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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Lund University, 2017-2019**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, State-Making and the Origins of Global Order (STANCE) Project

## EDUCATION

**Cornell University, Ph.D., Government, 2017.**

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

**Cornell University, M.A., Government, 2014.**

**State University of New York at New Paltz, B.A., International Relations, 2008**

*summa cum laude* with minors in Mathematics and Asian Studies

**Mandarin Training Center, National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan**

Certificate, Mandarin Chinese, 2010.

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

*Translation Power: How Tibet became part of the modern Chinese state, 1890-1959*

## ARTICLES

April 2017. "Tibet Lost in Translation: Sovereignty, Suzerainty and International Order Transformation, 1904-1906," *Journal of Contemporary China* 26(107): 769–83.

## WORKING PAPERS

March 2019. "Why is Tibet Part of China? Language-Games, Translation and International Order Transformation in the Long Nineteenth Century," STANCE Working Paper Series, Department of Political Science, Lund University.

May 2018. "International Order, Language-games and the Emergence of Chinese Sovereignty Claims in the South China Sea, 1909-1947," STANCE Working Paper Series, Department of Political Science, Lund University.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN SUBMISSION

"How (Mis)Translation Shaped China's Transition from Empire to Nation State," revise and resubmit.

“Why is Tibet Part of China? Language-Games, Translation and International Order Transformation in the Long Nineteenth Century,” under review.

“The Emergence of Chinese Sovereignty Claims in the South China Sea: Language-games and International Order Transformation,” under review.

“Translating International Relations,” (solicited review article) under review.

## **INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- 2019 “Power Politics in Translation,” Inter-lingual Relations: Multilingualism and Translation in Global Politics, International Studies Association Catalytic Workshop March, 26.
- 2019 “International Order, Language Games and the Emergence of Chinese ‘Sovereignty’ Claims in the South China Sea, 1909-1947,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 27-30.
- 2019 “Tibet’s Incorporation into China: A historical non-event that threatens the PRC’s ontological security,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 27-30.
- 2018 “Manipulating Diplomatic Success and Failure at the Simla Convention, 1913-1914,” Princeton University, Invited Presentation for Young Scholars Workshop on China’s Quest for Sovereignty: International Law in China in a Historical Perspective, May 29.
- 2018 “Tibet’s Incorporation into China: A historical non-event that threatens the PRC’s ontological security,” University of Southern California, Invited Presentation for workshop on Ten Events from East Asian History that Every IR Scholar Should Know, May 14-15.
- 2018 “Between the Sinosphere and Westphalia: China, Tibet and the Mechanics of International Order Transformation,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, April 4-7.
- 2018 “Inter-lingual Relations: Global Politics across Linguistic Boundaries Roundtable,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Invited Participant, April 4-7.
- 2018 “Controlling the Narrative and International Order in the South China Sea,” Lund University, Department of East and Southeast Asian Studies, Invited Lecture, March 21.
- 2018 “Controlling the Narrative and International Order in the South China Sea,” Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Invited Lecture, March 2.
- 2018 “Manipulating Diplomatic Success and Failure at the Simla Convention, 1913-1914,” Lund University, Invited Lecture, Department of Sociology of Law, January 31.
- 2017 “Manipulating Diplomatic Success and Failure at the Simla Convention, 1913-1914,” Oxford University, Invited Presentation for workshop on The Effect on Inner- and East Asian Relations of the Advent of Modern International Law and the End of the Qing Empire in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries, September 25-26.
- 2017 “The Mechanics of International Order Transformation,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31-September 3.
- 2017 “Agency in International Order Transformation: Insights from the Appropriation of International Legal Discourse at the 1914 Simla Convention between Great Britain, China and Tibet,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 16-19.
- 2017 “Agency in International Order Transformation: Insights from the Appropriation of International Legal Discourse at the 1914 Simla Convention between Great Britain, China and Tibet,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 22-25.

