

FOTINI CHRISTIA

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, MIT Department of Political Science
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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences & JFK School of Government

PhD in Public Policy, June 2008

Fields: Comparative Politics/International Relations

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs

MA in International Affairs, May 2001

Harriman Institute Certificate, May 2001

Columbia University, Columbia College

BA in Economics and Operations Research, May 2000

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List

DISSERTATION

"The Closest of Enemies: Alliance Formation in the Afghan and Bosnian Civil Wars."

Advisors: Robert Bates, Roger Petersen, Monica Toft, Stephen Walt

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2007 Graduate Fellow American Academy of Political and Social Science
2006-2007 Weatherhead Center Dissertation Completion Grant, Harvard University
2006-2007 Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellow, United States Institute for Peace (Declined)
2006 Russell Sage Foundation Small Grants Program in Behavioral Economics
2005-2006 Olin Fellow, Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University
2004-2005 Belfer Fellow in International Security and Intrastate Conflict, Harvard University
Summer 2005 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Mid-dissertation Grant, Harvard University
Summer 04/05 Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies Field Research Grant, Harvard University
Summer 2004 Center for European Studies Field-Research Grant, Harvard University
Spring 2004 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Pre-dissertation Grant, Harvard University
2000-2003 Alexander S. Onassis' Scholar, Onassis Foundation, Greece
2000-2001 Harriman Institute Junior Fellow, SIPA, Columbia University
Summer 1999 Eesti and Eurasian Fellow, Columbia College, Columbia University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Following the Money: Muslim versus Muslim in Bosnia's Civil War," *Comparative Politics*, Volume 40, Number 4, July 2008, pp.461-480.

Opinion Pieces

"A Quiet Battle for Rights in Iran," Op-Ed, The Washington Post, 27 August 2007.

"Voices of Iranian Reform, Silenced," Op-Ed, The Washington Post, 9 July 2006.

" Hamas at the Helm," Op-Ed, The New York Times, 27 January 2006. Also appeared in the International Herald Tribune, 28 January 2006. (With Sreemati Mitter)

"Strange Bedfellows in Afghanistan," Op-Ed, The Boston Globe, 18 September 2005.

“Uzbekistan’s Tiananmen,” Op-Ed, The Boston Globe, 21 May 2005.

“Reforming the Iraqi Army,” End Note, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) Iraq Report, Vol.7, No.6, 20 February 2004.

Reports/Book Reviews

Book Review of: John Hagan’s Justice in the Balkans: Prosecuting War Crimes in the Hague Tribunal, *Nationalities Papers*, Vol.32, No.3, September 2004, p.694-696.

“Assessing the Needs of the Roma Community in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,” 26 September 2001, Humanitarian Risk Analysis No 17, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. (With Afia-Ali Blasco)

WORKING PAPERS

“Refugee Returns and the Persistence of Commitment Problems Post Conflict.” Revise and Resubmit at *Security Studies*.

“Sanctions and Public Goods Contribution in Divided Societies.” Ready for Review. (With Marc Alexander)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Closest of Enemies: Making Allies in Civil Wars.” Presented at *APSA*, Philadelphia, September 2007.

“Alliance Formation in Civil Wars.” Presented at the Conference on Civil Conflict and Political Violence, Harvard University, April 2007.

“Reconcilable Differences: Civil War Alliance Formation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.” Presented at the 12th Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, April 2007.

“Experimental Findings on Sanctions and Public Goods Contribution in Divided Societies.” Presented at *MPSA*, April 2007. (With Marc Alexander)

“Reconcilable Differences: Identity Narratives in Civil Wars.” Presented at the Identity Politics Seminar, MIT, December 2006.

“Design for an Experimental Study of Ethnic Diversity and Public Goods Contribution.” Presented at *ISA*, San Diego, March 2006 and at the Research Design Workshop on the Micro-dynamics of Civil Wars, Yale University, May 2006. (With Marc Alexander)

“Ethnic Alliance Formation in the Afghan Civil Wars.” Presented at the 11th Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (*ASN*), Columbia University, March 2006.

“Know Thy Enemy, Know Thy Own? Design for a Field Experiment on Post-Civil War Retaliation and Cooperation.” Presented at the Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes (*LiCEP*), San Diego, December 2005. (With Marc Alexander)

“The Role of Ethnic Distance in Alliance Formation in the Afghan Civil Wars.” Presented at the 6th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (*CESS*), Boston University, September 2005.

“Grievance versus Greed in the Balkans: Bosnia’s Intra-Muslim War.” Presented at the 10th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (*ASN*), Columbia University, April 2005.

“The Persistence of Commitment Problems Post Conflict: Refugee Return in Bosnia and Kosovo.” Presented at the 2nd Annual Student Conference on Security, Georgetown University, February 2004.

“Minority Return Policy in Bosnia: Ethnic Security Dilemma in the Making?” Presented at the 8th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, February 2003.

Work in Progress

Afghanistan

- Member of research team working on a two-year World Bank-sponsored randomized evaluation of local governing councils involving 500 communities in rural Afghanistan. (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov) For more see: <http://web.mit.edu/cfotini/www/NSP-IE>

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Russell Sage Foundation-funded public goods experiment involving over 240 students from three high schools in the divided city of Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina. (with Marc Alexander)

Political Propaganda Project

Iran

- Took 140 pictures of Tehran’s political propaganda murals that were catalogued and are now available as part of Harvard Library’s Digital Image Collections. For more see: http://via.lib.harvard.edu/via/deliver/advancedsearch?_collection=via
- Organized academic symposium to accompany a \$15,000 photo exhibit of the mural images. The symposium featured speakers on political and propaganda art in Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, and the Palestinian Territories. Proceedings of the symposium are forthcoming in *Persica*, a peer reviewed journal on the Middle East, in September 2008. (For coverage of the exhibit see: Cate McQuaid, “The Art of Attraction,” *The Boston Globe*, 31 May 2007 and Meredith Goldstein, “Another Brick in the Propaganda Wall,” *The Boston Globe*, 18 May 2007)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching in Fall 2007 for my service as a Teaching Fellow in a course on the Political Economy of Development and in Spring 2007 for my service as an Instructor in a seminar on the Contemporary Politics of the Middle East.

