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Academic Appointments

September 2021–present: Assistant Professor, School of Politics & International Relations, University of Nottingham

Affiliate, Centre for Research into Ideas and the Study of Political Ideologies (CRISPI)

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology (minor)

M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2016

B.A., International Relations and Modern Languages (German; French), Knox College, 2013
summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with College Honors

Research

Published

Búzás, Zoltán I., and Anna A. Meier. Forthcoming. "Racism by Designation: Making Sense of Why Western States Rarely Designate White Supremacists as Terrorists." *Security Studies*.

Meier, Anna A., and Layla E. Picard. 2023. "Diversity in Proxy War Studies: Politics, Positionality, and Colonial Persistence." In Assaf Moghadam, Vladimir Rauta, and Michel Wyss (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Proxy Wars*. Forthcoming.

Meier, Anna A. 2022. "Terror as Justice, Justice as Terror: Counterterrorism and Anti-Black Racism in the United States." *Critical Studies on Terrorism* 15 (1): 83–101.

Meier, Anna A. 2020. "The Idea of Terror: Institutional Reproduction in Government Responses to Political Violence." *International Studies Quarterly* 64 (3): 499–509.

-Winner of the Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in the Social Sciences, UW–Madison

-One of *International Studies Quarterly's* three most discussed articles of 2020

In progress

“Critical Reflexivity and Research on State Responses to the Far Right.” (submitted for inclusion in *The Ethics of Researching the Far Right*)

“The Idea of Terror: White Supremacist Violence and the Making of Counterterrorism” (book manuscript)

“White Supremacist Violence, Collective Memory, and the ‘Hitlerian Connotation’.”

“In and Of Us: Identity, Democracy, and Banning White Supremacists in Germany.”

“Teaching Without Teaching: The Non-Teaching Tasks of an Early-Career Instructor.” (chapter abstract accepted for inclusion in *Early Career Instructors: Learning How to Teach Political Science and International Relations*)

Commentary and analysis

“Who Really Benefits from Banning White Supremacist Groups?” *Lawfare*, December 18, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3YDnbTw>

“Research as Resistance: A Target-Centred Approach to Studying Anti-Queer and Trans Violence.” *Global Network on Extremism and Technology*, December 8, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3VVyxQK>

“Dr. Anna Meier on Counter-Terrorism.” *Yeah Nah Pasaran!*, October 27, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3WiSzW5>

“How to Stop Minimising Mental Illness: Bridging Individual Responsibility and Systemic Transformation.” *Higher Education Policy Institute*, October 10, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3CtnSnS>

“Anna Meier and Aaron Winter on the Shawcross Report.” *Enemies of the People*, May 31, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3PRC3co>

“Is Official Terrorist Content Illegal Online? Terrorist Designation and the Online Realm.” *Tech Against Terrorism podcast*, April 13, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3KPC3qe>

“Anna Meier on White Supremacy and the Idea of Terror.” *Enemies of the People*, February 1, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3rvGZJW>

“Germany’s White Supremacist Problem—and What It Means for the United States.” *Lawfare*, January 30, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3g9z3aQ>

“IR hasn’t made serious progress on LGBTQ+ inclusion. Here’s why.” *International Affairs Blog*, August 11, 2021. <https://bit.ly/37zL7hi>

“Want to Improve Equity and Inclusion in Political Science? Address White Supremacy.” *Duck of Minerva*, January 11, 2021. <https://bit.ly/3nE6vaD>

“Anna Meier on Terrorist Designation and Tofu.” *Say More on That*, January 6, 2021. <https://apple.co/2SUN04n>

“Holiday Baking and Understanding Terrorism Policies with Anna Meier.” *Proofing and Lies*, December 28, 2020. <https://apple.co/3wm0oMj>

“What Does a ‘Terrorist’ Designation Mean?” *Lawfare*, July 19, 2020. <https://bit.ly/39qH8Up>

“The U.S. labeled a white supremacist group as ‘terrorists’ for the first time. It’s less significant than you think.” *The Monkey Cage*, April 30, 2020. <https://wapo.st/3fg18eK>

“Identity, Law, and How Political Elites Define Terrorism.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, October 18, 2019. <https://bit.ly/2P7ef71>

“Why do Facebook and Twitter’s anti-extremist guidelines allow right-wingers more freedom than Islamists?” *The Monkey Cage*, August 1, 2019. <https://wapo.st/2KhUFm5>

Other academic writing

Book Review of “Streets Without Joy: A Political History of Sanctuary.” 2023. H-Diplo Book Roundtable, <https://bit.ly/3mc0dEg>

Book review of “Spreading Hate: The Global Rise of White Supremacist Terrorism.” 2023. *International Affairs* 99 (1): 375–77.

