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Faculty & Research positions

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2015 –	<i>Columbia University</i>
	Lecturer in International and Public Affairs (2019–) Faculty Director, United Nations Partnership Initiative (2023–) Director, International Organization and UN Studies Specialization (2019–2025) School of International and Public Affairs Coordinator, Columbia Committee on Forced Migration (2024–) Columbia Global Affiliated faculty, Institute for Global Politics Affiliated faculty, Institute for the Study of Human Rights Founding member, Columbia Committee on Forced Migration Core group member, Earth Network on Climate Mobility, Climate School Adjunct Associate Professor (2018 – 2019) School of International and Public Affairs and Department of Political Science Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law (2017 – 2018) Columbia Law School Adjunct Assistant Professor of International and Public Affairs (2015 – 2018), School of International and Public Affairs
2015 – 2019	<i>The New School</i>
	Part-time Lecturer, Julien Studley Graduate Programs in International Affairs. Faculty fellow, Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility Affiliated faculty, India-China-Institute
2009 – 2016	International Research Coordinator (2013–2016), fellow (2009–2011), non-resident fellow (2011–2013), Organisation for Diaspora Initiatives (ODI), New Delhi.
2011 – 2014	Independent research scholar (conducting research for UN agencies, European University Institute, Jawaharlal Nehru University, among others).
2007 – 2011	Doctoral Research Fellow, Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI), Hamburg.

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Research interests: Global development, international organizations, global governance, migration, refugees, displacement, climate change, human rights, citizenship, public policy, discourse analysis, transnational studies, migration and gender.

Education

2011	Ph.D., Wilhelm-University of Münster (summa cum laude). <i>Fields: political science, international political economy, economic sociology.</i>
2007	Postgraduate Certificate in Economics for Jurists, University of Hagen.
2006	Second State Examination in Law (equals bar exam), Supreme Court of Berlin.
2003	First State Examination in Law (with distinction; equals Juris Doctor), Humboldt-University, Berlin, major in public international and human rights law.
1998 – 1999	Law School and School of Political Science at University “la Sapienza”, Rome.

Teaching

School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University:

- *United Nations and Globalization (annually, Spring 2021-2026)*
- *Migration and Human Development (annually, Fall 2015-2025)*
- *Global Politics and International Organizations (Fall 2025, Spring 2026)*
- *Global Governance: Climate Change & Migration (Spring 2020; 2021; 2023)*
- *The Politics of Policymaking. Global Perspectives on Politics, Policy Analysis & Policy Design (annually, Fall 2022-2024)*
- *Policy Design (Fall 2025, Spring 2026)*
- *Global Immersion Course: Beyond the 'Refugee Crisis': Refugees in Turkey and Global Public Policy (Spring 2020)*
- *Workshops in Development Practice/ Capstone Workshops: Mental Health Services for Migrant Workers in Jordan with ILO/Better Work Jordan (Spring 2019); Labor Market Access for Syrian Refugees in Jordan with ILO/Better Work Jordan (Spring 2017); Local Economic Development, Crowd-Funding and Remittances with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) (Spring 2016); Economic development, small and medium-sized enterprises, and the role of government remittance schemes with IOM (Spring 2015); Gender, public policies, and migrant domestic workers in the US and Brazil with UN Women (Spring 2015)*
- *Group Research Course on the Humanitarian Response to Mixed Migration Flows (Spring 2016)*

Columbia Law School

- *Global Refugee Regimes (Spring 2017; Spring 2018).*

Columbia Climate School, Climate & Society MA

- Leader/lecturer for the segment “International policy dialogue on climate migration and displacement” in the course *Climate Mobility* (Spring 2022; 2023)

Studley Graduate Programs in International Affairs (SGPIA), The New School:

- *Mobility and Forced Migration (Fall 2016-2018)*
- *Displacement, Asylum, Migration (Spring 2015-2016)*
- *Research Workshops, United Nations Summer Study practicum*
 - *Policy and Institutional Coherence (Summer 2016)*
 - *Digital Solutions and Global Mobility (Summer 2019)*

Harvard University

- *Session on ‘Migration, Displacement, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),’ at Jindal Summer School on Human Rights and Development at T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard (Summer 2018; Summer 2019).*

School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi:

- *Lectures on migration and human development (2010–2011).*

External examiner

Master of Arts with a major in Communication for Development, Malmö University, Sweden (2018–2020)

Teaching recognitions

- 2023: *Distinguished Teaching Award*, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.
- 2021: “United Nations and Globalization” and “Global Governance: Climate Change & Migration,” were two of the “Top Five” at SIPA during Spring 2021. Based on the quantitative portion of student teaching evaluations, the courses and teaching ranked in the top five—out of nearly 200 courses taught that semester.
- 2017: Capstone Project I advised received the *Dr. Susan Aurelia Gitelson Award for Human Values in International Affairs*.