- 2017 “Controlling the Narrative and International Order in the South China Sea: Appropriation of International Legal Discourse in Sino-American Rhetoric,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 22-25.
- 2016 “Between the Sinosphere and Westphalia: Indeterminacy and East Asian International Order in Transition,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1-4.
- 2016 “Tibet’s Twenty Years Crisis: Indeterminacy, International Systems Change and Sino-Tibetan Relations, 1919-1937,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 31-April 3.
- 2016 “Tibet’s Twenty Years Crisis: Indeterminacy, International Systems Change and Sino-Tibetan Relations, 1919-1937,” Northeast International Studies Conference, Nov. 4-5.
- 2016 “Tibet Between the Sinosphere and Westphalia: A Genealogy of Chinese Suzerainty and East Asian International Order in Transition,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 16-20.
- 2016 “Indeterminacy and International Systems Change: Discourse and the Mechanics of International Order Transformation,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 16-20.
- 2016 “Diplomatic (Mis)translation and Empire: Misreadings and Manipulation in Sino-British Dealings with Tibet,” Columbia University SIPA, Invited Lecture sponsored by the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and Modern Tibetan Studies Program, February 2.
- 2015 “Between the Sinosphere and Westphalia: Chinese Suzerainty, Tibetan Liminality and East Asian International Order in Transition,” Northeast International Studies Conference, November 6-7.
- 2015 “The Emergence of Chinese Suzerainty and Tibetan Liminality: Ambiguity and Intentions in Power Politics and Diplomacy 1902-1907,” New York Conference on Asian Studies, Vassar College, October 16-17.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2019 Research Council of Norway, FRIPRO, A Conceptual History of International Relations, participant, project led by Halvard Leira of NUPI, Oslo.
- 2018 Barbara W. Tuchman Prize for Best Paper in Historical International Relations by a Graduate Student at the 2017 International Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2016 C.V. Starr Fellowship in East Asian Studies, Cornell University
- 2015 Lee Teng Hui Fellowship in World Affairs, Cornell University
- 2014 Graduate School Research Travel Grant, Winter, Cornell University
- 2012 FLAS Title VI Fellowship – Chinese, Academic Year, US Department of Education
- 2012 Lam Family Award for research in South China, Cornell University
- 2012 Einaudi International Research Travel Grant, Cornell University
- 2011 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Manuscript Reviewer for *Modern Asian Studies*; *International Studies Review*; *Cooperation and Conflict*.

Reader at Lund University Ph.D. dissertation manuscript conference for Helena Lindberg, 2018.  
Editor, *Cornell International Affairs Review*, 2016-2017.

Panel Organizer, “Whose Rules? Appropriation and Manipulation of International Legal Concepts in Non-Western and Peripheral Polity Making,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 4-7, 2018.

Panel Organizer and Chair, “On the Frontline of International Order and the Fringes of International Law: China, Tibet and the North-West Frontier of British India in the Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, March 16-19, 2017.

Panel Co-Organizer, “Transformation at the Margins: Imperial Frontiers and Peripheries at the Frontline of International Order,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, February 22-25, 2017.

Panel Organizer and Chair, “Contextualizing China’s Transition from Empire to Nation-State: Contingency, Success and the Mechanics of Transforming Political Authority on China’s Multi-Ethnic Frontiers,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 31-April 3, 2016.

Panel Organizer and Chair, “Contested Concepts and East Asia After the Sinosphere: Chinese Suzerainty, Tibetan Autonomy, Mongolian Independence and Korean Sovereignty,” New York Conference on Asian Studies, Vassar College, October 16-17, 2015.

Co-organizer of Conference on “The Everyday Life of Islam: Focus on Islam in China,” Cornell University, April 27-28, 2012.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Integration: International Relations and the Making of a Global World (graduate seminar)  
Lund University, Fall 2018

Comparative International Systems (undergraduate lecture)  
Lund University, co-taught with Erik Ringmar, Fall 2017

China and the World, Teaching Assistant  
Cornell University, Faculty Instructor: Allen Carlson, Spring 2016

China Transnationalized, Teaching Assistant  
Cornell University, Faculty Instructor: Allen Carlson, Fall 2015

The Causes of War, Teaching Assistant  
Cornell University, Faculty Instructor: Christopher Way, Spring 2012 and Spring 2014

Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies, Teaching Assistant  
Cornell University, Faculty Instructor: Richard Maas, Fall 2013

Introduction to International Relations, Teaching Assistant  
Cornell University, Faculty Instructor: Peter Katzenstein, Fall 2011

## **ARCHIVAL AND FIELD EXPERIENCE**

Taipei, Taiwan (September 2009-August 2010, November 2014-July 2015, August 2018);  
London, UK (January 2013, July-August 2015,); Dharamsala, India (October-November 2014);  
Beijing, China (May-October 2014), Yunnan, China (May-August 2011, May-August 2012);  
Research Assistant to Professor Jonathan Schwartz, multiple locations in China including:  
Beijing, Xi’an, Yan’an, Pingyao, Taiyuan, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai (May-July 2006).

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

Learning and Teaching in Higher Education 80-hour pedagogy course, Lund University, 2017.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Inquiry, Syracuse University, 2013.

## **LANGUAGES**

Mandarin Chinese (advanced professional proficiency), Classical Chinese (advanced reading proficiency).

## **REFERENCES**

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