

# Alexander Thompson

*curriculum vitae*

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## Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2009-present  
Faculty Associate, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, 2009-present  
Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science, Ohio State University, 2010-2011  
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Ohio State University, 2001-2009

## Research Interests

International relations; international organization and law; international political economy; international environmental politics; U.S. foreign policy

## Education

Ph.D., 2001, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science  
M.A., 1997, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science  
B.A., 1994, Connecticut College, International Relations, *summa cum laude*

## Book

*Channels of Power: The UN Security Council and U.S. Statecraft in Iraq*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2009.

- winner of the Chadwick F. Alger Prize, International Studies Association
- winner of the J. David Singer Book Award, International Studies Association

## Articles & Chapters

Forthcoming. “When Do States Renegotiate Investment Agreements? The Impact of Arbitration.” *Review of International Organizations*. DOI: 10.1007/s11558-017-9276-1. (with Yoram Z. Haftel)

Forthcoming. “The Trans-Pacific Partnership and Regulatory Space: A Comparison of Treaty Texts.” *Journal of International Economic Law*. (with Tomer Broude & Yoram Z. Haftel)

Forthcoming. “Who Cares about Regulatory Space in BITs? A Comparative International Approach.” In *Comparative International Law*, edited by Anthea Roberts, Paul Stephan, Pierre-Hugues Verdier & Mila Versteeg. Oxford University Press. (with Tomer Broude & Yoram Z. Haftel)

2016. “The Global Regime for Climate Finance: Political and Legal Challenges.” In *The Oxford Handbook of International Climate Change Law*, edited by Cinnamon P. Carlarne, Kevin R. Gray & Richard Tarasofsky, 141-64. Oxford University Press.

2015. "Efficient Orchestration? The Global Environment Facility in the Governance of Climate Adaptation." In *International Organizations as Orchestrators*, edited by Kenneth W. Abbott, Philipp Genschel, Duncan Snidal & Bernhard Zangl, 114-38. Cambridge University Press. (with Erin R. Graham)
2014. "Multilateralism, Bilateralism, and Regime Design." *International Studies Quarterly* 58(1): 15-28. (with Daniel Verdier)
2013. "Delayed Ratification: The Domestic Fate of Bilateral Investment Treaties." *International Organization* 67(2): 355-87. (with Yoram Z. Haftel)
2013. "Coercive Enforcement of International Law." In *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Law and International Relations*, edited by Jeffrey L. Dunoff & Mark A. Pollack, 502-23. Cambridge University Press.
2013. "Analyzing the Performance of International Organizations." In *Routledge Handbook on the European Union and International Institutions*, edited by Knud Erik Jørgensen & Katie Verlin Laatikainen, 55-70. Routledge. (with Tamar Gutner)
2012. "Why Did Bush Bypass the UN in 2003? Unilateralism, Multilateralism and Presidential Leadership." *White House Studies* 11(4): 345-64.
2011. "International Organization: Institutions and Order in World Politics." In *Production of Legal Rules*, edited by Francesco Parisi (*Encyclopedia of Law and Economics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*). Edward Elgar Press. (with Duncan Snidal)
2010. "Rational Design in Motion: Uncertainty and Flexibility in the Global Climate Regime." *European Journal of International Relations* 16(2): 269-96.
2010. "The Politics of IO Performance: A Framework." *Review of International Organizations* 5(3): 227-48. (with Tamar Gutner)
2010. "Mitigation through Resource Transfers to Developing Countries: Expanding Greenhouse Gas Offsets." In *Post-Kyoto International Climate Policy*, edited by Robert N. Stavins & Joseph E. Aldy, 439-68. Cambridge University Press. (with Andrew Keeler)
2009. "The Rational Enforcement of International Law: Solving the Sanctioners' Dilemma." *International Theory* 1(2): 307-21.
2006. "Coercion through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission." *International Organization* 61(1): 1-34.
- winner of the Robert O. Keohane Award  
-reprinted in Lisa L. Martin, ed., *Global Governance*. Ashgate, 2008, pp. 135-69.
2006. "The Independence of International Organizations: Concept and Applications." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 60(2): 253-75. (with Yoram Z. Haftel)
2006. "Screening Power: International Organizations as Informative Agents." In *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations*, edited by Darren G. Hawkins, David A. Lake, Daniel L. Nielson & Michael M. Tierney, 229-54. Cambridge University Press.

