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INTERESTS	Global health security and governance, comparative political institutions, science policy, political behavior, comparative social policy, political economy of health and the environment, state politics	
AFFILIATIONS	Lecturer (Italian Equivalent) , Bocconi University Department of Social and Political Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Fellow, DONDENA Centre for Research (Sept 2022-)	Sep 2022-
	Scholar , Georgetown University Law Center O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law	Jan 2021-
	Academic Director & Professor , Georgetown University Economic Policy Academy, School of Continuing Studies	2017-2022
	Research Assistant Professor , Hong Kong University of Science & Tech Division of Public Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Fellow, Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study (Jan 2021-May 2022)• Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Emerging Market Studies (Jun 2021-)	Jan 2021-May 2022
	Postdoctoral Fellow , Georgetown University Law Center O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law	May 2020-Jan 2021
	Visiting Fellow , Stanford University Department of Political Science	Feb 2019
	Visiting Fellow , Hertie School of Governance Jacques Delors Institute Berlin, Center for European Affairs	Oct 2018-Dec 2018
	Academic Director & Professor , Georgetown University International Law Institute, School of Continuing Studies	2016
EDUCATION	Georgetown University , Washington, DC Ph.D., Government (2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: "What Makes a Changemaker? Policy Entrepreneurs, Policy Change, and the Politics of Obesity in Germany and the US"• External Affiliation: The Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany (Fulbright Scholar 2017-2018) M.A., Government (2017) London School of Economics and Political Science , London, UK M.Sc., Public Policy and Administration (2011) Ludwig Maximilian Universität München , Munich, Germany Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellow at the Pettenkofer School of Public Health (2009-2010) Univeristy of Massachusetts Amherst , Amherst, MA B.S., Microbiology (2009) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>, <i>Commonwealth College Honors With Greatest Distinction</i>, and <i>Departmental Honors</i> B.A., Political Science (International Relations Concentration) (2009)	

- *Summa Cum Laude and Commonwealth College Honors With Greatest Distinction*

Trinity College, Oxford University Summer Seminar (2007)

Additional Training

IQMR: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (2017)

ICPSR: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (2016)

BOOK
MANUSCRIPT

What Makes a Changemaker? The Politics of Policy Change in the Obesity Crisis (*Pitched to Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press. Book proposal requested.*)

JOURNAL
ARTICLES

“Where’s the Money From? Attitudes toward Donor Countries and Foreign Aid in the Arab World.” (with Scott Williamson) *International Studies Quarterly*. 2022.

“Fashion consumption during COVID: Comparative analysis of changing practices across nine countries.” (with Katia Vladimirova, Sonali Diddi, Iva Jestratišević, Mariam Durrani, Claudia E Henninger, Samira Iran, Kavitha Iyer, Cosette M. Joyner Martinez, Kira Matus, Helen McCormick, Kirsi Niinimäki, Priyadarshini T., Meike Sauerwein, Petr Simek, and Stephan Wallaschkowski) *Cleaner and Responsible Consumption*. 2022.

“When mortality knocks: Pandemic-inspired attitude shifts with clothing in six countries.” (with Samira Iran, Cosette M. Joyner Martinez, Katia Vladimirova, Stephan Wallaschkowski, Sonali Diddi, Claudia E. Henninger, Helen McCormick, Kira Matus, Kirsi Niinimäki, Meike Sauerwein, and Loredana Tiedke) *International Journal of Sustainable Fashion & Textiles*. 2022

“Understanding and Comparing HIV-Related Law & Policy Environments: Cross-National Data and Accountability for the Global AIDS Response.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Ellie Graeden, Mara Pillinger, Stephanie Eaneff, Victoria Bendaud, Rico Gustav, and Taavi Erkkola) *BMJ Global Health*. 2020.

“Democracy, Capacity, and Coercion in Pandemic Response - COVID-19 in Comparative Political Perspective.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh) *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*. 2020.

- *JHPPL’s third most read article published in 2020*

BOOK
CHAPTERS

“Legal Paradigms and the Politics of Global COVID-19 Vaccine Access. (with Matthew Kavanagh) in *Intellectual Property, COVID-19, and the Next Pandemic: Diagnosing Problems, Developing Cures*. Eds. Madhvi Sunder and Haochen Sun. Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

“A Comparative Perspective on the COVID-19 Response in Europe” in *How COVID-19 Took Over the World: Lessons for the Future with Comparative Perspectives from Health, Politics, and Socioeconomics*. Ed. Christine Loh. Hong Kong University Press. Forthcoming.

