Diplo Reviews* (February 2020).
- Roundtable on Good Fences, Bad Neighbors: Border Fixity and International Conflict, *H-Diplo/ISSF*, Vol. IV, No. 5 (2012). (with Stephen Van Evera, Arie M. Kacowicz, Hendrik Spruyt, Cameron G. Thies, and G. Dale Thomas.
- “Peace Process.” in William A. Darity (ed.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (Macmillan Reference USA, 2007).
- Book Review of Monica Toft’s, *The Geography of Ethnic Violence*, in *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 10(3), Autumn 2004: 527-529.
- “German Security and Foreign Policy in the 1990’s: Change Within Continuity,” *Working Papers*, The Helmut Kohl Institute for European Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, February 2000.

#### Work in Progress:

- Book project: *Buffer Zones: India, China, and the Himalayas Borderlands*.
- “Buffering (in)Security: Contemporary Buffer States and Enduring Rivalries” (With Min Kim, Grace Benson, and Ozan Cetin).
- “Being a Borderland: Negative and Positive Effects on the Spiti Valley Borderlands.” (With Krishnendra Meena)
- “Jerusalem: UN Partition Resolution vs. International Norms.”

#### Selected Conferences Papers, Talks, Interviews, and Op-Eds:

- “Why buffer zones are vital for understanding great power conflict,” *International Affairs Blog*, April 26, 2023 (with Min Jung Kim).
- Interviewed in Anna Skinner, “Netanyahu Says Protesters Just Don’t Get it, Blames Israeli ‘Propaganda.’” *Newsweek*, March 27, 2023.
- “Israel’s Netanyahu Facing Off Against the Supreme Court and Proposing to Limit Judicial Independence- and 3 Other Threats to Israeli Democracy.” *The Conversation*, January 19, 2023.

- “Indian Western Himalayas Borderlands Between the National and the International,” Fulbright India Conference, New Delhi, India, November 13-16, 2022.
- "The Past, Present, and Future of the Territorial Integrity Norm." Centre for International Politics, Organisation, and Disarmament at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, October 26, 2022.
- “Buffer Zones,” Department of Social Studies, Manav Rachna University, Faridabad, Haryana, India, October 21, 2022.
- "Buffer zones and the Western Himalayas borders." Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India, October 10, 2022.
- Interviewed in Farhan Hassan, “Dr. Boaz Atzili to Gulan: Russian Invasion of Ukraine is More a Vestige of an Old Type of International Relations,” *Gulan Media*, August 14, 2022.
- “Buffering Conflict: Geographic Separation Mechanisms, Security, and Insecurity.” (With Min Jung Kim), presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on International Boundaries in a Globalizing World. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, April 2022.
- “Buffering Conflict: Geographic Separation Mechanisms, Security, and Insecurity.” (With PhD student Min Jung Kim), Presented at a workshop of the Political Violence and Security Research Cluster, SIS, April 2022.
- “Buffers, Borderlands, and International Rivalry,” [With Min Jung Kim], Annual Conference of the International Studies Association (ISA), Nashville, April 2022.
- “War in Ukraine.” Organized and moderated a panel discussion in SIS, March 1, 2022.
- “Buffering (in)Security: Contemporary Buffer States and Enduring Rivalries” (With Min Kim and Grace Benson), International Security Studies Section of ISA (ISSS) Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, November 2021.
- “Both Israel and Hamas are Aiming to Look Strong, Instead of Finding a Way Out of Their Endless War.” *The Conversation* May 18, 2021.
- Participant, Roundtable on “Demography and Conflict: Population Movements and Territorial Expansion,” Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, Virtual, April 2021.
- Discussant, Panel on “Organized Violence in the Middle East and North Africa,” Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, Virtual, April 2021.
- Interview with the Sunday Guardian (India), Maneesh Pandya, “In the Middle East, President Biden has His Hands Full,” (February 21, 2021).
- Moderator, “Homelands: Shifting Borders and Territorial Disputes,” discussion with author Nadav Shelef, Political Violence and Security Research Cluster, SIS (February 4, 2021).
- Interview with the Sunday Guardian (India), Maneesh Pandya, “Larger role for India in Middle East can’t be ruled out in long run.” (September 19, 2020).
- Speaker, “Triadic Coercion Book Launch,” SIS, American University, October 23, 2018.