2006. "Management under Anarchy: The International Politics of Climate Change." *Climatic Change* 78(1): 7-29.
2006. "Adaptive Management of the Global Climate Problem: Bridging the Gap between Climate Research and Climate Policy." *Climatic Change* 78(1): 217-25. (with eleven co-authors)
2006. "Economy, Politics and Institutions: From Adaptation to Adaptive Management in Climate Change." *Climatic Change* 78(1): 1-5. (with J. Arvai, B. Sohngen, P. Robbins & T. Koontz)
2003. "International Commitments and Domestic Politics: Institutions and Actors at Two Levels." In *Locating the Proper Authorities: The Interaction of Domestic and International Institutions*, edited by Daniel W. Drezner, 197-230. University of Michigan Press. (with Duncan Snidal)
2002. "Applying Rational Choice Theory to International Law: The Promise and Pitfalls." *Journal of Legal Studies* 31(1): S285-S306.
2000. "Canadian Foreign Policy and Straddling Stocks: Sustainability in an Interdependent World." *Policy Studies Journal* 28(1): 219-35.
2000. "International Organization." In *Encyclopedia of Law & Economics, Vol. 5*, edited by Boudewijn Bouckaert & Gerrit De Geest, 692-722. Edward Elgar. (with Duncan Snidal)

### **Journal Special Issues**

2010. Co-Editor, *The Politics of IO Performance. Review of International Organizations*, Vol. 5, No. 3. (with Tamar Gutner)
2006. Co-Editor, *Economy, Politics and Institutions: From Adaptation to Adaptive Management in Climate Change. Climatic Change*, Vol. 78, No. 1. (with Arvai, Koontz, Robbins & Sohngen).

### **Other Publications**

- "The Future of the Financial Mechanism." In *The Paris Agreement and Beyond: International Climate Change Policy Post-2020*, edited by Robert N. Stavins & Robert C. Stowe. Harvard Project on Climate Agreements, October 2016.
- "The Politics of Investment Treaty Ratification," UN Conference on Trade and Development, Featured Discussion, December 17, 2013. (with Yoram Z. Haftel)
- "Industrialized-Country Mitigation Policy and Resource Transfers to Developing Countries: Improving and Expanding Greenhouse Gas Offsets." Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements Discussion Paper 08-05, September 2008. (with Andrew Keeler)
- "Kyoto Protocol." *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, edited by Paul Robbins. Sage Publications, 2007.
- "Extreme-Right Discourse and Anti-Immigrant Violence in Europe: Implications of the French Case." Center for German & Europe Studies Working Paper Series, Georgetown University, May 1999.

## Book Reviews

Review of *Coalitions of Convenience: United States Military Interventions after the Cold War*, by Sarah E. Kreps (Oxford, 2011). *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable*, Vol. IV, No. 7 (2012).

Review of *The UN Security Council and the Politics of International Authority*, edited by Bruce Cronin and Ian Hurd (Routledge, 2008), and *The United States and the Security Council*, by Brian Frederking (Routledge, 2007). *Perspectives on Politics*, March 2009.

Review of *Council Unbound: The Growth of UN Decision Making on Conflict and Postconflict Issues after the Cold War*, by Michael J. Matheson (USIP Press, 2006), and *UN Peacekeeping: Myth and Reality*, by Andrzej Sitkowski (Praeger, 2006). *Political Science Quarterly*, Winter 2007-08.

Review of *Democracy from Above: Regional Organizations and Democratization*, by Jon C. Pevehouse (Cambridge, 2005). *Review of International Organizations*, September 2006.

Review of *Governance in a Global Economy: Political Authority in Transition*, edited by Miles Kahler & David A. Lake (Princeton, 2003). *Perspectives on Politics*, December 2004.

## Invited Talks & Workshops

International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington, Brown Bag Lunch Workshop, March 2017

European Consortium for Political Research, Keynote Roundtable on International Institutions and Global Power Shifts, Prague, Sept. 2016

Harvard Kennedy School, Workshop on Climate Policy after Paris, July 2016

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of International Relations, May 2016

Freie Universität Berlin, Workshop on Text Analysis and International Institutions, Jan. 2016

University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science, Nov. 2015

Dartmouth College, Dickey Center, May 2015

German Development Institute, Conference on the Political Economy of Investment Agreements, Bonn, Dec. 2014

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, Oct. 2014

Princeton University, Niehaus Center, May 2014

University of Pennsylvania, Browne Center, April 2014

Clark University, George Perkins Marsh Institute, April 2014

University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics, Nov. 2013

Ohio Wesleyan University, Sagan National Colloquium, Oct. 2013

University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, Interdisciplinary Workshop on Global Climate Cooperation, July 2013

Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), May 2013

Mercator Research Institute and Harvard Project on Climate Agreements, Berlin, Workshop on Identifying Options for a New International Climate Regime, May 2013

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, IOs as Orchestrators conference, May 2012

Case Western Reserve University, Briskin Global Currents Lecture Series, March 2012

Temple University, Beasley School of Law, International Law and International Relations conference, May 2011

Yale University, Leitner Program, International Environmental Policymaking and Agreements conference, April 2011

George Washington University, Institute for Global and International Studies, Feb. 2011

