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APPOINTMENTS

Princeton University 2023—present
Postdoctoral Research Associate, School of Public and International Affairs

The Ohio State University 2023—present
External Affiliate, Models of Emergent Social Order (MESO) Lab

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University 2023
Ph.D., Political Science

Fields: International Relations and Political Methodology

Dissertation: “Three Essays on Preferences and International Politics”

Committee: Christopher Gelpi (chair), William Minozzi, & Daniel Verdier

Seoul National University 2015
M.I.S., International Cooperation, *Highest Honors*

The Chinese University of Hong Kong 2012
B.A., Anthropology, *First Class Honours*

INTERESTS

International bargaining • Public opinion • Foreign policy decision-making • International security • International orders • US-China competition • Game theory and computational modeling • Causal mechanisms and inference.

REFEREED ARTICLES

M. van Beek, M. Lopate, A. Goodhart, D. Peterson, J. Edgerton, H. Xiong, M. Alam, L. Tiglay, D. Kent, and B. Braumoeller, “Hierarchy and War.” Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.

UNDER REVIEW

M. van Beek, “A Preferences-based Theory of Audience Costs.”

M. van Beek, “The Trilemma of Hegemonic Order Competition.”

M. Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, **M. van Beek**, and D. Verdier, “Dynamics of Change in International Organizations.”

G. Smith and **M. van Beek**, “The Power to Hurt and Public Support for War.”

CURRENT PROJECTS

M. van Beek, “Only Doves could send Nixon to China.” *Working paper*.

D. Peterson, **M. van Beek**, J. Edgerton, M. Lopate, A. Goodhart, M. Alam, H. Xiong, and B. Braumoeller, “Warring Leviathans: Conflict Among Hierarchies and the Evolution of Human Prosociality.” *Working paper*.

J. Edgerton, A. Goodhart, D. Peterson, **M. van Beek**, M. Lopate, and B. Braumoeller, “What Is International Order and How Should We Measure It? Quantifying an Elusive Concept.” *Working paper*.

M. van Beek, “Alliance Management in the Face of Public Opinion: Experimental Evidence from the United States, Japan, and South Korea.”

D. Verdier and **M. van Beek**, “The Power of the Weak.”

M. Alam, **M. van Beek**, and B. Braumoeller, “Measuring Uncertainty in the International System.”

M. van Beek, “Estimating Latent Variables through Simulation.”

M. van Beek, “strategizeR: An R Package for Simulating and Analyzing Political Behavior.”

**GRANTS,
FELLOWSHIPS,
AWARDS**

The National Science Foundation

- Funded my work with the MESO Lab 2022—2023
- Helped draft the grant that established the MESO Lab, \$750,000 2021

The Charles Koch Foundation

- Graduate Research Support Grant, \$5,000 2022—2023

The Carnegie Foundation of New York

- Funded my work with the MESO Lab 2021—2022
- Helped draft the grant that established the MESO Lab, \$200,000 2021

The Ohio State University

- MESO Lab Predoctoral Fellowship 2021—2023
- Mershon Center Research Grant, \$5,000 2021
- Mershon Center Research Grant, \$2,820 2020
- Graduate Associateship 2017—2021
- University Fellowship 2016—2017

University of Michigan, Nam Center for Korean Studies

- Perspectives on Contemporary Korea Conference, Travel Grant 2017

Seoul National University

- Award for Academic Achievement 2015
- Min Gyesik Scholarship for Academic Excellence (x3) 2013—2014

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

- Yasumoto International Exchange Scholarship 2010—2011
- Dean’s List of Students 2009—2010

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| RESEARCH POSITIONS | Predoctoral Affiliate, MESO Lab | 2018—2023 |
| | Research Assistant, Bear Braumoeller | 2021—2023 |
| | Graduate Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies | 2020—2022 |
| | Research Assistant, Bear Braumoeller | Summer 2020 |
| | Research Assistant, Sara Watson | Summer 2019 |
| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | Award | |
| | Outstanding Graduate Associate Teaching Award | 2021 |
| | Instructor of Record (Graduate) | |
| | PS 7681—Computational Game Theory | Spring 2023 |
| | Instructor of Record (Undergraduate) | |
| | PS 4315—International Security and the Causes of War | Autumn 2020 |
| | PS 1300—Global Politics | Spring 2021 |
| | | Spring 2020 |
| | | Spring, Autumn 2019 |
| | Teaching Assistant | |
| PS 4315—International Security and the Causes of War Instructor: Christopher Gelpi, Ph.D. | Autumn 2018 | |
| PS 4331—The United Nations System Instructor: Alexander Thompson, Ph.D. | Autumn 2017, Spring 2018 | |
| SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES | Co-Founder, Korea and the World | 2014—present |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Podcast that interviews academics and experts on political, economic and societal issues related to Korea • Collaborated on a series with Ohio State’s East Asian Studies Center | 2021 |
| | Jury member, Edgar S. Furniss Book Award | 2021 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mershon Center for International Security Studies | |
| CONFERENCE & PRESENTATIONS | Cato Institute Junior Scholar Symposium | 2023 (scheduled) |
| | West Point International Security Seminar | 2023 |
| | American Political Science Association | 2022 |
| | American Political Science Association | 2022 |
| | International Order, Governance, and Networks of Cooperation (invited discussant) | 2022 |
| | American Political Science Association | 2021 |
| | Midwest Political Science Association | 2021 |
| | International Studies Association Annual Convention | 2021 |
| | Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research | 2020 |
| | The Future of American Grand Strategy Conference (invited discussant) | 2020 |
| | American Political Science Association | 2020 |
| | Midwest Political Science Association (canceled) | 2020 |
| | World Congress for Korean Politics and Society | 2015 |

TRAINING

University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.
Oxford Programme on Negotiation 2011

The Erdős Institute, Columbus OH, U.S.A.
Data Science Boot Camp 2020

METHODS

Modeling: Game Theory, Computational Simulation
Research Design: Experimental Design, Survey and Questionnaire Design
Statistics: Probability Theory, Applied Regressions and Generalized Linear Models,
Causal Inference, Machine Learning

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical analysis: R, Python, Stan
Computational modeling: Julia, NetLogo
Misc.: Bash (& Slurm), Git, L^AT_EX, Lisp (Emacs), JavaScript for Qualtrics

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French (Native), Korean (Intermediate), Chinese (Cantonese, Putonghua; Basic)

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