“The Social Contract and Responses to COVID-19” in *How COVID-19 Took Over the World: Lessons for the Future with Comparative Perspectives from Health, Politics, and Socioeconomics*. Ed. Christine Loh. Hong Kong University Press. Forthcoming.

“Playing Politics: WHO’s Response to COVID-19.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Mara Pillinger) in *Coronavirus Politics: The Comparative Politics and Policy of COVID-19*. Eds. Scott L. Greer, Elizabeth J. King, Andre Peralta, and Elize Massard da Fonseca. University of Michigan Press. 2021.

- *The most discussed monograph of 2021 according to Altmetric*

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW	<p>“Priming COVID-19’s Consequences Can Increase Support for Investments in Public Health.” <i>Revise & Resubmit at Social Science & Medicine.</i></p> <p>“Building a Scapegoat or Building a Reputation? Autocats, Blame Avoidance, and COVID-19 in the Arab World.” (with Scott Williamson)</p> <p>“Vaccine Politics: Law and Inequality in the Global Pandemic Response to COVID-19.” (with Matthew Kavanagh) <i>Revise & Resubmit at Global Policy Journal.</i></p>
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Public Support for Global Vaccine Distribution: Evidence from Germany, Italy, and the United States.”</p> <p>“What Makes a Changemaker? An Analysis of Policy Entrepreneurs in German and EU Food Policy.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Awarded Best Poster for APSA Public Policy Section, 2019</i> <p>“Partisanship and Polarization in the Obesity Crisis: Experimental Evidence from Germany and the US.”</p> <p>“Vaccine Politics: COVID-19 Global Vaccine Policies & Political Disruption. (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Fatima Hassan, Mara Pillinger, Kashish Aneja, and Ngozi Erongu)</p> <p>“How Obamacare Altered State-Level Public Opinion on Medicaid.”</p> <p>“Nuclear Weapons and Infectious Disease: The Role of Science, Policy, and the State.”</p>
IN PROGRESS	<p>“Which Experts and Why? A Study of Public Health Expertise during COVID-19 in Germany, Italy, and the US.”</p> <p>“Hesitancy, Behaviors and Preferences Towards Vaccination and Policy Stringency: A global database from a standardised stated choice survey in 15 countries.” (with Marcello Antonini, Mesfin Genie, Francesco Paolucci, Alessia Melegaro, Aleksandra Torbica, et al.)</p> <p>“Energy Consumption and Support for the Far-Right in Italy.” (with Catherine De Vries and Erik Voeten)</p> <p>“Individual Correlates of Support for COVID-19 Measures for Six Countries in the Asia Pacific.” (with Edmund Cheng, Karen Grepin, and Samson Yuen)</p> <p>“The Role of Science Policy Advice during COVID-19” (with Donald Low)</p> <p>“The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Sustainable Fashion Consumption in Hong Kong” (with Kira Matus and Meike Sauerwein)</p> <p>“The Politics of Vaccine Distribution in the Arab World” (with Scott Williamson)</p> <p>“Who Supports Obesity-related Policies? An Analysis of Original Survey Data from Germany and the US.”</p> <p>“How Priming Weight Affects Attitudes Toward Obesity: Experimental Evidence from Germany and the US.”</p> <p>“Political Capacity for Pandemic Response.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Clare Wenham)</p>

SELECTED
OTHER
PUBLICATIONS &
MEDIA

“Fashion Consumption during COVID-19 and its Impact on Sustainability.” *Via Sarfatti* 25. Forthcoming.

Expert commentary on global governance, COVID-19 policies in the Asia-Pacific, and vaccines for “Asia-Pacific wants to live with Covid. Omicron is threatening those reopening plans.” (by Helen Regan) *CNN International*. December 6, 2021.

“Global Issues in COVID-19 Relief” Researchers’ Roundtable. *COVIDCalls Podcast*, hosted by Scott Gabriel Knowles. October 13, 2021.

“New donation pledges won’t fill global COVID-19 vaccine shortfalls. Here’s why.” (with Ngozi Erondu) *The Conversation*. October 6, 2021.