Harvard University, Department of Government

Senior Thesis Advisor, Fall 2007-Spring 2008. Advised a senior concentrator in Government, who wrote a thesis in the field of Comparative Politics and the Middle East and received magna and summa grades for her thesis. Duties included counseling on thesis theoretical contribution, empirical analysis, and research methods.

Teaching Fellow, *Social Analysis 52/Gov1100: The Political Economy of Development*, (Prof. Robert Bates) Fall 2007. Held weekly sections, develop assignments, advised students and graded papers for this course which looks at the economic and political origins of modern states from a comparative perspective, comparing political development in capitalist and socialist economies, as well as in other regions of the developing world.

Instructor, *Government 98r: Junior Tutorial in Contemporary Politics of the Middle East*, Spring 2007-2008. Developed the syllabus and taught this seminar, which addresses open questions in the politics of the Middle East focusing on the political economy of natural resources, the relationship between the state and civil society, causes of regime change and persistence, as well as American foreign policy in the region.

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government

Course Assistant, *ISP-224: Human Rights and International Politics: The Basic Policy Dilemmas* (Prof. Michael Ignatieff), Fall 2002-2005. Developed assignments, advised students, and graded papers for this course which is an introduction to international human rights and the dilemmas that result when states, NGOs, international institutions, and citizens try to use human rights to guide policy and action.

Course Assistant, ISP-226: Human Rights, State Sovereignty and Intervention (Prof. Michael Ignatieff), Spring 2004-2005. Developed assignments, advised students, and graded papers for this course which addresses questions on the role of human rights in justifying and shaping the interventions that states make in the internal affairs of other states.

Harvard University, Quincy House

Resident Advisor in Public Policy and Tutor for Fellowships, Fall 2002-Spring 2008. Advised Harvard College students on fellowship applications and study abroad.

Columbia University, Department of Industrial Engineering and Operations Research

Grader, E3608: Intro to Mathematical Programming, Fall 2000. Graded weekly problem sets.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ELECTORAL OBSERVATION MISSIONS

EU Mission to Yemen,

Short Term International Elections Observer

Served as a European Union short term elections observer for the Yemeni Presidential elections, deployed in the former South Yemeni capital of Aden.

Aden, Yemen

September 2006

EU Mission to the West Bank and Gaza,

Short Term International Elections Observer

Served as a European Union short term elections observer in the Palestinian Parliamentary elections, deployed in the West Bank city of Nablus.

Nablus, West Bank

January 2006

EU Mission to the West Bank and Gaza,

Short Term International Elections Observer

Served as a European Union short term elections observer in the first Palestinian Presidential elections in the post Arafat era, deployed in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Ramallah, West Bank

January 2005

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mission to Uzbekistan,

Long Term International Elections Observer

Served as one of 12 OSCE long-term observers of the Uzbek Parliamentary elections, deployed in Tashkent.

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

December 2004

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mission to Kosovo

International Elections' Supervisor

Served as an International Elections' Supervisor, deployed in Vucitrn/Vushtri, a town in the divided municipality of Mitrovica.

Kosovo, FRY

November 2001

WORK FOR IOs or NGOs

World Bank/FAO

Consultant

Part of a team of consultants working on a randomized evaluation of local governing councils in rural Afghanistan.

Kabul, Afghanistan

Summer 2007-to date

Hellenic Rescue Team

Assistant to Head of Mission

Worked on establishing relations with the US provisional authority in Iraq as a way to facilitate Hellenic Rescue Team's medical activities in the field.

Thessaloniki, Greece

Summer 2003

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE),

Assistant to Human Rights Officer

Conducted field-research and wrote a 50-page report on the discrimination faced by returnee children in the realm of education in BiH's Canton 1 Municipalities.

Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Summer 2002

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), **Belgrade, FRY**
Intern to the Head of Office Summer 2001
Co-authored a Humanitarian Risk Analysis on the status of Roma and Roma Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Kosovo in FRY.

Press Office, Greek Embassy in FR of Yugoslavia **Belgrade, FRY**
Research Assistant Summer 2000
Conducted archival research and worked on a paper regarding the evolution of Greek-Yugoslav relations after the disintegration of Yugoslavia.

United Nations Correspondents Association (UNCA), UN Secretariat **New York, NY**
Intern Correspondent Fall 1999
Worked with the Bosnian President of UNCA and with the Greek Senior Correspondent at the UN. Covered UN Security Council Briefings and reported on press conferences held at the United Nations.

Estonian Ministry of Finance, Investment and Export Division **Tallinn, Estonia**
Investment Strategy and European Trade Integration Summer 1999
Prepared marketing material promoting Foreign Direct Investment in Estonia.

PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATES

EU Training for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management, **Sennybridge Military Training Camp, UK**
Certified to participate in EU post-conflict and state-building missions.

United Nations Civil-Military Coordination Training Course, **Guatemala City, Guatemala**
Certified to participate in international humanitarian assistance operations.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Reviewer for *International Security*. Affiliated with: APSA, American Academy of Political and Social Science, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Central Eurasian Studies Society, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, and Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.

LANGUAGES

Greek (native), fluent in English and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, working knowledge of Farsi/Dari (spoken, read and written), Russian (read and written), German (read and written), French (read and written), two years of college level Arabic.