Research & Conference grants

2023 - 2025	Principal Investigator, UN Development Plans (Columbia-SIPA Faculty Research Grant, US\$ 15,000).
2022 - 2023	Research Workshop Grant, The Local Turn of UN Studies: Global Governance and International Organizations’ Country-level Activities (International Studies Association, US\$ 2,500).
2022 - 2024	Co-principal investigator, Youth-led advocacy initiative for global citizenship, responsibility, and cooperation with fieldwork in Tunisia and Turkey (Columbia University’s President’s Global Initiative Funds, US\$39,400).
2019	Principal Investigator, study on Human Mobility and Development Planning (Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility Faculty Research Fund for US\$2,000).
2013 – 2016	Principal Investigator, survey and study on the impact of diaspora investments on key economic outcomes in Tunisia (UNDP and Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, US\$180,000).
2014 – 2015	Co-principal Investigator, study on policy and institutional coherence for migration and development in 15 countries (World Bank, OECD, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, US\$150,000).
2012	Principal Investigator, global mapping of migration initiatives implemented by partnerships of local authorities and civil society organizations (United Nations Development Programme, EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI), US\$100,000).
2003 – 2004	Commissioned study on “Turning Brain Drain into Brain Circulation – Can Dual Nationality be a key factor?” International Institute for Labour Studies, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva (US\$10,000).

Publications

Book

2013. *Migration, Citizenship and Development. Diasporic Membership Policies and Overseas Indians in the United States*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

2025. "The Mobility Mandala: Conceptualizing Human Mobility in the Sustainable Development Framework." *Global Perspectives* 6 (1): 133867. <https://doi.org/10.1525/gp.2025.133867>

2023. "Overcoming Insecurities: The Future of Human Mobility Regimes." *Journal of International Affairs* 75 (1): 95-112.

2022. "Multilateral Approaches to Mobility in the Middle East and North Africa Region." *International Development Policy* 14 | 2022, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4000/poldev.4795>.

2022. "A transnational research agenda on the determinants, policies, and impacts of diaspora direct investments." *Research in Globalization* 4, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.resglo.2022.100083>.

2021. "Refugee camps and refugee rights: A simulation of the response to large refugee influxes." *Journal of Political Science Education* 17 (1): 2-19.

2020. "From Passport to Pennies: Exploring the effects of dual citizenship on migrants' remittances." *Remittance Review* 5 (1): 55-82.

2020. "Atypical citizenship regimes: Comparing legal and political conceptualizations." *Comparative Migration Studies* 8 (1), DOI: 10.1186/s40878-019-0156-0.

2015. "The Securitization of Dual Citizenship. National Security concerns and the making of Overseas Citizenship of India." *Diaspora Studies* 8 (1): 18-36.

2010. "Diasporic Identity. Reflections on Transnational Belonging." *Diaspora Studies* 3 (1): 1–21.

2008. "Macht und Identität. Eine Diskursanalyse zur doppelten Staatsbürgerschaft." *Zeitschrift für Politik* 55 (4): 387–412.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

2023. "International Treaties, Conventions, and Laws on Forcible Displacement." In: Nancy Murakami and Mashura Akilova (eds.) *Integrative Social Work Practice with Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Forcibly Displaced Persons*, Springer, pp. 45-67.

2022. "Trends, Drivers and Dynamics of Flight and Migration." In Hans-Joachim Preuß, Dirk Messner, and Christoph Beier (eds), *Forced Displacement and Migration. Approaches and Programmes of International Cooperation*, Wiesbaden: Springer, pp. 19-40.

2020. "Multilateralism for Mobility: Interagency Cooperation in a Post-pandemic World." In: Ibrahim Sirkeci and Jeffrey H. Cohen (eds.), *Human Mobility and Pandemic: Understanding the Pandemic and Human Mobility*: London: Transnational Press, pp. 183-193.

2020. "Diaspora Policies, Consular Services and Social Protection for Indian Citizens Abroad," in Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila (eds), *Migration and Social Protection in Europe and beyond: a focus on non-EU Sending States*, Springer Open Access, IMISCOE Research Series, pp. 163-181.

2020. "Flucht und Migration: Trends, Faktoren, Dynamik." In Dirk Messner, Christoph Beier, and Hans-Joachim Preuß (eds), *Globale Wanderungsbewegungen*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
2018. "Paradigms, Policies and Patterns of Indian Diaspora Investments", in Radha S. Hegde and Ajaya K. Sahoo (eds), *Routledge Handbook of the Indian Diaspora*, Milton Park and New York: Routledge, pp. 90-103.
2017. "The Transnational Political Effects of Diasporic Citizenship in Countries of Destination: Overseas Citizenship of India and Political Participation in the United States", in David Carment and Ariane Sadjed (eds), *Diaspora as Cultures of Cooperation: Global and Local Perspectives*, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 199-221.
2010. "India and its Diaspora. Changing Research and Policy Paradigms", in: Dietrich Thränhardt and Michael Bommers (eds). *National Paradigms of Migration Research*. Göttingen: V&R Unipress, pp.269-300.