- *The Aspen Institute’s Best Idea of the Day (October 25, 2021)*

“The U.N. has a plan to end AIDS by 2030. But Russia doesn’t like it.” (with Mara Pillinger) *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage)*. September 15, 2021.

“To Democratize Vaccine Access, Democratize Production.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Mara Pillinger, and Katherine Ginsbach) *Foreign Policy Magazine*. March 1, 2021.

“COVID-19 Vaccine Production for LMICs.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Ngozi Erondu, Mara Pillinger, Kashish Aneja, and Katherine Ginsbach) *Policy Discussion Paper*. February 25, 2021.

“Where has the world made progress in HIV Policy.” *LSE Blogs*. January 26, 2021

“2020 Global HIV Policy Report: Policy Barriers to HIV Progress.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Mara Pillinger) *HIV Policy Lab Report*. November 30, 2020.

“Why public trust in the WHO matters.” *LSE Blogs*. May 19, 2020.

“Coronavirus and Prospects for Instability in Egypt.” (with Scott Williamson) *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. April 22, 2020.

“How the Coronavirus is Plaguing Autocracies and Democracies” *Duck of Minerva*. March 10, 2020.

“Book Review: Thieves of State by Sara Chayes.” *Democracy and Society*. Volume 14. 2016-2017.

“Global Health Security and Strategic Diplomacy.” *Atlantische Initiative*. December 12, 2016.

“The Case for Strategic Health Diplomacy: A Study of PEPFAR.” *Bipartisan Policy Center*. 2015. (Under Tom Daschle and Bill Frist).

“Economic Prospects.” & “Economic Snapshot” (quarterly reports). *nVision USA*. Future Foundation. 2013-2014.

“The sugar-coated truth.” Future Foundation. March 13, 2014.

“Converging Health Risks and New Inhibitions to Unhealthy Living.” *nVision USA*. Future Foundation. 2014.

“Health Innovations: Key Health Trends for the 10s Decade.” *nVision USA*. Future Foundation. 2014.

“Highlights from the Census for England and Wales.” *nVision UK*. Future Foundation. 2014.

“CVS: The business of being healthy meets the being healthy business.” Future Foundation. February 7, 2014.

“Pension Half-Board.” *nVision UK*. Future Foundation. 2014.

“Malaria and Poverty in Africa.” Naval Academic Foreign Affairs Conference. 2009.

ORIGINAL DATA	<p>Hong Kong Public Opinion Data (2022): Observational and experimental data on sustainable fashion consumption during COVID-19.</p> <p>German/Italian/US Public Opinion Data (2022): Observational and experimental data on coercive policies during COVID-19.</p> <p>US Public Opinion Data (2021): Observational and experimental data on public health policies and COVID-19.</p> <p>Public Health Policy Data (1990-2019): State-level proposed legislation regarding anti-obesity related public health policies, programs, and initiatives in 4 US states (MA, TX, IN, and WI) and 4 German Länder (NW, BY, SN, BB).</p> <p>German and US Public Opinion Data (2019): Observational and experimental data on public health policies and obesity politics.</p> <p>Elite Interviews (2017-2019): Over 120 semi-structured interviews focused on the politics of public health in Germany and the US.</p>
WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>The Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative Conference (2023)</p> <p>Product Lifetimes And The Environment Conference (2023)</p> <p>International Studies Association Conference (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)</p> <p>American Political Science Association Conference (2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022)</p> <p>International Conference of Europeanists (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)</p> <p>European Political Science Association Conference (2021)</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021)</p> <p>Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop (2020)</p> <p>State Politics and Policy Conference (2016, 2019, 2020)</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)</p> <p>Pre-APSA Global Health Workshop (2019)</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)</p> <p>Political Studies Association Conference (2018)</p> <p>Women of Color in Political Science Workshop (2017)</p> <p>Western Political Science Association Conference (2017)</p> <p>Georgetown University Graduate Working Group (2016)</p> <p>Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (2009)</p>
INVITED TALKS	<p>University of Sussex: Global Health and the Confluence of Science, Technology and Security: COVID-19 and Beyond (2023)</p> <p>Liceo Scientifico Vittorini: The Geopolitics and Political Economy of Sustainability (2023)</p> <p>Wilson Center Science & Tech Innovation Center: Pandemic Response & Vaccine Diplomacy (2022)</p> <p>Pratt Institute, Sustainable Environmental Systems: Sustainable Fashion Consumption (2022)</p> <p>City University of Hong Kong One Health Seminar - Global Public Health: Vaccines and Aid around the World (2022)</p> <p>Cornell Global Hub Salon: One Health (2022)</p> <p>INCEPTION symposium: Social Sciences and Biology for Understanding Emerging Diseases: “The Politics of Global Vaccine Equity during COVID-19,” Institut Pasteur, Paris (2021)</p> <p>Fulbright Series Lecture: “Yoga and Public Health,” GITAM School of Gandhian Studies (2021)</p> <p>International Yoga Day Panel Discussion: “Yoga for Well-Being,” US Embassy New Delhi (2021)</p> <p>“Introduction to the practical aspects of survey research,” Postgraduate Development Session, HKUST Division of Public Policy (2021, 2022)</p> <p>Complex Systems for Policy Guest Lecture, HKUST Division of Public Policy (2021)</p> <p>Nutrition > Medicine Webinar, Physicians Association for Nutrition International (2021)</p> <p>George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop (2020)</p> <p>UC Berkeley European Politics Working Group (2019)</p> <p>Hertie School of Governance Work In Progress Seminar (2018)</p> <p>TEDx Talk: ”Strike a Pose,” TEDx TU Berlin (2018)</p> <p>Berlin Seminar, The Fulbright Program, US Dept of State (2018)</p> <p>International Yoga Day, International Conference on Integrative Medicine, Harvard Med (2017)</p> <p>International Law Guest Lecture, Georgetown Department of Government (2016)</p>

