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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA **September 2004 – Present**

Ph.D Candidate, Department of Political Science

- *Dissertation:* “Explaining Cohesion, Fragmentation, and Control in Insurgent Groups” (Expected Completion: May 2010)
- *Committee:* Roger Petersen (Chair), Barry Posen, Stephen Van Evera, Steven Wilkinson (Yale University)
- *Research and Teaching Interests:* civil war, international security, civil-military relations, ethnic politics, South Asia
- Affiliate, MIT Security Studies Program

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

September 2000 – June 2004

A.B., Political Science

- Honors in Political Science and General Honors
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2004, and Dean’s List, 2000-2004

Publications in Refereed Journals

“Cities on Fire: Social Mobilization, State Policy, and Urban Insurgency.” *Comparative Political Studies* (forthcoming December 2010).

“Correspondence: What Makes Terrorists Tick.” *International Security* Vol. 33, No. 4 (Spring 2009), pp. 180-202.

“Explaining Civil-Military Relations in Complex Political Environments: India and Pakistan in Comparative Perspective.” *Security Studies*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (April 2008), pp. 322-362.

“Ten Ways to Lose at Counterinsurgency.” With Kelly Greenhill. *Civil Wars*, Vol. 9, No. 4 (December 2007), pp. 402-419.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Foreign Policy Making in India in the Pre-Liberalization and Coalition Era.” In Amitabh Mattoo and Happyman Jacob, eds., Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy: India’s ‘Neo-Federal’ Foreign Policy (New Delhi: Routledge, forthcoming).

“Resentment, Fear, and the Structure of the Military in Multiethnic States.” With Roger Petersen. In Stephen Saideman and Marie-Joelle Zahar, eds., Insecurity in Intrastate Conflicts: Governments, Rebels, and Outsiders (London: Routledge, 2008).

Selected Other Publications

Analyzing Religious Politics and Violence. With Gregory Treverton (Santa Monica, Cal.: RAND Corporation, MG-564, forthcoming).

“Improving India’s Counterterrorism Policy after Mumbai.” *CTC Sentinel*, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Vol 2, No. 4 (April 2009), pp. 11-14.

“The Challenge of Islamist Militancy in India.” *CTC Sentinel*, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Vol. 1, No. 2 (January 2008), pp. 14-16.

The US, India, and the Persian Gulf: Convergence or Divergence in a Post-Iraq World: Workshop Summary Report, MIT Center for International Studies Persian Gulf Initiative, 2007.

“Defeating Transnational Insurgencies.” *Washington Quarterly*, Volume 29, No. 1 (Winter 2005-2006), pp. 21-40.

Selected Op-Eds

“Pakistan’s Stakes in Afghanistan.” *The Friday Times* (Lahore), May 8-14, 2009.

“When talking with terrorists makes sense.” *Christian Science Monitor*, May 29, 2008.

“Pakistan on the Brink: Regional Perspectives and Implications,” *Audit of the Conventional Wisdom 07-21*, MIT Center for International Studies, November 2007.

“Diversify Iraqi security forces.” With Roger Petersen. *Christian Science Monitor*, March 7, 2006.

Book Reviews

“Explaining Rebel Strategies.” Review of *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence*, by Jeremy Weinstein, *Review of Politics*, Vol. 70, No. 1 (Winter 2008), pp 129-131.

Working Papers

“The Poisoned Chalice: Military Culture, Contentious Politics, and Cycles of Regime Change in Pakistan.” (Under review)

“Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Fragmentation: Trajectories of Militancy in Kashmir and Pakistan.” (September 2009)

“Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Insurgent Rivalry and Ethnic Defection in Kashmir and Sri Lanka.” (November 2009)

“Voting, Violence, and the Political Economy of Insurgency on the Indian Periphery.” (June 2009)

“Indian Security Strategy in the 21st Century.” With Vipin Narang. (May 2009)

Awards and Fellowships

Dissertation Fellowship, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2009-10

Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2009-10

Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, U.S. Institute of Peace, 2009-10 (declined 2008-9)

Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, 2009-10 (declined)

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, September 2009

Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, International Security Program and Intrastate Conflict Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2008-9

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship for dissertation fieldwork in South Asia, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2008

Summer Study Grant for dissertation fieldwork in Northern Ireland, Center for International Studies, MIT, 2008

Graduate Summer Travel Grant for dissertation fieldwork in Northern Ireland, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2007

Summer Study Grant for dissertation fieldwork in Northern Ireland, Center for International Studies, MIT, 2007

Distinction on Ph.D General Examination, 2006

Ithiel de Sola Pool Fellow as outstanding student in first-year Ph.D cohort, MIT Department of Political Science, 2005

MIT Presidential Fellow, 2004-5

Undergraduate Fellow, Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, 2002-3

Relevant Professional Experience

Dr. Roger Petersen, Associate Professor of Political Science, MIT

- Research Assistant, June 2005 – December 2006; 2007-8 academic year

Department of Political Science, MIT

- Teaching Assistant, Visiting Professor Flynt Leverett, Spring 2007, “The Geopolitics and Geoeconomics of Global Energy.” Teaching material and evaluations are on my website.