Other publications

- (expected 2026). "In Defense of Multilateralism: The UN We Must Aspire To." SIPA-Institute of Global Politics Report. (with Scott Barrett, Jean-Marie Guéhenno, José Antonio Ocampo, Ben Orlove, Jyotsna Puri, and Dirk Salomons).
2022. "Teaching Refugee Rights and Humanitarian Politics through Role-play Simulations." Compendium on Teaching and Research Dissemination, Columbia Committee on Forced Migration, Columbia University.
2021. "Shaping Perceptions on Migration and Promoting Counternarratives of Xenophobia and Discrimination" Guest Blog, UN Network on Migration (with Caterina Di Fazio, Virginie Lefèvre, and Kian Tajbakhsh). Accessible at <https://bit.ly/3dP7wuw>.
2021. "Engaging diaspora direct investors: The four elements of successful policy regimes" *Columbia FDI Perspectives* No. 300. Accessible at: <https://bit.ly/3qVYLUO>.
2020. "Beyond COVID-19: Refugees & the value of life paradox." Medium, accessible at: <https://bit.ly/3ABKCjM>.
2019. Book review of "Indian Migration and Empire: A Colonial Genealogy of the Modern State" by Radhika Mongia in *Journal of South Asian History and Culture*, DOI: 10.1080/19472498.2019.1694625.
2018. "Disappearing Islands: What happens to their nations and people?" (with Riad Meddeb), Medium, accessible at: <https://bit.ly/3yz4G1k>.
2018. "Achieving the Migration-Related Sustainable Development Goals." In: United Nations and International Organization for Migration, *2017 Situation Report on International Migration. Migration in the Arab Region and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, Beirut: UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, pp. 73-122.
2018. "Teaching migration and citizenship studies – a comparative analysis of 100 interdisciplinary syllabi", *Migration and Citizenship. Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Migration and Citizenship* 6 (1):66-73 (with Kelsey Norman).
2017. Model International Mobility Convention, Columbia University Academic Commons, <https://doi.org/10.7916/D8GB3MH4>. (With Michael W. Doyle, Diego Acosta, T. Alexander Aleinikoff, Kiran Meisan Banerjee, Elazar Barkan, Pierre Bertrand, Jagdish N. Bhagwati, Joseph Blocher, Emma Borgnäs, Frans Bouwen, Sarah Cliffe, Kevin L. Cope, François Crépeau, Yasmine Ergas, David Scott FitzGerald, François Fouinat, Justin Gest, Bimal Ghosh, Guy S. Goodwin-Gill, Randall Hansen, Mats Karlsson, Donald Kerwin, Khalid Koser, Rey Koslowski, Ian Matthew Kysel, Justin MacDermott, Susan F. Martin, Sarah A. D. Miller, Elora Mukherjee, Parvati Nair, Steven S. Nam, Jose A. Ocampo, Margaret

M. Powers, Benedita Menezes Queiroz, S. Irudaya Rajan, Sarah Rosengaertner, Bianca Z. Santos, Saskia Sassen, Peter J. Spiro, Colleen Thouez, Joel P. Trachtman).

2017. Book review of “At Home in Two Countries. The Past and Future of Dual Citizenship” by Peter J. Spiro in *Political Science Quarterly* 132 (2):391-393.
2016. Migration and Sustainable Development. *MUNPlanet - World Politics series*.
2016. Assessing the Impact of Diaspora Investments in Tunisia. New York: United Nations Development Programme and International Organization for Migration (with Mohamed Kriaa).
2014. Mainstreaming Migration into Development Strategies in Bosnia & Herzegovina: Key Concepts and International Experiences. Sarajevo: United Nations Development Programme.
2012. “Does Dual Citizenship Increase Naturalization? – Evidence from Indian Immigrants in the U.S.” Research Paper 125, Hamburg Institute of International Economics.
2009. “Emigration, Immigration and Diaspora Relations in India”, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC.
2009. “Dual citizenship. The discourse on ethnic and political boundary-making in Germany” Focus Migration Policy Brief, Migration in Europa and German Agency for Civic Education.
2006. “Wenn Staaten lernen lernen – der hochrangige Dialog über internationale Migration und Entwicklung” *Informationsdienst Bevölkerung & Entwicklung*, Nr. 61, November 2006:4–5, German Society for the United Nations.
2006. “Die verschiedenen Dimensionen illegaler Einwanderung–Von der Legalisierung lateinamerikanischer Migranten in Spanien” *Eine-Welt-Presse* 1-23/2006:7, German Society for the United Nations.
2006. “Der Rechtsanwalt als Sanitäter – eine Einführung in die Erste Hilfe des Rechts”, *Berliner Anwaltsblatt* 2006:62–3
2005. “Illegale Einwanderung–Spanien legalisiert Illegal-Beschäftigte”, *Der Schlepper* 31/2005:25.
2004. “Turning Brain Drain into Brain Circulation – Can Dual Nationality be a key factor?”, IILS Background Paper. Geneva: International Institute for Labour Studies, International Labour Organization.

United Nations reports

- UNDP and IOM. 2021. Roadmap for Cooperation on Migration and Sustainable Development in the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau (lead author).
- UN Migration Network. 2020. Remote Training for UN Country Teams: Integrating Migration into Common Country Analyses and Cooperation Frameworks & Facilitator Guide (lead author).
- KNOMAD, OECD, and UNDP. 2020. Measuring Policy Coherence for Migration and Development - A New Set of Tested Tools. Washington DC: KNOMAD (lead co-author).
- Global Migration Group (GMG). 2017. Integrating migration and displacement into UN Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs), Guidance Note (lead author).
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). 2017. Municipalities and People on the Move: Cities’ Development Policies for Successful Local Management of Migration and Displacement. UNDP Guidance Note, New York: UNDP (lead author).
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). 2016. “A development approach to migration and displacement.” UNDP Guidance Note, New York: UNDP (lead author).

Joint Migration and Development Initiative. 2012. Mapping local authorities' practices in the area of migration and development: a territorial approach to local strategies, initiatives and needs. Brussels: UNDP (lead author).

United Nations. 2012. "Report of the UN Secretary-General on Adolescents and Youth" (contributing author).

Manuscripts under review

"World Politics, Norms, and Realities: A Global Comparison of Human Mobility in National UN Development Plans," under review at *World Development*.

"Measuring Country Interest in Migration and Displacement: The Mobility Realities Index," under review at *International Migration Review*.

