

EMILY MEIERDING

EDUCATION

- PhD University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, 2010
Subfields: International Relations, Comparative Politics
Dissertation: “No Blood for Oil? The Dynamics of Interstate Petroleum Disputes”
Committee: Charles Lipson (chair), John J. Mearsheimer, Steven Wilkinson
- MA University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, 2004
Thesis: “Missing the Target: Light Weapons and the Limits of Global Governance”
- BA University of California at Santa Cruz, History Department (Highest Honors), 2000
King’s College London (study abroad), 1998–1999

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, starting July 2016
- Assistant Professor, International Relations/Political Science Department, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, 2010–2014
- Predocctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University, 2009–2010

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Bridging the Gap Program, International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), American University, June 2016
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS), San Francisco State University, 2015
- Qualitative Methods, Institute for Qualitative Research Methods (IQRM), Arizona State University, January 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

- 2016 “Dismantling the Oil Wars Myth,” *Security Studies* 25, no. 2: 258–288
- 2013 “Climate Change and Conflict: Avoiding Small Talk about the Weather,” *International Studies Review* 15, no. 2: 185–203

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “Do Countries Fight Over Oil?” in *Handbook of the International Political Economy of Energy*, ed. Thijs Van de Graaf, Arunabha Ghosh, Florian Kern, Michael T. Klare, and Benjamin K. Sovacool (London: Palgrave)
- 2015 “Disconnecting Climate Change from Conflict: A Methodological Proposal,” in *Reframing Climate Change: Constructing an Ecological Geopolitics*, ed. Shannon O’Lear and Simon Dalby (New York: Routledge)

Book Reviews

- 2016 “*Carbon Conflicts and Forest Landscapes in Africa*, Melissa Leach and Ian Scoones (eds.), Routledge: New York (2015),” *Energy Research and Social Science* 14: 131–132.
- 2013 “*The Power Surge* by Michael Levi,” *International Politics Reviews* 1, no. 2: 117–131

Work in Progress

The Oil Wars Myth (book manuscript)

“Disentangling the Causes of Territorial Conflict: Oil vs. Islands in the East China Sea Dispute”

“Oil and Maritime Boundary Drawing: Smoothing the Waters”

“Africa’s Forgotten Uranium Wars”

Invited Journal Articles

- 2011 “Energy Security and Sub-Saharan Africa,” *International Development Policy* 2: 44–59
- 2010 “International Relations Theory as Politics, International Politics as Theory: A Nigerian Case Study,” *African Nebula* 1, no. 2

Reports

- 2008 “Environmental Scarcity and Conflict: Is There A Connection?” co-authored with Christopher Haid and Steven Wilkinson, submitted to Argonne National Laboratory

Web Publications

- 2016 “Oil Wars: Why Nations Aren’t Battling Over Resources,” *The Washington Post*, May 19.
- 2015 “The Real Reason Tensions are Rising in the South China Sea,” *Vox.com*, May 24. Also published as “Don’t Blame the Oil Rigs,” *The Weekly Wonk*, New America Foundation, May 21; *The Pacific Standard*, May 27; *TIME.com*, June 10

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2009 Zukerman Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University

- 2009 Predoctoral Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University
- 2009 Predoctoral Fellowship, Belfer International Security Program, Harvard University, declined
- 2009 Predoctoral Fellowship, Dubai Initiative, Harvard University, declined
- 2009 Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship, Alternate, United States Institute of Peace
- 2008 Overseas Research Grant, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2008 Travel and Research Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago
- 2007 Critical Language Scholarship, sponsored by the US Department of State and administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers
- 2006 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), US Department of Education, summer
- 2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), US Department of Education, summer
- 2004 Doolittle–Harrison Fellowship, University of Chicago

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Working Groups and Workshops

- 2015 “Rethinking Energy Geopolitics” (workshop), International Studies Association annual convention, New Orleans, LA, February 18–21
- 2014 “Global Political Economy of Energy” (workshop), International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, ON, March 26–29
- 2013 “The Political Economy of Resources: Creating Networks and Linkages” (working group), International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6

Panels Organized

- 2014 “Conflict and Cooperation in International Petroleum Geopolitics,” International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, ON, March 26–29

Papers and Presentations

- 2016 “Fueling Cooperation: Oil’s Role in the Falkland/Malvinas Islands Dispute” International Studies Association annual convention, Atlanta, GA, March 16–19
- 2016 “Book Discussion: Reframing Climate Change: Constructing Ecological Geopolitics” Association of American Geographers annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 30
- 2014 “Fighting to Agree: Conflict and Cooperation in Oil-Related Territorial Disputes,” International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, ON, March 26–29
- 2013 “Oil in Interstate Conflict: One More Thing to Fight About,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6

