

Hotel (April 10th): *COURTYARD By Marriott*, 750 Motel Dr, Merced, CA 95340 (ph. (209) 725-1221)
Hotel (April 11th): *El Capitan Hotel*, 609 W Main St, Merced, CA 95340 (ph. (209) 383-1234)

Conference Schedule Friday, April 11, 2025

8:30am: Depart via shuttle service from COURTYARD By Marriott to COB2 #392 on UC Merced Campus.

9:00am – 9:15am: Welcome Remarks and Breakfast

9:15am – 10:00am: Anil Ramachandran Menon (UC Merced) – *“Mobilizing Frames: How do different appeals affect Jewish-American attachment to Israel? Findings from 2022 and 2024.”*; Discussant: Elizabeth Stein (UCLA)

10:00am – 10:45am: Alison Brysk (UCSB) – *“Abortion rights backlash: the struggle for democracy in Europe and the Americas.”*; Discussant: Anil Menon (UC Merced)

10:45am – 11:00am: Break

11:00am – 11:45am: Elizabeth Stein (UCLA) – *“Perceived Insecurities: Pushing Back and Leaning In on Israel in the US, France, and Canada.”*; Discussant: Barry O’Neill (UCLA)

11:45am – 12:30pm: Barry O’Neill (UCLA) – *“What it Means to ‘Negotiate in Good Faith’.”*; Discussant: Jual Tellez (UC Davis)

12:30pm-1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm – 2:15pm: Michael Davidson (UCSD) – *“Globalizing Supply Chains in Clean Technologies: Benefits, Risks and Recourses”*; Discussant: David Gordon (UC Santa Cruz)

2:15pm – 3:00pm: Jana Grittersova (UC Riverside) – *“Fifty Shades of Green: Central Bank Communication about Climate Change and Inflation Expectations”*; Discussant: Ryan Brutger (UC Berkeley)

3:00pm – 3:15pm: Break

3:15pm – 4:00pm: Erin Lockwood (UC Irvine) – *“Corporate Titans and the First Image of World Politics.”*; Discussant: Steven Liao (UC Riverside)

4:00pm – 4:45pm: Andrew Shaver (UC Merced) – *“Anonymous Online Survey Detection (and Journalist Verification) of Political Violence, Social Unrest and Human Rights Violations: Results from Bangladesh and Pakistan.”*; Discussant: Courtenay Monroe (UC Merced)

5:00pm: Depart campus for El Capitan Hotel via shuttle service.

6:00pm – 8:00 pm: Dinner at Rain Bird in Merced.

Attendees

UC Faculty / Staff

Ryan Brutger

Ryan Brutger is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley. He earned his Ph.D. in the department of Politics at Princeton University. Prior to joining Berkeley, he was an Assistant Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. He is broadly interested in international relations and foreign policy. His research crosses international political economy, international law, international security, and political psychology, examining the domestic politics of international negotiations and cooperation. Prior to returning to academia, he was a Director with the Association of Academic Health Centers, where he focused on best practices for international research and operations. He also worked for Sidley Austin LLP, where I was the lead legal assistant on the Airbus-Boeing WTO disputes and worked on ICSID, antidumping, countervailing duties, and trade remedies cases.

Alison Brysk

Alison Brysk is the Distinguished Professor in the Department of Global Studies and Political Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She has authored or edited 17 books on international human rights. Professor Brysk has been selected Distinguished Scholar in Human Rights of the International Studies Association; the American Political Science Association; a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center; and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Michael Davidson

Michael Davidson's research focuses on the engineering implications and institutional conflicts inherent in deploying renewable energy at scale. He is particularly interested in systems within emerging electricity markets, including China and India, as well as the western U.S. He is an assistant professor at the School of Global Policy and Strategy and the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department of the Jacobs School of Engineering. Davidson was previously the U.S.-China Climate Policy Coordinator for the environmental nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). He is a Public Intellectuals Program Fellow at the National Committee of U.S.-China Relations from 2021 until 2023. Davidson is also a former Fulbright Scholar and has received fellowships from the MIT Energy Initiative and Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability. Prior to joining UC San Diego, Davidson was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center's Environment and Natural Resources Program. He received his Ph.D. in engineering systems at the MIT Institute for Data, Systems, and Society, where he was a researcher with the MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change and a member of the Tsinghua-MIT China Energy and Climate Project. He is also a fellow with the Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy, hosted at Johns Hopkins SAIS. He also holds an S.M. in Technology and Policy from MIT.

David Gordon

Dr. Gordon teaches and conducts research on the topics of global governance, the politics of climate change, environmental sustainability, and global urban governance. Dr. Gordon's research addresses problems of global coordination and explores the opportunities and limitations of non-traditional (those involving actors other than states) modes of collective action. He focuses on identifying the politics and power relations that operate within such initiatives, and

understanding how these internal dynamics influence both governance outcomes and perceptions of political legitimacy. His work contributes to the literature on global environmental governance and engages in active dialogue with multiple scholarly communities (International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Urban Politics). Working at these disciplinary borders opens up analytic space to explore novel efforts at generating collective action, disrupting lock-in, and producing meaningful and just governance outcomes at both global and local scales. Current research projects underway focus on the political legitimacy of cities as global climate governors and the politics of just transformations in and through cities, with a special interest in (a) the ways in which cities are making efforts at being more transparent in their climate governance ambitions and activities (b) the local political legitimacy of cities as global climate actors as a function of city transparency and accountability across governance scales (local vs. global), and (c) assessing transformative interventions at the urban scale.