"Co-Designing Global Citizenship Education: Community-Based Research on Tunisia's Higher Education System." (with Yanis Ben Amor, Salma Ines Daou, and Madiha Ferjani), under review at *International Journal of Educational Development*.

Journal manuscripts in preparation

Studying the UN at the Country Level: A Transdisciplinary Approach.

The Employment Impact of Transnational Diaspora Investments. A survey of foreign direct investments in Tunisia (with Mohammed Kriaa).

Assessing the impact of diaspora investment policies: Evidence from Tunisia (with Mohammed Kriaa).

Diaspora Participation in Policy-Making Processes in Communities of Origin — Practices, Challenges and Democratic Legitimation (with Uwe Hunger).

Immigration and Refugee Governance in India.

Book projects in progress

Migration, Displacement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Human Mobility and Development Planning. Incorporating Migration, Displacement, and Diaspora Affairs in Global, National, and Local Development Strategies.

Professional Experience in International Organizations & Development

2016 –	Senior Expert for Livelihoods and Area-Based Development, UNDP's Crisis Bureau, Expert Roster for Rapid Response.
2013 – 2020	Senior Advisor on Migration and Displacement and Research Consultant, Sustainable Development Cluster, Bureau for Policy and Programming Support, and Crisis Bureau, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New York.
2021	Expert team leader, Cooperation on Migration and Sustainable Development, UNDP and IOM Moldova.
2019	Team Lead/Migration Expert, USAID.
2016 – 2019	Research Coordinator, Policy Coherence for Migration and Development, Global Knowledge Platform on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), the World Bank.
2017	Senior Expert, UN Working Group on Migration in the Arab Region, co-chaired by UNESCWA and IOM.

- 2014 Senior Expert, Migration and Development Programme, UNDP, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 2012 – 2013 Senior Expert Facilitator for Migration and Gender, Joint Pilot Programme on Mainstreaming of Migration into Development in Moldova (MOMID), UNDP and UN Women, Moldova.
- 2012 Research Consultant and Principal Investigator, European Commission-United Nations Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI).
- 2011 – 2012 Associate Population Affairs Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Population Division, Population Policy Section, New York.
- 2011 Staff consultant, UNICEF, Social Policy and Economic Analysis Unit, New York.
- 2006 Trainee, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Population Division, Migration Section, New York.
- 2005 Clerkship, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, World Bank, IMF & debt relief section, Berlin.
- 2003 – 2006 Vice president, Legal Ambulance for Social Welfare Law, Berlin.
- 2003 – 2004 External Collaborator, International Institute for Labour Studies, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva.
- 2001 – 2003 Consultant, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ, now GIZ), Berlin.
- 2000 – 2001 Assistant, Development Policy Forum, German Foundation for international Development (DSE, today incorporated into GIZ), Berlin.

Service

Columbia University

- 2026– Faculty Advisory Committee, Columbia Global Resilience Fund.
- 2026– Faculty Advisory Committee, Columbia Global Emerging Displaced Scholars Fellowship
- 2025– Mentor, Columbia Global Emerging Displaced Scholars Fellowship
- 2024– Member, Technical Review Committee, President’s Global Innovation Fund (PGIF).
- 2023–2024 Member, SIPA Generative AI Committee.
- 2022–2023 UN Task Force, School of International and Public Affairs.
- 2020– Core group, Earth Network on Climate Mobility, Earth Institute/Climate School.
- 2020– Faculty Advisory Committee, Columbia Global Center | Amman.
- 2020–2023 Steering Committee for the Office of Career Services/Office of Career Advancement, School of International and Public Affairs.
- 2019–2025 Committee on Instruction, School of International and Public Affairs.
- 2019– Founding Member, Committee on Forced Migration.
- 2019– Faculty Advisor, SIPA United Nations Association (student group).
- 2019–2020 Advisor, master’s theses, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation.

- 2018– Advisor, master’s theses, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Institute for the Study of Human Rights.
- 2018– Reader for doctoral research, Teacher College.
- 2018– Mentor, Human Rights Advocates Program, Institute for the Study of Human Rights.
- 2018 Advisor, summer placements, MPA in Development Practice.
- 2017– Faculty Advisor, Migration Working Group (student group)
- 2015–2017 Juror member of the selection committee, Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity (AC4) fellowship program.

International Studies Association (ISA)

- 2026 – 2028 Member, ISA Long Range Planning Committee.
 - 2025 –2026 Chair, Karl Deutsch Award Committee for International Relations and Peace Research.
 - 2023 – 2024 Member, Zounon Victorine Award Committee, Global South Caucus.
 - 2023 – 2026 Member, Global South Engagement Committee, International Organization Section.
 - 2023 – 2024 Member, Lawrence S. Finkelstein Prize Committee, International Organization Section.
 - 2021 – 2023 *Treasurer*, International Organization Section.
 - 2019 – 2021 *Chair*, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Studies Section (ENMISA).
 - 2018 – 2020 *Officer-at-large*, South Asia in World Politics section (SAWP).
 - 2017 – 2019 *Chair-elect*, ENMISA.
 - 2016 – 2017 *Program co-chair*, ENMISA.
 - 2015 – 2017 Elected *Member-at-Large*, ENMISA.
 - 2015 – 2016 Chair, Distinguished Book Award Committee, ENMISA.
 - 2014 – 2015 Member, Martin O. Heisler Award Committee for the best graduate student paper, ENMISA.
- Member in sections: Global Development Studies; International Political Economy; Global South Caucus; International Organization; South Asia in World Politics; Human Rights; Ethnicity, Nationalism, Migration Studies; International Political Sociology.