University of Illinois, Department of Political Science, Nov. 2010

Hofstra University, Kalikow Center, symposium on U.S. Presidential Leadership at the United Nations, Oct. 2010  
 International Center for Climate Governance and Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements, Workshop on Institutions for Climate Governance, Venice, May 2010  
 University of Chicago, PIPES Workshop, April 2010  
 Yale University, IR Workshop, March 2010  
 Connecticut College, Department of Government, March 2010  
 Harvard Law School, IR-IL Workshop, Feb. 2010  
 University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, Oct. 2009  
 Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Sept. 2009  
 Columbia University International Politics Seminar, Oct. 2008  
 Northwestern University, IR Theory Colloquium, May 2008  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Political Science, April 2008  
 University of Texas, Austin, Department of Political Science, April 2008  
 McGill University, Research Group in International Security, Nov. 2007  
 University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, Program on Political Institutions, Oct. 2007  
 University of Chicago, PIPES Workshop, Oct. 2004  
 Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, Feb. 2004  
 Georgetown University, Workshop on Intervention, Oct. 2003  
 UC San Diego, Workshop on Delegation to International Organizations, Sept. 2003  
 Graduate Institute of International Studies (HEI), Geneva, May 2003  
 Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, April 2003  
 Boston College, Department of Political Science, Nov. 2001  
 University of Notre Dame, Department of Government and International Affairs, Oct. 2001  
 Indiana University, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Nov. 1998

### Conference Presentations (selected)

APSA: 1998-2001, 2003, 2005-08, 2011-13, 2015  
 ISA: 2001-03, 2005-08, 2010, 2012-17  
 European Consortium for Political Research: 2007, 2009, 2016  
 Midwest Political Science Association: 2001-02, 2005, 2007-08  
 International Political Economy Society: 2006, 2008, 2011  
 Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS): 2005  
 American Society of International Law Research Forum: 2014  
 Berlin Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change: 2005

### Awards and Grants

2014	Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "The Politics of Climate Finance: Bridging the North-South Divide"
2011	J. David Singer Book Award, International Studies Association-Midwest Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Ohio State
2010	Chadwick F. Alger Prize for best book on international organization and multilateralism, International Studies Association
2008	Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "The Performance of International Organizations"
2007	Robert O. Keohane Award for best article by an untenured scholar in <i>International Organization</i> during the previous year
2007	International Studies Association, Venture Research Workshop Grant (co-PI with Tamar Gutner)
2004-05	Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "IO Legitimation and the Use of Force"

2005	Finalist, College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award, Ohio State
2002-03	Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "Channeling Statecraft: Economic Coercion through International Organizations"
2002-03	Faculty Seed Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State
2002-03	Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "Human Elements of Global Warming in the International Context"
2000-2001	Mellon Foundation Final-Year Dissertation Fellowship
2000	Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago (declined)
1999-2000	MacArthur Foundation Fellowship
1999	Program on International Security Policy research grant, University of Chicago
1998	Summer Research Grant, Center for Advanced Studies in Peace and International Cooperation, University of Chicago
1994	Phi Beta Kappa
1990-1994	American Foreign Service Association Academic Scholarship

## Professional Activities

Associate Editor, *Security Studies*, 2015-present

Referee (selected): *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *World Politics*, *American J. of Political Science*, *J. of Politics*, *European J. of International Relations*, *Security Studies*, *British J. of Political Science*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *J. of European Public Policy*, *J. of Peace Research*, *Review of International Organizations*, *The World Economy*, *Global Governance*, *International Theory*, *International Environmental Agreements*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *International Studies Review*, *J. of International Relations and Development*, *International Interactions*, *Global Policy*, *Environmental Science & Policy*, *Climatic Change*, *Journal of International Organizations Studies*, National Science Foundation, Cornell University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Westview Press, W.W. Norton

### Department Committees

Chair's Executive Committee (2010-present); IR Field Head (2011-16); Undergraduate Studies (2013-present, 2006-10); Admissions (2011-12); Graduate Studies (2001-03, 2010-12); Political Economy Field Head (2011-2012); Faculty Search Committee (2003-04, 2006-07, 2015); Financial Aid (2004-06); IR Search Committee, University of Chicago (1998)

### University Service (selected)

2012-present Faculty Advisor, Collegiate Council on World Affairs (student organization)  
 2016-present Faculty Advisory Council, College of Arts & Sciences  
 2011-present International Studies Program Oversight Committee  
 2006-present Co-Director, Workshop on Globalization, Mershon Center  
 2012-16 Mershon Center Internal Advisory Committee  
 2012-14 Division of Social & Behavior Sciences, Student Recruitment Panel  
 2012-14 Hayes Chair Search Committee, Mershon Center  
 2005-10 Environmental Citizenship Minor Committee  
 2008-09 Advisor, International Studies Student Advisory Committee

### Other Professional Activities (selected)

Expert Reviewer, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Working Group III Advisory Board, Delegation of Power to International Organizations (DELPOWIO) Project, European Research Council  
 Member, ISA award committee, Chadwick Alger Prize (2010-2013)

Coordinator, Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES),  
University of Chicago (1998-1999)

### **Teaching Experience**

Undergraduate courses taught:

Global Politics, The United Nations System, International Environmental Politics, The  
Politics of Global Problems

Graduate courses taught:

Theories of International Relations, International Organization, International Political  
Economy

Advising:

Dissertation committee member for 28 students (Chair for seven);

Undergraduate thesis advisor for 10 students