“Mental Health and the Job Market.” 2022. In *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*, <https://apsanet.org/gradschool>. (with Adnan Rasool and Annelise Russell)

“Community, Solidarity, and Collective Power: The Role of Graduate Student Organizations and Graduate Worker Unions.” 2022. In *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*, <https://apsanet.org/gradschool>. (with Samantha Cooney, Patrick Gauding, and Kevin Reuning)

“Advice on How to Prep for the Academic Job Market.” May 4, 2021. Document now in use at the University of Chicago, Columbia University, and other PhD-granting political science departments. <https://bit.ly/3B3ChWB>

Presentations

Conferences (last three years)

“White Fragility, Reactionary Masculinity, and Studies of the Far Right.” European Workshops in International Studies, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 13, 2023

“White Fragility, Reactionary Masculinity, and Studies of the Far Right.” Council for European Studies, Reykjavik, Iceland, June 27, 2023

“Roundtable: Retaining the ‘Critical’ in Critical Terrorism Studies: Is It Possible?” British International Studies Association, Glasgow, Scotland, June 21, 2023

“Roundtable: Training Early-Career Instructors in International Studies: Existing Efforts and Challenges, and Future Possibilities.” British International Studies Association, Glasgow, Scotland, June 21, 2023

“Dialogue: How the War on Terrorism and Extremism is Undermining Digital Rights Around the World.” RightsCon, June 6, 2023 (online)

“From McCarran to McVeigh: Cold War Immigration Policy and Contemporary Counterterrorism.” International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 17, 2023

“In and Of Us: Identity, Democracy, and Banning White Supremacists in Germany.” International Studies Association–Northeast Division, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, November 5, 2022

“Roundtable: Decolonizing Pedagogy Sustainably.” International Studies Association–Northeast Division (online), November 1, 2022

"Roundtable: Supporting Early Career Instructors in IR." International Studies Association–Northeast Division (online), November 1, 2022

"In and Of Us: Identity, Democracy, and Banning White Supremacists in Germany." Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, September 7, 2022 (online)

"White Supremacist Violence, Collective Memory, and the 'Hitlerian Connotation.'" British International Studies Association, Newcastle, UK, June 15, 2022

"Roundtable: Reflecting on Mentoring for Its Future in a Post-Covid Discipline." International Studies Association–Northeast Division (online), November 4, 2021

"Critical Reflexivity and Research on State Responses to the Far Right." Network for Critical Research on the Ethics of Researching the Extreme & Far Right (online), May 13, 2021

"Counterterrorism and Combatancy: Recasting International Humanitarian Law Using the Soleimani Assassination." International Studies Association (online), April 8, 2021

Invited research talks

Oxford University, International Relations Colloquium, March 9, 2023

University of Edinburgh, International Relations Research Group, October 17, 2022 (online)

University of Chicago, Race and Security Workshop, February 4, 2022 (online)

Royal Holloway, University of London, Centre for International Security, November 9, 2021 (online)

Boston University, Center for the Study of Europe, October 27, 2021 (online)

Other invited presentations

Invited Panelist, "Gendered Approaches to Online Violent Extremism." Global Network on Extremism and Technology Third Annual Conference, London, UK, May 25, 2023

Invited Presenter, "A Quickstart Guide to Accessible Lectures." Western Political Science Association Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy Virtual Community, April 26, 2023 (online)

Invited Panelist, "Designating Terrorism: The Need for Clarity and Transparency to Moderate Online Terrorist Content." Tech Against Terrorism, March 23, 2023 (online)

Evidence presentation, Liberal Democrats Security Working Group, December 15, 2022 (online)

Invited Panelist, "Roundtable on the Far Right After the Mid-Term Elections." European Consortium for Political Research Standing Group on Political Violence, November 23, 2022 (online)