Jana Grittersova

Jana Grittersova is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Cooperating Faculty at the Department of Economics at the University of California, Riverside. Her research integrates international and comparative political economy, international economics, and business finance. She has developed an active research program that centers on the political economy of international finance. In a series of articles and in her book manuscript, she has focused on three inter-related research agendas: 1) the political economy of exchange rate policy; 2) the credibility in international markets; 3) the variety of financial capitalism. Her published and ongoing research explores the sources of government reputation in international markets, the implications of the structure of banking sector ownership for government economic policies, the determinants of variation in financial development across countries, and the politics of fiscal austerity. This academic agenda has inspired her to embrace methodological pluralism, blending elements of advanced statistical modeling and comparative analysis. She received her Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University and a PhD in Economics from the University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia. She has previously taught at the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University, and has worked at the European Commission in Brussels and the National Bank of Slovakia (central bank). She has received the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellowship, British Chevening Award, among other fellowships and awards. Her economic analyses and legal decisions on the European competition law were published in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Tyler Ellison

Tyler Ellison is the communications associate for the UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), where he manages the IGCC's website and social media platforms, as well as serves as producer/editor of the IGCC podcast series, Talking Policy. Tyler is a graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University with a B.A. in Managerial and Organizational Communication, as well as Philosophy. Outside of work, Tyler's interests include film and television, music, and major league baseball (Go Padres!).

Steven Liao

Steven Liao is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Riverside, and a Non-resident Scholar at the 21st Century China Center, University of California, San Diego. Before joining UCR, he was a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance at Princeton University. His research interests lie in the intersection of international political economy and political methodology. Much of his research uses large-scale administrative data to improve our understanding of the politics of

economic globalization. His research projects have examined the influence of firms on immigration policymaking, the politics of foreign real estate investments, big data and the evolution of international trade relationships, and the politics of Chinese Renminbi internationalization. His work has appeared or is forthcoming in the *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Nature Human Behaviour*, and *The Review of International Organizations*. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in Politics (2015) and a B.A. from National Chengchi University (Taiwan) in Political Science, Economics, and Diplomacy (2008).

Erin Lockwood

Erin Lockwood is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Irvine. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University in 2017 and both a B.A. in International Studies and a B.S. in Economics from American University in 2011. Her current book project examines the financial market practices through which both the market for over-the-counter derivatives and the authority of private financial actors were constructed. Through an interpretive analysis of regulatory documents, she finds that practices like risk modelling, standardized contracts, and collateralization reassured public regulators of the market's ability to govern itself even as these practices were inadequate and in some cases destabilizing during the 2008 financial crisis. Nonetheless, because these practices were constitutive of the market, and because private market actors were closely involved in the post-crisis regulatory effort, these were the practices public regulators reached for in the aftermath of the crisis, reinscribing private financial authority and the crisis-prone nature of the OTC derivatives market. Her second strand of research focuses on the IPE of global inequality, which she contends is sufficiently distinct from both poverty and development and from national inequality to constitute a unique object of inquiry. She is currently working on a paper exploring Oxfam's attempts to politicize the highly unequal global distribution of wealth and income through its annual global inequality reports. She is also interested in finance's contribution to global inequality and the backlash to financial power, including its antisemitic versions on the political right and left.

Mark F Massoud

Mark Fathi Massoud is professor and chair of politics and the director of legal studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Most recently, Professor Massoud was a Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School (Fall 2023), a Berlin Prize fellow at the American Academy in Berlin (Spring 2024), and a Visiting Professor at the University of Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies (2021-2024). Professor Massoud studies how people build and destroy nations, why and how they create legal systems, and why religion matters in politics. His primary methods include historical and archival research, ethnographic fieldwork, and interviews. He is the author of two books. *Shari'a, Inshallah*, which earned seven book awards, shows how activists and officials use religion to build law and national identity. It is based on research in Somalia and Somaliland. *Law's Fragile State*, which earned two book awards, argues that colonial officials, authoritarian regimes, and international lawyers each used principles of the rule of law to govern Sudan. Professor Massoud is also co-editor of *Out of Place: Fieldwork and Positionality in Law and Society*. He is currently writing a book with Kathleen M. Moore (UC Santa Barbara) about religion, law, and ethics in the United States, derived from their collaborative *Shari'a Revoiced* project.