American Political Science Association (APSA)

- 2016 – 2018 *Secretary*, Migration and Citizenship section.

Member in sections: Migration and Citizenship; International Political Economy. Foreign Policy.

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

- 2018– Chair, Program Committee on Migration, Refugees, and Diaspora.

Collaborations & other research positions

2023–	Board Member, Scholars at Risk.
2021–	Member, Global Strategic Litigation Council for Refugee Rights.
2019–2023	Collaborator, South-South Migration, Inequality and Development Hub, under the UK Research and Innovation’s Global Challenges Research Fund.
2019–	Member, Academic Council on the Global Compact for Migration (ACGCM).
2019–2021	Member, 100 Questions Initiative, inaugural Migration Cohort.
2018–2021	Faculty at Jindal Summer School on Human Rights and Development, T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University.
2013–	Collaborator, European Union Democracy Observatory (EUODO) on Citizenship of the European University Institute (EUI), Florence.
2017 – 2019	Faculty fellow, Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, The New School.
2018 – 2020	Expert collaborator on India’s social and diaspora policies, University of Liège (Belgium), European Research Council (ERC) funded project on “Migration, Transnationalism and Social Protection in (post-)crisis Europe” (MiTSoPro).
2018 – 2019	External examiner, Master of Arts with a major in Communication for Development (ComDev), Malmö University.
2016 – 2017	Expert member, International Mobility Commission to draft a Model Treaty on International Mobility, The Global Policy Initiative, Columbia University.
2014 – 2015	External expert on Indian migration policies, Determinants of International Migration (DEMIG) project, International Migration Institute, Oxford University.
2011 – 2014	Fellow, Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI).
2009	Visiting doctoral scholar, Stanford University.
2008 – 2010	Visiting doctoral scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
2007	Visiting doctoral scholar, New York University.
2005 – 2009	Editor, Migrationsrecht.Net and EuropeanMigrationLaw.Net.

Editorial positions

Editor: *Diaspora Studies* (2021–).

Fellow of the Editorial College (extended editorial team): *Migration Politics* (2020–).

Founding Editor: *Multilateralism in Action – Blog*, SIPA, Columbia University (2021–).

Academic advisory board: *Remittance Review*, *International Journal of Migration Research and Development* and *International Research*, *Diaspora Studies*.

Book manuscript reviewer: Oxford University Press, University of California Press, University of Toronto Press.

Reviewer: Oxford Development Studies, Development in Practice, Journal of Peacebuilding & Development, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, International Studies Review, Research in Globalization, Citizenship Studies, Migration Studies, Journal of Global Diaspora Studies, European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology, Diaspora Studies, International Migration, Journal for Political Science Education, Comparative Migration Studies, Nationalities.

Working Languages

Proficient: English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, German.
Fluent: Hindi.
Basic: Romanian.

Research Software Skills

Proficient: NVivo, Atlas.ti, Stata.

Conferences organized

Upcoming conferences

'Communicating for a Better World: Strengthening International Cooperation Through Effective Communication,' two-day conference for academics and senior UN practitioners, planned for Oct 2026 at SIPA (co-convenor).

Past conferences

- Research Workshop on "Global South Perspectives on International Organizations," International Studies Association, Chicago, Mar 1, 2025 (co-convenor).
- Interactive Workshop: Intergenerational Partnerships for Just Climate and Digital Transitions and Futures, in cooperation with the UN University's International Institute for Global Health, as part of the Action Days of the Summit for the Future. Columbia University, Sept 20, 2024 (co-convenor).
- Research Workshop on "Global South Perspectives on International Organizations," International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2, 2024 (co-convenor).
- Virtual Research Workshop on "Global South Perspectives on International Organizations", International Studies Association Section on International Organization, Nov 10, 2023 (co-convenor).
- Workshop and Stakeholder meeting, "Youth-Led Advocacy Initiative for Global Citizenship, Responsibility, and Cooperation," Tunis, South Mediterranean University, Jun 13-14, 2023 (co-convenor).
- High-Level Roundtable Discussion on "Sea-level Rise—Legal Implications for Statehood" with Bogdan Aurescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania and Co-Chair of the International Law Commission (ILC)'s Study Group on the implications of sea-level rise; Laigane Italeli Talia, Acting Attorney-General of Tuvalu, Amb. Namira Negm, Director of the African Union's Migration Observatory, three additional co-chairs of the ILC Study Group and academic experts from the National University of Singapore, Fridtjof Nansen Institute of Norway, University of Lincoln, Columbia Law School, La Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, University of Copenhagen, and the Autonomous University of Lisbon, Columbia-SIPA and Global Center for Climate Mobility, New York City, May 2, 2023 (co-convenor).
- Research Workshop on "The Local Turn of UN Studies: Global Governance and International Organizations' Country-level Activities," International Studies Association, March 2023 (convenor).
- Workshop and Stakeholder meeting, "Youth-Led Advocacy Initiative for Global Citizenship, Responsibility, and Cooperation", Istanbul, Anadolu University, Oct 27-18, 2022 (co-convenor).
- Workshop on "Teaching and Research Dissemination on Forced Migration," Columbia Committee on Forced Migration, virtual, Mar 16, 2021 (convenor).

