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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*

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

REFEREED **M. van Beek**, M. Lopate, A. Goodhart, D. Peterson, J. Edgerton, H. Xiong, M.
JOURNAL Alam, L. Tiglay, D. Kent, and B. Braumoeller. 2025. “Hierarchy and War.” *Amer-*
ARTICLES *ican Journal of Political Science* 69: 299-313. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12855>.

MANUSCRIPTS **M. van Beek**, “The Trilemma of Hegemonic Order Competition.” [PDF]
IN SUBMISSION **M. van Beek**, “A Preferences-based Theory of Audience Costs.” [PDF]

J. Edgerton, D. Heinze, **M. van Beek**, and H. Xiong, “Hierarchy misalignment and war: Network effects of relational and material power.” [Draft available upon request]

G. Smith and **M. van Beek**, “The Power to Hurt and Public Support for War.” [Draft available upon request]

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

MANUSCRIPTS
IN PREPARATION

M. van Beek, “Only Doves could send Nixon to China.” [Draft available upon request]

M. Prior, **M. van Beek**, Isha Sinha, and A. Alsharawy, “Measurement Precision versus User Fatigue: Temporal Discounting in Politics.” [Draft available upon request]

M. Prior, A. Alsharawy, **M. van Beek**, and Isha Sinha, “A Direct Method for the Estimation of Temporal Preferences.”

M. van Beek and G. Smith, “The Balance of Blood Casualty ratios and the public’s threshold for war.”

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

C. Gelpi and **M. van Beek**, “Public Opinion, Democratic Institutions, and Leader Credibility.”

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.”

A. Goodhart, J. Edgerton, D. Peterson, D. Kent, **M. van Beek**, Maryum Alam, M. Lopate, Haoming Xiong and B. Braumoeller, “Measuring International Order: Three Approaches to an Amorphous Concept.”

M. Alam, **M. van Beek**, and B. Braumoeller, “Refining known unknowns? Modeling and Measuring Uncertainty.”

M. van Beek, “Likelihood-free Inference in Strategic Contexts.”

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

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

GRANTS &
FELLOWSHIPS

The National Science Foundation

- Funded course-buyouts to 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 course-buyouts to 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

CONFERENCE & PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (scheduled)	2025
International Studies Association Annual Convention	2025
West Point International Security Seminar	2025
New York Area Political Psychology Meeting	2024
American Political Science Association	2024
West Point International Security Seminar	2024
Cato Institute Junior Scholar Symposium	2023
West Point International Security Seminar	2023
American Political Science Association	2022
Int'l Order, Governance, and Networks of Cooperation	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	2020
American Political Science Association	2020
Midwest Political Science Association (canceled)	2020
World Congress for Korean Politics and Society	2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Award

- Outstanding Graduate Associate Teaching Award 2021

Instructor of Record (Undergraduate), Princeton

- Survey Methods Bootcamp Spring 2025

Instructor of Record (Graduate), OSU

- PS 7681—Computational Game Theory [[Sample material](#)] Spring 2023

Instructor of Record (Undergraduate), OSU

- PS 4315—International Security and the Causes of War [[Syllabus](#)] Autumn 2020

PS 1300—Global Politics [[Syllabus](#)]

Spring 2021
Spring 2020
Spring, Autumn 2019

Teaching Assistant, OSU

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

RESEARCH POSITIONS

External Affiliate, MESO Lab 2023—present
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

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Founder, [Korea and the World](#) 2014—present
• 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
• Mershon Center for International Security Studies

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: Machine Learning, Causal Inference, Probability Theory, Applied
Regressions and Generalized Linear Models

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

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

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French (Fluent), Korean (Intermediate), Chinese (Cantonese, Putonghua; Ba-
sic)

REFERENCES

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