

# Leslie Johns

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Political Science  
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## Appointments

University of California, Los Angeles

- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2015–present
- Acting Professor, UCLA School of Law, 2015–present
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2008–2015

Princeton University

- Visiting Research Scholar, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, 2012–2013

## Education

New York University

- Ph.D., Department of Politics, 2008
- M.A., Department of Politics, 2005

Carnegie Mellon University

- M.S., Heinz School of Public Policy and Management, 2003
- B.F.A., School of Drama, 2002

## Publications

### Book

2015 *Strengthening International Courts: The Hidden Costs of Legalization*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

### Articles, Book Chapters, and Essays

2019 “How a Retreat from Global Economic Governance May Empower Business Interests” with Krzysztof Pelc and Rachel Wellhausen. *Journal of Politics*.

2019 “International Law’s Empire.” *Journal of Politics*.

2018 “Free-Riding on Enforcement in the WTO” with Krzysztof J. Pelc. *Journal of Politics*. 80: 873–889.

- 2018 “The Diverging Theory and Practice of International Law” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*, William R. Thompson, ed. Oxford University Press. pp. 513–535.
- Included in the web-based *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Online Publication Date: May 2017
- 2016 “Under One Roof: Supply Chains and the Protection of Foreign Investment” with Rachel Wellhausen. *American Political Science Review*. 110: 31-51.
- Received the 2017 Michael Wallerstein Award from the American Political Science Association for the best political economy article published in 2016.
- Early draft named the Best Paper in International Relations by the Midwest Political Science Association in 2014.
- 2016 “Fear of Crowds in World Trade Organization Disputes: Why Don’t More Countries Participate?” with Krzysztof J. Pelc. *Journal of Politics*. 78: 88-104.
- 2015 “The Design of Trade Agreements” with Lauren Peritz. In *Oxford Handbook of the Politics of International Trade*, Lisa Martin, ed. Oxford University Press. pp. 337–359.
- 2014 “Who Gets to Be In the Room? Manipulating Participation in WTO Disputes” with Krzysztof J. Pelc. *International Organization*. 68: 663-699.
- 2014 “Depth versus Rigidity in the Design of International Trade Agreements” *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 26: 468-495.
- 2012 “Courts as Coordinators: Endogenous Enforcement and Jurisdiction in International Adjudication” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 56: 257-289.
- 2012 “Formal Models of International Institutions” with Michael Gilligan. *Annual Review of Political Science*. 15: 221-243.
- 2010 “Strengthening International Courts and the Early Settlement of Disputes” with Michael Gilligan and Peter Rosendorff. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 54: 5-38.
- 2009 “Dispute Settlement, Compliance and Domestic Politics” with Peter Rosendorff. In *Trade Disputes and the Dispute Settlement Understanding of the WTO: An Interdisciplinary Assessment*, James C. Hartigan, ed. Emerald Group Publishing. pp. 139–163.
- 2007 “A Servant of Two Masters: Communication and the Selection of International Bureaucrats” *International Organization*. 61: 245-275.
- 2006 “Knowing the Unknown: Executive Evaluation and International Crisis Outcomes” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 50: 228-252.

## Work in Progress

“The Design of Enforcement: Collective Action and the Enforcement of International Law.” Working paper. Under review.

“The Price of Doing Business: How Startup Costs Improve Government Treatment of Foreign Firms” with Rachel Wellhausen. Working paper. Under review.

“Breaking International Law” with Francesca Parente. Work in progress.

*Politics and International Law*. Book manuscript in progress.

## Grants and Awards

- Research Enabling Grant, Council on Research, UCLA Academic Senate, 2014–present
- Conference Travel Grant, Council on Research, UCLA Academic Senate, 2008–present
- Faculty Research Grant, Burkle Center for International Relations, UCLA, 2017–2018
- Michael Wallerstein Award, American Political Science Association, 2017
- Vasa Cube Award for Teaching, UCLA Freshman Seminar Program, 2016–2017
- Best Paper in International Relations Award, Midwest Political Science Association, 2014
- Faculty Research Grant, Burkle Center for International Relations, UCLA, 2013–2015
- Fellowship, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, 2012–2013
- Faculty Career Development Award, UCLA, 2012–2013
- Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, New York University, 2007–2008
- Penfield Fellowship for Diplomacy, International Affairs, and Belles Lettres, 2006–2007
- MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2003–2007
- New York University Conference Travel Awards, 2005–2007
- Summer Research Fellowship, New York University, 2003–2007
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Fellowship, 2004
- Stephen Omer Lee Award for Outstanding Thesis, Carnegie Mellon University, 2004
- W.W. Cooper Scholarship, Heinz School of Public Policy and Management, 2002–2003
- Senior Leadership Award, Carnegie Mellon University, 2002
- Volunteer of the Year Award, American Civil Liberties Union (West Pennsylvania), 2002
- Andrew Carnegie Scholarship, Carnegie Mellon University, 1998–2002