- International Workshop “A Model International Mobility Convention: Rights and Governance for Migrants and Refugees,” Columbia Global Center Mumbai, Mar 16, 2018 (convenor).
- National workshop “Operationalising a Dashboard of Indicators for Measuring Policy and Institutional Coherence for Migration and Development: the Netherlands’ experience”, Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD) Thematic Working Group on Policy and Institutional Coherence, The Hague, Netherlands, Jun 12, 2015 (co-convenor).
- International expert meeting “Operationalising a Dashboard of Indicators for Measuring Policy and Institutional Coherence for Migration and Development”, Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD) Thematic Working Group on Policy and Institutional Coherence, The Hague, Netherlands, Jun 10–11, 2015 (co-convenor).
- Retreat on “Integrating Employment in the UNDAF guidance note on migration and mobility”, UNDP, ILO, IOM, Geneva, May 21, 2015 (co-convenor).
- “A Foot in Each World: South Asian Diaspora Communities in the U.S. and their Interactions with their Homeland”, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, in cooperation with Organisation for Diaspora Initiatives (ODI), New Delhi and Global Diaspora Week (USAID), New York, Oct 17, 2014 (convenor).
- “Diaspora in India’s Foreign Policy and National Security: A Comparative Perspective”, in partnership with India’s Ministry of External Affairs, India International Centre (IIC), Jawaharlal Nehru University, Organisation for Diaspora Initiatives, New Delhi, Nov 6–7, 2013 (academic co-convenor).
- Global Migration Group (GMG) Symposium “Migration and Youth: Harnessing Opportunities for Development”, May 17–18, 2011, New York (lead consultant).
- ODI Diaspora Workshop “Re-assessing the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas”, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Jan 10, 2010 (co-convenor).
- “International Conference on Freshwater”, German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and Ministry for the Environment, Bonn, Germany, Dec 3-7, 2001 (lead consultant).

Invited and Public Talks

- “A Global Comparison of Human Mobility in UNDAFs & Cooperation Frameworks,” UN Development Coordination Office, New York City, Feb 12, 2026.
- Commentator, “Interconnected Disaster Risks: Turning Over a New Leaf,” discussion with Melissa Fleming, UN Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, Prof. Shen Xiaomeng, UNU Vice-Rector in Europe and senior experts, UN University Institute for Environment and Human Security, New York City, Oct 8, 2025.
- Moderator, “From Copenhagen to Doha: Advancing the Global Social Development Agenda,” High-level Side event of 63rd Session of the Commission for Social Development, New York City, Feb 11, 2025.
- “The Index of Mobility Inclusion. Measuring the Incorporation of Human Mobility in National UN Development Frameworks” International Organization for Migration’s Global Data Institute (GDI)’s Meeting Room on “Measuring Mainstreaming Migration in Development Policies”, Berlin, Jun 14, 2024.
- “Why does the United Nations work on Human Mobility? Migration & Displacement in National UN Development Frameworks,” Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Jun 13, 2024.
- Discussant, “Strong Multilateral Development Policy for Global Social Justice. The New Multilateral Strategy of Germany’s Federal Ministry for International Cooperation and Development,” German Mission to the UN, New York City, Nov 1, 2023.
- “Teaching, researching and writing about multilateralism and the United Nations: Reflections, lessons learned and knowledge-sharing,” United Nations Headquarters, Oct 24, 2022.
- “Post-pandemic Migration scenarios in Bangladesh. Demographic and Socioeconomic Changes caused by COVID-19 in Bangladesh.” Center on International Cooperation at New York University, BRAC and UN Women, June 23, 2021.

- “Potential & Pitfalls of Social Media communication for Sustainable Development. Interrogating Ethical, Strategic, and Impact Angles.” World Summit of SDG Influencers, June 19, 2021.
- “Why human rights-based and freedom-enhancing/ approaches trump ‘migration management’ - a simplification approach,” Transatlantic Roundtable Human Mobility, United Nations Network on Migration, United Nations University-MERIT, Columbia Committee on Forced Migration, May 19, 2021.
- “UNDP and IOM Cooperation on Migration and Sustainable Development in Moldova,” Policy Dialogue (virtual), UNDP and IOM, June 16, 2021.
- “Multilateralism for Mobility: Cooperation among UN Agencies in a Post-pandemic World,” Food for Thought lecture series, Picker Center for Executive Education, Columbia University, Sept 30, 2020.
- Keynote speaker, “Transnational and transdisciplinary approaches to study migration, diaspora and related policies”, 1st International Workshop on Research Methods and Approaches to Migration and Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Jun 30, 2020.
- “Human Mobility and Climate Change: The Case of Small Island Development States.” UNDP Webinar, Feb 20, 2020.
- “The Mobility Mandala. A global framework linking human mobility, public policy and sustainable development”, inaugural talk at the migration research brownbag series, Center for Migration Studies, New York, Nov 6, 2019.
- “Leaving No One Behind: Development Solutions, Displacement and Humanitarian Assistance”, Columbia University, Dec 5, 2018.
- Keynote speaker, "Migrant Rights, Migration Governance and the Model International Mobility Convention", International Workshop ‘A Model International Mobility Convention: Rights and Governance for Migrants and Refugees,’ Columbia Global Center Mumbai, Mar 16, 2018.
- Participation information for earlier periods available upon request.*

Chair or Discussant at Academic Panels

Upcoming

- Chair, panel on “International Organizations' Governance Regimes for Human Mobility,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Columbus, OH, Mar 25, 2026.
- Chair, panel on “A Major Overhaul of the Multilateral System: UN80 & the Trump Effect,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Columbus, OH, Mar 25, 2026.
- Chair, panel on “Comparative Research on Diasporas: Impact, Identity and Inclusion,” 30th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 29, 2026.
- Chair, panel on “Refugee Identities, Policies & Pathways”, 30th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 28, 2026.
- Participant, ENMISA Distinguished Scholar Panel Honoring Fiona B. Adamson, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Columbus, OH, Mar 23, 2026.
- Discussant, panel on “Eighty Years On: The United Nations in a Fragmenting World Order,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Columbus, OH, Mar 24, 2026.
- Discussant, panel on “Informal International Institutions and Governance Mechanisms,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Columbus, OH, Mar 24, 2026.