SELECTED
HONORS,
AWARDS, &
RESEARCH
GRANTS

Internal (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Support Grant (2021-2022)
Division of Public Policy Faculty Seed Grant (2021)
Interdisciplinary Initiatives and Showcase Projects Grant, Interdisciplinary Programs Office (2021)
Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study Junior Fellow Grant (2020)

Internal (Georgetown University)

Outstanding Student Leader in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Service Award, Honorable Mention, Graduate Teaching Awards (2020)
GSAS Conference Travel Grant (2020)
Department of Government Summer Research Fellowship (2019)
GSAS Dissertation Research Travel Grant (2018)
GSAS Conference Travel Grant (2017)
Department of Government IQMR Grant (2017)
Department of Government ICPSR Grant (2016)
Graduate Teaching and Research Fellowship, Department of Government (2014-2020)

Internal (UMass Amherst)

Senior Leadership Award, UMass Amherst (2009)
George Goodwin Jr. Public Service Award, Department of Political Science (2009)
Oxford Summer Seminar Grant (2007)

External

PICO Grant, HK Public Policy Research Funding Scheme: “A Circularity Roadmap for Textile Waste in Hong Kong.” (submitted 2022, with Kira Matus, Meike Saurwein, & Benjamin Steuer)
PRIN Grant, Ministero dell’Università e della Ricerca: “The Perpetual Refugee Crisis in Italy and Beyond: Humanitarian Emergencies, Prejudice, and Social Capital among Host Communities.” (submitted 2022, with Nicolò Cavalli, Scott Williamson, Camilla Borgna, and Tiziana Caponio)
ERC Starting Grant: “Coercion, Legitimacy, Compliance, and COVID-19: Understanding and Strengthening Pandemic Response Effectiveness.” (submitted 2022)
Maryada Foundation Research Grant (2019)
Fulbright EU-NATO Seminar Grant, German Fulbright Commission (2018)
Fulbright Grant, US Department of State (2017-2018)
APSA Women of Color in Political Science Travel Grant (2017)
The Prestage-Cook Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association (2016)
Deutsche Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellowship, German Federal Foreign Office, (2009-2010)
Senator Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, US Department of Education (2005-2009)
UMass Amherst University Scholar Award, State of Massachusetts (2005-2009)
Phi Beta Kappa (2008)

TEACHING
Instructor

Politics and Policymaking	Fall 2022
Bocconi University, Department of Social and Political Sciences	
Current Political Phenomena	Fall 2022
Bocconi University, Department of Social and Political Sciences	
The Politics and Policy of Global Health	Fall 2021
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Division of Public Policy	
UROP Course: Affordable, Sustainable Fashion	Summer & Fall 2021, Spring & Summer 2022
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program	
Economic Policy	Summer 2017-
Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies, Economic Policy Academy	
International Law and Human Rights	Summer 2016
Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies, International Law Institute	