Invited Presenter, "White Supremacy, Misogyny, and the 'New' Terrorism." Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network, Syracuse University, June 23–25, 2022

Invited Panelist, "Demystifying decolonising the curriculum? Insights from teaching practices in the faculty." Faculty of Social Sciences Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Festival, University of Nottingham, May 26, 2022

Invited Panelist, "Being an Out LGBTQ+ Academic in IR." Outing IR series, Mortara Center for International Studies, Georgetown University, May 2, 2022 (online)

"White Supremacy Before, During, and After Trump." Invited talk for the Broxtowe Labour Party, February 24, 2022

Invited Presenter, "Confronting Racism and Sexism in Academia." Annual PhD Retreat, ETH Zurich/University of Zurich, February 10, 2022 (online)

Invited Panelist, Interpretivist Methods Clinic, Western Political Science Association, November 30, 2021 (online)

Invited Panelist, "From Utoya to Halle, Hanau & Christchurch: How to Combat the Globalization of Far-Right Extremism?" German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) and German Federal Foreign Office (A.A.), October 25, 2021 (online)

Invited Panelist, "Book Panel: The Universal Enemy: Jihad, Empire, and the Challenge of Solidarity." Contexts of Violent Extremism in MENA and Balkan Societies (CONNEKT), April 27, 2021 (online)

Invited Panelist, "Unpacking the Hidden Curriculum: Building an Academic Web Presence." University of Utah, October 23, 2020 (online)

Workshop on Right-Wing Terrorism and Critical Terrorism Studies, Critical Studies on Terrorism working group, British International Studies Association, September 28, 2020 (online)

"White Supremacist Violence in the U.S. and Europe." Guest lecture at Global Affairs & the Media, Capitol Lakes Retirement Center, February 26, 2020

Teaching

As convenor:

Race and Politics, University of Nottingham, fall 2022 (co-convened with Neema Begum)

Responding to Violent Extremism, University of Nottingham, spring 2022, 2023 (co-convened with Carl Gibson)

As seminar tutor:

Theories and Concepts in International Relations, University of Nottingham, fall 2021, 2022

As guest lecturer:

"Queer Theory." Theories and Concepts in International Relations, University of Nottingham, December 6, 2022

"Terrorism and Extremism." Theories of Criminal Behaviour, Division of Psychiatry and Applied Psychology, University of Nottingham, October 25, 2022

Guest presenter, "The Culture Wars." Political Geography, University of Nottingham, October 6, 2022

"Terrorism and Extremism." Theories of Criminal Behaviour, Division of Psychiatry and Applied Psychology, University of Nottingham, November 2, 2021

"Black Leftist Movements and Counterterrorism in the U.S." POLI 1900: Introduction to Race and Politics, University of Iowa, March 23, 2021 (online)

"Terrorism." Poli Sci 51: Introduction to Politics Around the World, University of California, Irvine, May 27, 2020 (online)

“Gender in International Law.” PS 356: Principles of International Law, UW–Madison, December 3, 2019

“Global Terrorism.” PS 347: Terrorism, UW–Madison, October 1, 2018

“Migration and Refugees.” PS 350: International Political Economy, UW–Madison, August 6, 2018 (online)

As teaching assistant:

Introduction to International Studies, UW–Madison, spring 2021 (online)

Principles of International Law, UW–Madison, fall 2019

Terrorism, UW–Madison, fall 2017 and 2018

International Political Economy, UW–Madison, summer 2018 (online)

Introduction to Survey Research, UW–Madison, spring 2018

Introduction to International Relations, UW–Madison, fall 2015

Survey of International Relations, Knox College, fall 2012

American National Government, Knox College, spring 2012

Course design and preparation:

Introduction to International Studies, UW–Madison, 2019, 2020, 2021 (online)

Non-Academic Experience

Faculty Research Assistant, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), 2014–2015

- Managed team of coders for the Global Terrorism Database (GTD); conducted research on terrorist targets worldwide for State Department and DHS clients

General Associate, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), 2014

- Triaged primary source data on terrorist attacks for the Global Terrorism Database (GTD)

Communications Associate, Project on Government Oversight (POGO), 2012

- Researched and wrote on DoD weapons acquisition, the military-industrial complex, and government accountability issues