2025

Chair, panel on “Forcible Displacement: Concepts, Identities, and Narratives,” 29th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 23, 2025.

Chair, panel on “Diaspora and Return,” 29th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 23, 2025.

Discussant, panel on “Asylum and the Politics of Crisis and National Emergency,” 29th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 22, 2025.

Chair, panel on “Comparative analysis of the United Nations’ domestic activities: Development, Human Rights, Mobility, Gender, and Peace.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Chicago, Mar 5, 2025.

Discussant, panel on “Diasporas and Refugees as Political Actors: Actions, Attitudes, and Cooptation in/by Countries of Origin and Residence.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Chicago, Mar 5, 2025.

Chair and discussant, panel on “Rule-Making and -Unmaking in Multilateral Institutions and Their Implications for International Law.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Chicago, Mar 4, 2025.

Chair, panel on “The need for humane regulation of refugees, migrants and those facing the risk of human trafficking Status.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Chicago, Mar 3, 2025.

2024

Discussant, panel on “Foreign policy, State Making and Migration: Power, Knowledge and Status.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco, Apr 3, 2024.

Chair, panel on “Development and Law” at the research workshop on “Global South Perspectives on International Organizations”, International Studies Association, San Francisco, Apr 2, 2024.

Discussant, panel on “Transnational Spaces for Diaspora Engagement,” 28th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 17, 2024.

Moderator, session on “Concepts, Definitions and Populations” at the Research Workshop “Methodologies for Research on the Health and Wellbeing of Migrants in Transit,” New York, Columbia University, Jan 10, 2024.

2023

Chair, panel on “Globalizing Realities: Knowledge, Ideals, and the Global South,” ISA Global South Caucus Conference, The Global South in International Organizations and Beyond: Transformation, Influence, and Empowerment in an Evolving World Politics, Bangkok, Dec 15, 2023.

Chair, Book Panel on Kelsey Norman’s Reluctant Reception: Refugees, Migration, and Governance in the Middle East and North Africa, 27th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 20, 2024.

Chair, panel on “National Integration Policies toward Migrants and Asylum-Seekers,” 27th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 19, 2024.

Chair, panel on “Courts and Law” at the virtual research workshop on “Global South Perspectives on International Organizations”, International Studies Association, May 2, 2024;

Discussant, Panel on “Human Security: Borders and Migration,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Montreal, Mar 15, 2023.

Discussant, Panel on “Human Rights and Forced Migration,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Montreal, Mar 17, 2023.

Chair, Panel on “Localizing multilateral action: Global governance and international organizations’ country-level activities on human rights, peace, development and migration,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Montreal, Mar 16, 2023.

2022

Chair, panel on “The Covid Effect on Nationalism and Migration,” 26th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 5, 2022.

Chair, panel on “New Methods and Approaches to Migration Studies,” 26th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 6, 2022.

Chair, panel on “Emigration and Diaspora,” 26th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 6, 2022.

Discussant, panel on “Integration and Othering,” 26th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 4, 2022.

Chair, panel on “United Nations & Human Mobility: Forced Migration and Climate Change,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Nashville, Mar 29, 2022.

2021

Chair, panel on “Structure and Functioning of International Organizations,” Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting, New York, Jun 24, 2021.

Chair, roundtable on “The Local Turn of UN Studies: The Impact of UN Country-Level Activities on Global Governance,” Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting, New York, Jun 26, 2021.

Chair, panel on “Immigration in North America,” 25th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 5, 2021.

Chair, panel on “Diaspora Engagement in Comparative Perspective,” 25th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 7, 2021.

Chair, panel on “Migrants’ Access to Citizenship and Legal Identity,” 25th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 8, 2021.

Chair, panel on “Refugees, Asylum & Displacement,” 25th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 8, 2021.

2020

Chair, panel on “The Politics of Migrant Integration,” 25th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 8, 2020.*

Discussant, book panel for T. Alexander Aleinikoff and Leah Zamore. 2019. *The Arc of Protection* (Stanford UP), 25th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 8, 2020.*

Discussant, panel on “Human Rights and Migration,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, Mar 28, 2020.*

Chair, roundtable on “At A Crossroads: The Future of Comparative Immigration Politics,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, Mar 28, 2020.*

Participant, ENMISA Distinguished Scholar Panel honoring Susan Martin, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, Mar 26, 2020.*

* *Conference cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

2019

Moderator, panel on “Luminaries of Change: Advocacy and Activism for Rights,” Symposium on Statelessness and Belonging in a Globalized World, Columbia University, New York, Nov 20, 2019.

Moderator, panel on “Stakeholder and Community Engagement for Sustainable Urban Change,” International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD), New York, Sept 24, 2019.

Discussant, book panel for Philipp Ther’s ‘The Outsiders: Refugees in Europe and the West since 1492,’ 24th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 4, 2019.