	Trial By Jury Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies	Summer 2015
	Chemistry 112 UMass Amherst, Learning Resource Center	Fall 2006, Fall 2007
	The United Nations and World Affairs MIT High School Summer Program	Summer 2004
<i>Assistantships</i>	United States Political Systems Georgetown University, Department of Government	Spring 2017
	International Law Georgetown University, Department of Government	Fall 2016
	Elements of Political Theory Georgetown University, Department of Government	Spring 2016
	Comparative Political Systems Georgetown University, Department of Government	Fall 2015
	Comparative Political Systems Georgetown University, Department of Government	Spring 2015
	Comparative Political Systems Georgetown University, Department of Government	Fall 2014
RESEARCH	Research Assistant (for Dr. Laia Balcells) Georgetown University, Department of Government Washington, D.C.	Sep 2019-May 2020
	Visiting Research Fellow Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy Munich, DE	Apr 2010-Jul 2010
	Visiting Research Fellow , Environmental Epidemiology Unit Helmholtz Zentrum München Munich, DE	Oct 2009-Jul 2010
	Research Intern Embassy of India Abu Dhabi, UAE	Jun 2007
	Research Assistant , Dept of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology UMass Amherst, Professor Scott Garman Amherst, MA	Jan 2006-May 2008
	Research Assistant , Department of Political Science UMass Amherst, Professor Dean Robinson Amherst, MA	Jan 2008-May 2008
	Research Assistant , Department of Microbiology National Yang-Ming University, Professor W. Syu Taipei, TW	Jan 2007
	Research Assistant , Department of Microbiology Harvard Medical School, Professor Roberto Kolter Boston, MA	Jun 2003-Aug 2003
	Research Assistant , Evergrande Center for Neurologic Diseases Harvard Medical School, Professor Vijay Kuchroo Boston, MA	Jun 2002-Aug 2002
RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Member Global Diplomacy Lab Berlin, Germany	Feb 2022-
	Senior Analyst Future Foundation London, UK	Aug 2012-Apr 2014
	Casework & Personal Office Intern , Senator Edward M. Kennedy US Senate Washington, D.C.	Jul 2008-Jan 2009

SERVICE

Academic

Faculty Member, GIO Committee, Bocconi University (2022-)
Executive Committee Member, Global Health Studies Section, International Studies Association (2022-)
HIV Policy Lab Research Network co-editor, PLOS Global Public Health (2022-)
DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Ambassador (2019-)
APSA Best Poster Award Selection Committee (2022)
Panel Moderator & Co-Organizer, ChangeLab Solutions & Georgetown University Webinar: Preemption and Policymaking in Public Health Law: From Local to Global (2022)
Faculty Member, Taught Postgraduate Admissions Committee, Division of Public Policy, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2021-2022)
Speaker, Georgetown Fulbright Alumni Panel Discussion & Networking Reception (2020)
Reviewer, *Social Science & Medicine*, *World Development*, *Disasters Journal*, *Social Problems*
Speaker, Georgetown Department of Government Grant Writing Workshop (2019)
Speaker, Georgetown Department of Government Pedagogy Workshop (2019)
Discussant, MPSA (2016, 2019), APSA (2021)
External Senior Thesis Advisor (Nathan Loi), BASIS Independent Silicon Valley (2019)
Panel Co-Chair, MPSA (2017)
Panel Chair and Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society) National Student Conference (2015, 2017)
Speaker, Georgetown Department of Government TA Workshop (2017)
Vice President (2015-2016), President (2016-2017), Women's Caucus, Department of Government, Georgetown University
Graduate Political Science Association Comparative Politics Representative, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2015-2016)

Community

Certified Ashtanga Yoga Instructor (Volunteer for: US Botanic Gardens, The German Fulbright Commission, The Hertie School of Governance, Georgetown University, Sai Kung Sunrise Club)
Bike Ambassador (Washington Area Bicycle Association, Women & Bicycles Initiative)

SKILLS

Languages

English (native)
Hindi (native)
Urdu (fluent speaking)
German (advanced speaking, reading, and writing)
French (basic speaking, reading, and writing)

Statistics & Programming Languages

Stata, R, Latex, Qualtrics, MAXQDA.