Consulting

Tech Against Terrorism, March 2021–present

RAND Europe, July 2021

Simon-Skjodt Center, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, October 2020

Other Training

Supervising Doctoral Studies, University of Nottingham Researcher Academy course, 2022

Fellow, Advance HE (Higher Education Academy)

Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop, October 17–19, 2021

Workshops in Online Instruction, UW–Madison Division of Information Technology, May 2020

Workshop on Interpretive and Relational Methodologies, International Studies Association–Northeast Division, Providence, RI, November 2019

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Ithaca, NY, July 2018

Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Chapel Hill, NC, June 2017

Awards and Grants

Early Career Researcher Small Grant, British International Studies Association, 2022

Summer Writing Scholarship, UW–Madison, 2021

Graduate Fellow, Institute for Legal Studies, UW–Madison, 2020–2021

Alternate, College of Letters & Sciences Teaching Fellowship, UW–Madison, 2020

Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence Research Assistantship, UW–Madison, 2020

Future Faculty Partner, UW–Madison Teaching Academy, 2019–2021

Summer Initiative Grant, UW–Madison, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Wisconsin Project on International Relations Grant, UW–Madison, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Department Nominee, Innovation in Teaching Award, UW–Madison, 2018

Department Nominee, Early Excellence in Teaching Award, UW–Madison, 2017

International Relations Fellowship, UW–Madison, 2016

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UW–Madison, 2015–2016 (declined)

Robert F. Seibert Prize in International Relations, Knox College, 2013

Richter Grants (4), Knox College, 2012–2013

Faculty Scholarship Prize, Knox College, 2012

Ford Foundation Fellowship, Knox College, 2011–2012

Service

To the discipline:

Journal reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; *Critical Studies on Security*; *Critical Studies on Terrorism*; *International Organization*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*; *Journal of Hate Studies*; *Journal of Political Science Education*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Review of International Studies*; *Security Studies*

Academic press reviewer: Rowman & Littlefield

Co-Organizer, Junior Scholar Symposium, International Studies Association, 2023–2025

Prize Jury, Jean Blondel PhD Prize, European Consortium for Political Research, 2023

Governing Council Member, International Studies Association–Northeast Division, 2022–2024

Mentor, LGBTQI+ Caucus, International Studies Association, 2021–2022

Representative, APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession, 2019–2021

Student Coordinator, 2017 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting

At the University of Nottingham:

Organizer, "COVID as a Mass-Disabling Event: A Pedagogy of Kindness in Pandemic Times," School of Politics Disability Recognition Month event, December 14, 2022

Co-organizer, School of Politics Staff–PGR Women's Event, December 5, 2022

Co-organizer, School of Politics Staff–PGR Research Relay, October 25, 2022

Learning Community Forum, Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education, 2022–present

Education and Student Experience Committee, School of Politics & International Relations, 2022–present

Feedback Review Subcommittee, School of Politics & International Relations, 2022

Disability Liaison Officer, School of Politics & International Relations, 2021–present

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, School of Politics & International Relations, 2021–2022

Guest presenter, "Crash Course on the Academic Job Market." Postgraduate Researcher Colloquium, School of Politics & International Relations, December 8, 2021

Guest presenter, "Presenting at Conferences." PhD Professional Development Module, School of Politics & International Relations, October 26, 2021

At UW–Madison:

Political Science Department Teaching Assistant Mentor, 2019–2020

Student Coordinator, Diversity in International Relations Undergraduate Conference, 2019

Student Co-Coordinator, International Relations Colloquium, 2017–2019

Student Coordinator, Experimental Politics Workshop, 2017–2019

Student Representative, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, 2016–2018

Tutor, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, 2015–2017

Research Supervision

PhD

Artur Nadiiev, University of Nottingham (in progress; co-supervised with Bettina Renz)

MRes

Benedict Johnson, University of Nottingham (in-progress, co-supervised with Neema Begum)

Professional Memberships

British Academy Early-Career Researcher Network, 2021–present

British International Studies Association, 2021–present

International Studies Association, 2016–present

American Political Science Association, 2015–2022

Miscellaneous

Software: R, L^AT_EX, Python (beginner)

Languages: English (native), German (research fluent), French (conversational), Spanish (beginner)

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