Anil Ramachandran Menon

Anil Ramachandran Menon is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of California - Merced. His research focuses on the legacies of political violence and political responses to conditions of vulnerability more broadly. This work brings him into conversation with research in comparative politics, international relations, and political psychology. His work is published or forthcoming at journals including the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *The Economic Journal*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and *PLOS ONE*. It has also been featured in popular press outlets like the *Washington Post*: Monkey Cage and The Conversation. His work has received financial support from organizations such as the American Political Science Association (APSA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Most recently, he and his co-PIs (Allen Hicken, Tom Pepinsky, Dan Slater) received a four-year multimillion dollar grant through the Department of Defense (DoD) - Minerva Research Initiative, to study social cohesion across the South China Sea region in the context of escalating great power competition between the U.S. and China. He is a Research Affiliate at the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) and the Center for Analytic Political Engagement (CAPE), and a Visiting Research Fellow at The Center for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University. Prior to joining UCM, he was a Klarman Postdoctoral Fellow (2022 - 2023) in the Government Department at Cornell University. He completed his PhD in Political Science at the University of Michigan, an MSc. in Economic History (Research) at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a B.A. in Economics and History at Middlebury College. He is also an alumnus of the United World Colleges initiative.

Courtenay Monroe

Professor Monroe's research interests fall at the intersection of international relations and comparative politics. She is primarily interested in how domestic and international institutions affect political violence, including government repression and opposition dissent. The majority of her work to date focuses on how executives make decisions regarding human rights in the face of institutional constraints. Professor Monroe's work has been published in the *American Political Science Review*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and the *Journal of Peace Research*, among others.

Nathan Monroe

Nathan (Nate) Monroe is Professor of Political Science and Tony Coelho Endowed Chair of Public Policy at UC Merced. In 2021, he helped establish and became the founding director of the Center for Analytic Political Engagement (CAPE). He is also a research affiliate at the UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC). Much of his teaching and research focuses on legislative process--especially agenda setting--at the state, federal, and international level. His research has appeared in the leading journals and book presses in political science, as well as a number of interdisciplinary journals. He is regularly quoted by state, local and national media sources for his expertise on various legislative topics. Nate teaches a broad range of courses on American politics at the undergraduate and graduate level, including Congressional Politics, Presidential Politics, Politics and Film, The Politics of Reform, American Political Institutions, and Research Design in Political Science. He has also developed a unique course, with Former California Assembly Member Adam Gray, that simulates a legislative session of the California State Senate. His graduate students have taken tenure-track faculty positions at major research universities including Binghamton University and the University of Pittsburgh.

Barry O'Neill

Professor O'Neill studies decision-making in social and political contexts. His work applies game theory to study foreign policy decisions, with a view to preventing war. He is currently studying the governance of international organizations, and examining the role of national prestige as a motive for countries seeking weapons of mass destruction. He is the author of *Honor, Symbols, and War* (University of Michigan Press, 1999), which won the 2000 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for the best book published on government, politics, or international affairs. He is also working on the foundations of game theory, seeking extensions that will allow wider applications in political settings. He is currently preparing a manuscript on longstanding myths about public policy. Recently, he has been a Visiting Fellow at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation. He has taught courses on game theory and negotiation at Stanford's Political Science department, Yale University, York University in Toronto, Northwestern University's Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences Department, and in the Psychology Department of Queens University, Kingston.

Andrew Shaver

Andrew Shaver is an assistant professor of political science at the University of California, Merced. He is an international relations scholar focused on the causes, consequences, and measurement of political violence globally with a particular focus on forcible displacement; the security consequences of a changing global climate; and how major international news media reporting (mis)shapes our understanding of these and related issues. He previously completed postdoctoral research fellowships at Stanford University's Political Science Department and, separately, at Dartmouth College. Professor Shaver earned his PhD in Public Affairs (security studies) from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs and completed his final year of the doctoral program as a fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is also the founding director of the Political Violence Lab. His research appears in the *American Political Science Review*, *American Economic Review*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, and *Journal of Politics*, amongst other outlets. Professor Shaver previously served in different foreign affairs/national security positions within the U.S. Government, including spending nearly one and a half years in Iraq during the U.S.-led war with the Pentagon.

Elizabeth Stein

Dr. Elizabeth Stein's research focuses on Israel-Diaspora relations, diaspora politics broadly, and political division, activism, and organizational fragmentation among Jews in the United States, France, and Canada on matters concerning Israel. Her dissertation examined why "pushback" activist and advocacy organizations, whose positions on Israel and Zionism vary but which broadly oppose mainstream, establishment Jewish and Israel-advocacy organizations in their respective states, are significantly less well-developed in France and Canada than they are in the US. Dr. Stein received her doctorate from Queen's University, Canada, and is currently developing her dissertation, which was awarded Honorable Mention by the International Studies Association's International Relations and Religion section, into a book manuscript. She also teaches the course "Special Studies in International Relations: Diaspora Politics" in the UCLA Dept. of Political Science.

Juan Tellez

Professor Tellez is an assistant professor of political science at The University of California, Davis where he researches and teaches on security, development, and research methods. In his research, he often works with governments, international donors, and their implementing partners to improve the design and evaluation of development programming around the

world. He was born in Cali, Colombia, grew up in Cali/South Florida, and has lived in Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, and now California. PhD in Political Science, 2019, Duke University; MA in Political Science, 2016, Duke University; BA in Political Science, 2013, University of Florida.

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