National Security Research Division, RAND Corporation

- Summer Associate, June-August 2006

Dr. John Mark Hansen, Dean of the Social Sciences Division and Hutchinson Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago

- Research Assistant, September 2002 – June 2004

Mayor’s Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, City of Chicago

- Intern, June-August 2003

U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, Washington, D.C. Office

- Intern, July – August 2002

Dr. Stathis Kalyvas, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago (now the Arnold Wolfers Professor of Political Science, Yale University)

- Research Assistant, March – June 2002

Professional Activities

Member of Steering Committee, Standing Group on Extremism and Democracy, European Consortium for Political Research, 2008-present

Manuscript reviewer for *International Security* and *Security Studies*

Rapporteur, Workshop on India and the Persian Gulf, MIT Center for International Studies Persian Gulf Initiative, March 20-22, 2007

Student Co-Sponsor, MIT Working Group on Insurgency and Irregular Warfare, 2005-6 and 2006-7 academic years

Student member, International Relations Junior Faculty Search Committee, Autumn 2005

University of Michigan ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, June 27-July 22, 2005 Regression II: Linear Models, Mathematical Models: Game Theory

Member, APSA (2004-present) and ISA (2008-present)

Selected Presentations and Panels

Presenter, “Ideologies, Coalitions, and Indian Foreign Policy,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, February 19, 2010

Discussant, Rebel Governance Conference, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, October 2-4, 2009

Presenter, “Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Fragmentation: Trajectories of Militancy in Kashmir and Pakistan”

- International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, February 17, 2010
- Department of International Relations, Lehigh University, October 13, 2009 (invited)
- Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, September 30, 2009
- Tenth Annual New Faces in International Security Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, September 11-12, 2009
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 4, 2009

Presenter, “Partition Legacies and Militant Mobilization in Ireland and Kashmir,” Partition Violence Conference, University of Chicago, May 1-2, 2009 (invited presentation)

Presenter, “Explaining Armed Group Cohesion and Fragmentation: Kashmir, Northern Ireland, and Sri Lanka in Comparative Perspective”

- Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 23, 2009
- Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, March 12, 2009
- Harvard University Political Violence and Civil War Seminar, November 17, 2008

Presenter, “The Poisoned Chalice: Explaining Cycles of Regime Change in Pakistan”

- Naval War College, March 10, 2009 (invited presentation)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 31, 2008

Presenter, “When Does Ethnic Mobilization Lead to Ethnic War? Comparative Evidence from South Asia,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, February 18, 2009

Discussant, “Post Conflict Stabilization” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 30, 2008

Presenter, “Explaining Armed Group Cohesion and Fragmentation in Kashmir and Northern Ireland (and Sri Lanka?),” Centre for Policy Alternatives, Colombo, Sri Lanka, April 3, 2008

Discussant, International Conference on Northeast India and its Transnational Neighbourhood, Asian Borderlands Research Network, IIT-Guwahati, Assam, India, January 16-18, 2008

Presenter, “Leashing and Unleashing the Dogs of War: Explaining Cohesion, Fragmentation, and Control in Armed Political Groups,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 1, 2007

Discussant, “The Internal Politics of Insurgency, Rebellion, and Terrorism” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 31, 2007

Presenter, “Manipulating Militancy: Political Elites, Violent Non-State Actors, and the Dynamics of Militarized Politics,” Harvard-MIT-Yale Civil Conflict Conference, April 28, 2007

Presenter, “Explaining the Rise of Urban Insurgency,” Harvard University Civil Conflict Workshop, February 16, 2007

Chair, “Insurgency and Counterinsurgency” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 1, 2006

Dissertation Fieldwork

India: September 2007-January 2008, April-May 2008, July 2009

Northern Ireland: June-August 2007, June-July 2008

Sri Lanka: February-April 2008, June-July 2009

Languages

Italian (proficient)

Hindi (advanced beginner/intermediate)

Urdu (advanced beginner/intermediate)

French (reading)