- Roundtable Chair and Moderator, “Trump, Putin, and the Future of the Territorial Integrity Norm,” Annual Conference of ISSS/ISAC, Denver, Colorado (October 18-10, 2019).
- “Internationalized Jerusalem: The Origins of an Accidental International Norm,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Israel Studies, Kineret College on the Sea of Galilee, Israel, June 24-26, 2019.
- Panel Chair, “Lessons Learned from Counter-Terrorism in the Maritime Domain,” Maritime Security Conference, Royal Danish Defense College, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 2019.
- Speaker, “Triadic Coercion,” Security Studies Program, MIT, Boston, February 27, 2019.
- Speaker, “Triadic Coercion” Political (POMEPS), Elliott School of Government, George Washington University, February 14, 2019.
- Speaker, “Boundaries of struggle: Territories and Borders in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Live and Learn Bethesda, MD, April 20, 2018.
- “Israel’s Next War with Hezbollah: Targeting the Wrong Enemy.” Guest blogpost in *Political Violence @ a Glance*, December 17, 2018.
- “Israel-Hamas Fighting Erupted Just as Negotiations Advanced. What Started It and Why does it Matter?” *The Washington Post* (In “The Monkey Cage,” Blog), November 15, 2018 (with Wendy Pearlman).
- Moderator, “The Far Right Goes Mainstream: Politics of Hate and Violence,” American University, November 5, 2018.
- “Deterring to Protect: Fourth Wave Deterrence and the Protection of Civilians in UN Peacekeeping,” Annual Conference of ISSS/ISAC, Washington, DC, October 2017.
- “Triadic Coercion: Israel, Arab States, and Non-State Actors,” Annual Conference of the Association of Israel Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, June 2017.
- “For Israel, Defense May Be the Best Defense,” *The Washington Post* (In “The Monkey Cage,” Blog), September 23, 2014.
- “A Cycle of Vicious Hypocrisy,” *US News and World Report*, July 30, 2014.
- “The Annexation Vexation,” Guest post in *Political Violence @ a Glance*, March 2014.
- “From Taboo to Taboo: West Germany’s Shifting Territorial Concepts,” Paper Presented at the annual convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014 [with Anne Kantel].
- Participant, “Multilevel Analysis of ISIL,” for the Joint Staff, US Department of Defense, September 2014.
- “For Better and Worse: Border Fixity, State Capacity, and War,” Paper Presented at the annual convention of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2013 [with Joseph Young].
- “Attack Iran or more Sanctions? A third Option: Israel and Iran Forsake Nukes.” *Christian Science Monitor*, March 9, 2012
- Speaker, “The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” at the Foreign Service Institute (Department of State), Arlington, VA, October 2011 (two talks).
- “The Normative Face of Offense-Defense Theory,” Paper presented at the annual convention of the *International Studies Association*, Montreal, Canada, March 16-19, 2011.

- “A lasting Failure: Fixed Borders and State Weakness in Lebanon,” Presented at the annual convention of the *International Studies Association*, San Francisco, California, March 2008.

**PhD Students Mentoring- Graduated:**

- Edward Lucas (Committee Chair)
- Balazs Martonfy (Committee Chair)
- Tyler Evans (Committee Chair)
- Tom Long (Committee Member)
- Dylan Craig (Committee Member)
- Katy Collin (Committee Member)
- Josh Jones (Committee Member)
- Matthew Timmerman (Committee Member)
- Mashal Shabir (Committee Member)
- Danguole Bradauskaite (External)

**PhD Students Mentoring- Current:**

- Eleni Ekmektsioglou (Committee Chair).
- Min Jung Kim (Committee Chair).
- Grace Benson (Committee Chair).
- Manaswini Ramkumar (Committee Member).
- Jong Eun Lee (Committee Member).
- Andrew Hagopian (Committee Member).