- 2012 “Oil and Water: Petroleum’s Role in Maritime Boundary Delimitation,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Diego, CA, April 1–4
- 2012 “Uranium and Internal Conflict: A Question of Value,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 30–September 2 (cancelled)
- 2011 “Uranium and the Resource Curse,” International Studies Association annual convention, Montreal, QC, March 16–19
- 2011 “Climate Change and Conflict: Avoiding Small Talk about the Weather,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, September 1–4
- 2010 “When is an ‘Oil War’ Not about Oil? The Bakassi Dispute,” International Studies Association annual convention, New Orleans, LA, February 17–20
- 2010 “Locating the Oil Wars,” International Studies Association annual convention, New Orleans, LA, February 17–20
- 2008 “Oil, Water, or Enduring Rivalry? Causes of Conflict in the Middle East,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, March 26–29
- 2007 “No Blood for Oil? Natural Resources and International War,” International Studies Association annual convention, Chicago, IL, February 28–March 3
- 2007 “The Rational Politics of State Suicide,” International Studies Association annual convention, Chicago, IL, February 28–March 3
- 2005 “Missing the Target: Light Weapons and the Limits of Global Governance,” International Studies Association annual convention, Honolulu, HI, March 1–5

Discussant

- 2013 “Power, Ideas, and the Global Politics of Resource Extraction,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6
- 2011 “Oil, Security, and International Conflict,” International Studies Association annual convention, Montreal, QC, March 16–19

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Instructor of Record

International Security (Autumn 2013), graduate seminar

Qualitative Methods (Autumn 2013, Autumn 2012, Autumn 2011), graduate seminar

Dynamics of Conflict and Cooperation (Spring 2013, Spring 2012, Spring 2011), graduate seminar

Environmental Security (Spring 2013, Autumn 2010), graduate seminar

Energy Geopolitics (Spring 2012), graduate seminar

Global Environmental Politics (Spring 2011, Autumn 2011), graduate seminar

Issues in Environmental Politics (Autumn 2010), graduate seminar

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Lecturer

International Affairs and Multilateral Governance summer program (2013, 2012, 2011)

Executive Master's in Oil and Gas Leadership program (2013, 2011)

University of Chicago, Instructor of Record

The Environment and International Relations (Autumn 2007), undergraduate seminar

BA Colloquium (Autumn and Winter 2005–2006), undergraduate seminar

Guest Lectures

2015 “America’s Oil Wars: Facts and Fiction,” for Karthika Sasikumar’s “US Foreign Policy” course, San Jose State University, March 3 and October 23

2015 “Resource Conflict and the Resource Curse,” for Erik Klemetti’s “Earth Resources” course, Denison University, February 4; February 11, 2013

2012 “Oil, Cooperation, and Conflict,” for Géraldine Pflieger’s “Global Commons” course, University of Geneva, April 30; April 4, 2011

INVITED TALKS

2016 “The Geopolitics of Cheap Oil,” North Carolina State University, February 25

2015 “Come in or Stay Out? The Syrian Refugee Crisis in Europe,” San Francisco State University, November 18

CAMPUS TALKS

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

2013 “Africa: Between Resource Led Growth and Conflict,” Ninth Annual Event for Alumni and the Diplomatic Community, October 28

2011 “Energy Security and Sub-Saharan Africa,” Symposium presenting the current issue of *International Development Policy*, October 5

University of Chicago

2008 “Is the Environment a Security Issue?” Chicago Summer Teaching Institute on “Climate Change: Biological and Social Implications,” June 25

FIELDWORK

2012 Conflict Records Research Center, National Defense University, Washington, DC, January: Conducted archival research in the Saddam Hussein Regime Collection

2009 Nigeria and Cameroon, April–May:

Interviewed government officials and examined archives at the National Institute for International Affairs (Lagos), National Boundary Commission (Abuja), and Institut des Relations Internationales du Cameroun (Yaoundé)

LANGUAGES

French: reading (fluent), speaking (excellent), writing (excellent)

Modern Standard Arabic: reading (good), speaking (good), writing (good)

American Institute for Maghrib Studies, Tangiers, Morocco, summer 2007; University of Damascus, Syria, summer 2006; Middlebury College, VT, summer 2005

Spanish: reading (can read with dictionary)

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Thesis Supervisor, PhD and MA students, 2010–current

Thesis Second Reader, PhD and MA students, 2010–current

Library Committee, 2013–2014

Admissions Committee, International Relations/Political Science Department, 2014 and 2013

Research Director, Security Section, Center for International Environmental Studies (CIES), 2010–2014

Coordinator, Brown Bag Seminar Series, Center for International Environmental Studies (CIES), 2011–2013

Coordinator, Environmental Teaching Committee, Center for International Environmental Studies (CIES), 2011–2012

Hiring Committee, International Relations/Political Science Department, 2011–2012

University of Chicago

Coordinator, Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) workshop, 2005–2007

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer for Cambridge University Press, *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, *Climatic Change*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Millennium*, *Security Studies*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Docent, Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, Antioch, CA, June 2015–current

REFERENCES

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