## Conference Presentations

- American Political Science Association: 2006–2008, 2011, 2014–2017
- European Political Science Association: 2013
- International Political Economy Society: 2008, 2010–2011, 2015
- International Studies Association: 2014–2015, 2018

- Midwest Political Science Association: 2006–2007, 2009–2010
- Political Economy of International Organizations: 2009, 2012, 2014

### **Seminar and Workshop Presentations**

- Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump Symposium. University of Southern California. Sol Price School of Public Policy. December 2018.
- Stanford University. Dept of Political Science. February 2018.
- American Society for International Law Research Forum. Washington University in St. Louis. School of Law. October 2017.
- University of California, Los Angeles. School of Law. April 2017.
- University of California Conference on International Cooperation. UC Santa Barbara. March 2017.
- Conference on Institutions and Law Making. Emory University. Center for the Study of Law, Politics, and Economics. February 2017.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. University of Southern California School of Law. February 2017.
- Texas A&M University. Dept of Political Science. November 2016.
- Conference on the Politics of Multinational Firms, Governments, and Global Production Networks. Princeton University. Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. September 2016.
- George Mason University. Center for the Study of Public Choice. February 2016.
- Conference on Formal Models of International Relations. University of Southern California. Center for International Studies. February 2016.
- University of Texas, Austin. Dept of Government. October 2015.
- University of California, Berkeley. Dept of Political Science. October 2015.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. UCLA School of Law. February 2015.
- Yale University. Leitner Political Economy Seminar. November 2014.
- Conference on Theoretical and Quantitative International Relations Research. Princeton University. Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science. May 2013.
- University of Pennsylvania. Dept of Political Science. April 2013.
- Rutgers University. Dept of Political Science. March 2013.
- University of Maryland. Dept of Political Science. March 2013.
- Workshop on *Strengthening International Courts*. Princeton University. Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. February 2013.
- Temple University. Beasley School of Law. February 2013.
- Princeton University. International Relations Colloquium. October 2012.
- Stanford University. International Relations Workshop. March 2012.
- Georgetown University. Dept of Government. January 2012.
- University of Wisconsin. Political Economy Colloquium. November 2011.
- Texas A&M University. Program on International Conflict and Cooperation. February 2011.

- UC Southern California Symposium. UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. University of California, Irvine. January 2011.
- Stanford University. Graduate School of Business. June 2010.
- Georgetown University. Mortara Center for International Studies. November 2009.
- Workshop on Political Economy and Public Law. University of Chicago. Law School and Harris School of Public Policy. June 2009.
- Workshop on Law, Politics, and Human Rights. Emory University. Dept of Political Science. March 2009.
- Harvard University. Dept of Government. November 2008.
- Stanford University. Law School and Dept of Political Science. November 2008.
- University of California, Los Angeles. Dept of Political Science. December 2007.
- University of Chicago. Harris School of Public Policy. November 2007.
- University of California, Berkeley. Dept of Political Science. November 2007.
- University of California, San Diego. School of International Relations and Pacific Studies. November 2007.
- Emory University. Dept of Political Science. November 2007.
- Yale University. Dept of Political Science. November 2007.
- Princeton University. Dept of Politics. November 2007.
- Stanford University. Dept of Political Science. November 2007.
- University of California, Davis. Dept of Political Science. October 2007.
- California Institute of Technology. Division of Social Sciences. October 2007.
- Journeys in World Politics. University of Iowa. Dept of Political Science. April 2007.

### **Workshop Participant and/or Discussant**

- Graduate International Relations-International Law Workshop. University of Southern California. December 2018.
- University of California Conference on International Cooperation. UC San Diego. March 2018.
- Conference on Formal Models of International Relations. University of Southern California. Center for International Studies. February 2018.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. UCLA School of Law. February 2018.
- Political Economy of Security. University of Southern California. Center for International Studies. January 2018.
- University of California Conference on International Cooperation. UCLA. March 2016.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. UC Irvine School of Law. February 2016.
- Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop. University of Southern California School of Law. February 2014.
- Workshop on *The Continent of International Law*. Temple University. Beasley School of Law and Institute for International Law and Public Policy. May 2013.