Chair, panel on “South Asian Migrants Across the Globe: Political, Social and Religious Activism,” 24th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York, May 2, 2019.

Moderator, panel on “Refugees and Migrants in the Global South, conference on Escape from Violence,” The New School, Apr 12, 2019.

Moderator, expert panel on “Narrowing of Humanitarian Protection: A New Era of asylum polices in the US and around the world”, Columbia University, Apr 6, 2019.

Roundtable participant, “The UN Global Compact on Migration: One step ahead?” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto, Mar 29, 2019.

Chair, panel on “Transit States, International Cooperation, and Migration Policy”, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto, Mar 28, 2019.

Chair and Discussant, "Transit States, International Cooperation, and Migration Policy," Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto, Mar 27, 2019.

2018

Chair, panel on “Governing mobility: Migration, Refugees and the Sustainable Development Goals”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, Aug 30 – Sept 2, 2018.

Chair, panel on “Diaspora Politics and Immigrant Political Mobilization”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, Aug 30 – Sept 2, 2018.

Discussant, panel on “Diaspora Politics and Immigrant Political Mobilization”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, Aug 30 – Sept 2, 2018.

Moderator, panel on ‘Refugee Issues Far and Near’, conference Immigrant & Refugee Rights in Turbulent Times, Baruch College, CUNY, New York, Apr 20, 2018.

Discussant, book panel for Caress Schenk’s *Why Control Immigration? Strategic Uses of Migration Management in Russia*, 23rd World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York, May 3, 2018.

Discussant, book panel for Matthew Longo’s *The Politics of Borders: Sovereignty, Security, and the Citizen after 9/11*, New York, Apr 28, 2018.

Chair, panel on ‘Effective Migration (Mis)Management in the EU and Beyond’, 23rd World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York, May 3, 2018.

Moderator, Panel on “Economic Dimensions of Migration”, Regional Perspectives on Migration and Refugees Conference, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Jan 19, 2018.

Participation information for earlier periods available upon request.

Conference Presentations

Upcoming

“Human Mobility in UN Development Plans: A Mixed-Methods Comparison of 60 Plans in 13 Countries, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Columbus, OH, Mar 25, 2026.

2025

“A Global Comparison of Human Mobility in National UN Development Plans.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Chicago, Mar 5, 2025.

2024

“Can Regime Type and Human Rights Commitments Explain the Inclusion of Human Mobility in National UN Development Frameworks?” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco, Apr 6, 2024.

“Transit Mobility in National UN Development Frameworks,” Research Workshop “Methodologies for Research on the Health and Wellbeing of Migrants in Transit,” New York, Columbia University, Jan 11, 2024.

2023

“Can Regime Type and Human Rights Commitments Explain the Inclusion of Human Mobility in National UN Development Frameworks?” ISA Global South Caucus Conference, The Global South in International Organizations and Beyond: Transformation, Influence, and Empowerment in an Evolving World Politics, Bangkok, Dec 15, 2023.

“World Politics, Technocrats, and Local Preferences: The Inclusion of Human Mobility in National UN Development Frameworks,” Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting, Washington DC, June 21, 2023.

“World Politics, Technocrats, and Local Preferences: The Inclusion of Human Mobility in National UN Development Frameworks,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Montreal, Mar 16, 2023.

2022

“Diaspora, Trade, and Investment – Migration-sensitive investment policies,” Owens Conference on the Impact of Migration on Economic and Human Development, Sciences Po and Southern Methodist University, Paris, Mar 14-15, 2022.

“Human Mobility in UN Development Strategies: Understanding the modalities and determinants of incorporation,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Nashville, Mar 29, 2022.

“The Effectiveness of Soft Law – Assessing the Global Compact for Migration’s National Voluntary Reviews as a Tool of Governance (with Elaine Lebon-McGregor),” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Nashville, Mar 29, 2022.

2021

“The Impact of UN Country-Level Activities on Global Governance,” Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting, New York, Jun 26, 2021.

“Moldova and the UN Global Compacts,” 25th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 7, 2021.

Roundtable participant, “Martin Heisler Memorial Panel,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), virtual convention (COVID-19), Apr 9, 2021.

Roundtable participant, “ENMISA 2021 Distinguished Scholar Panel honoring Jennifer Brinkerhoff,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), virtual convention (COVID-19), Apr 9, 2021.

“The Local Turn of UN Studies: Global Governance and International Organizations’ Country-level Activities,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), virtual convention (COVID-19), Apr 8, 2021.

Roundtable participant, “ENMISA 2020 Distinguished Scholar Panel honoring Susan Martin,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), virtual convention (COVID-19), Apr 8, 2021.

Roundtable participant, “Individual Diaspora Agency in World Politics,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), virtual convention (COVID-19), Apr 8, 2021.

“Multi-level migration governance: Unpacking dimensions, levels, and actors,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), virtual convention (COVID-19), Apr 6, 2021.

2020

“Unpacking dimensions, levels, and actors of migration governance,” 25th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, May 7, 2020.*

“Explaining the integration of human mobility in UN Development Strategies,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, Mar 28, 2020.*

* *Conference cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

2019

“Conceptualizing Human Mobility in the Sustainable Development Framework,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto, Mar 27, 2019.

2018

“Immigration and Refugee Governance in India,” Workshop on The Politics of Migration Policies: Towards an empirically grounded, comparative political theory of migration politics, Paris, Dec 17-18, 2018.

“Conceptualizing Human Mobility in the Sustainable Development Framework,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, Aug 30 – Sept 2, 2018.