- Conference on Judicial Institutions: Courts in Domestic and International Affairs. Princeton University. October 2012.
- Political Economy and Public Law Conference. Harvard Law School. June 2011.
- Interdisciplinary Workshop on Synthesizing Insights from International Law and International Relations. Temple University. Beasley School of Law. April 2011.
- Conference on Institutions and Law-Making. Emory University. February 2011.
- Workshop on Public Law and Political Economy. Stanford Law School. June 2010.
- Workshop on the Politics of Preferential Trade Agreements: Theory, Measurement, and Empirical Applications. Princeton University. Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. April-May 2010.
- Roundtable on the Law and Politics of International Cooperation. Duke University. School of Law. November 2009.
- Delegation and Independence in Domestic and International Law. Florida State University. Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. February 2008.

### **Graduate Students: Dissertation Committee Chair**

Lauren Peritz (Ph.D. 2015)

- Placement: Assistant Professor at University of California, Davis
- Dissertation topic: compliance with legal rulings of the World Trade Organization and the European Court of Justice
- Recipient of a National Science Foundation dissertation grant (SES-1421326)

Andrea Vilan (Ph.D. 2018)

- Placement: Lecturer at UCLA
- Dissertation topic: domestic implementation of human rights treaties in Latin America

Imil Nurutdinov (ABD)

- Dissertation topic: collective security threats and the development of the Catholic Church in Europe in 1200–1700
- Recipient of two National Science Foundation dissertation grants (SES-1757231 and SES-1747484)

Francesca Parente (ABD)

- Dissertation topic: compliance with rulings of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

### **Graduate Students: Dissertation Committee Member**

Maxim Ananyev (Ph.D. 2018)

- Placement: Lecturer at UCLA
- Dissertation topic: political economy of offshore tax havens

Catarina Prata (S.J.D. 2017)

- Placement: Research and Advocacy Coordinator at Amnesty International of Portugal
- Dissertation topic: international regulation of private military contractors

Mack Eason (ABD)

- Dissertation topic: colonialism and international law

Arseniy Samsonov (ABD)

- Dissertation topic: formal models of autocracy and political communication

Clint Vansonnenberg

- Dissertation topic: transitional justice after civil conflicts

### **Teaching Experience**

- PS19, “Contemporary Issues in International Politics” and “Trump’s Foreign Policy: Change or Continuity?” (undergraduate): 2014–2017
- PS20, “World Politics” (undergraduate): 2011–2013, 2015, 2017
- PS123A, “International Law” (undergraduate): 2008–2009, 2011–2012, 2014, 2016–2018
- PS123B/PS139, “International Organizations” (undergraduate): 2009–2011, 2015
- PS191B, “Research Seminar for Majors: International Organizations” (undergraduate): 2017
- PS204B/C, “Game Theory II/III” (graduate): 2009, 2011–2017
- PS220A/B, “International Relations Core Seminar I/II” (graduate): 2015–2016
- PS239, “International Organizations” and “Global Governance” (graduate): 2009, 2014, 2017–2018

### **Professional Activities**

- Editorial Board Member, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2014–present
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2015–present
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2018–present
- Chair, International Collaboration Section, American Political Science Association, 2018–present
- Faculty Advisory Board Member, Burkle Center for International Relations, 2011–present
- Wallerstein Award Committee Chair, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association, 2018
- Member, Pacific Council on International Policy, 2017–2018
- Program Chair, International Collaboration Division, American Political Science Association, 2013–2014, 2016–2017

- Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations, 2012–2017
- Co-organizer, University of California Conference on International Cooperation, 2016
- Program Chair, International Organizations Section, International Studies Association, 2014–2015
- Wallerstein Award Committee Member, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association, 2013
- Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, *Economics and Politics*, *European Journal of International Law*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, *Review of International Organizations*, *Security Studies*, and *World Politics*

### Department Service

- Placement Director, 2011–2012, 2014–2016, 2017–present
- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2008–2012, 2017–present
- Chair, IL/IR Workshop, 2014–2017
- Field Chair, International Relations, 2010–2011, 2015–2017
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2010–2011, 2015–2017
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2015–2016
- Chair, IR Speaker Series, 2014–2016
- Chair, Formal Theory Reading Group, 2014–2015
- Chair, Department Speaker Series, 2009–2010, 2014–2015
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2013–2014
- Member, Swarr Prize Committee, 2014

### University Service

- *Fiat Lux* Professor, UCLA Freshman Seminar Program, 2014–2017
- Reviewer, Dissertation Year Fellowships, UCLA Graduate Division, 2012, 2014–2018
- Reviewer, Academic Senate, Council on Research Grants, 2015–2016
- Honors Contract Professor, UCLA Honors Program, 2008–2010, 2014

### Public and Private Sector Employment

- Policy Analyst Intern, Sunset Advisory Commission of the Texas State Legislature, 2002
- Legal Intake Volunteer, American Civil Liberties Union, 2001–2002
- Data Analyst, Wardlaw Appraisal Group, 2000–2001