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Education

Indiana University-Bloomington
Ph.D., Political Science, May 2016

Primary Field: Comparative Politics

Secondary Field: International Relations

Minor: Central Eurasian Studies

Dissertation: Institutions and Property Rights Reform: Explaining Variation in Outcomes of Land Tenure Reform in Cotton-Producing Areas of Tajikistan

Committee: Regina Smyth; Jack Bielasiak; Dina Spechler; Gardner Bovingdon; Don Van Atta

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
M.A., Social and Public Policy, May 2006

Concentration: Policy Analysis and Administration

Khorog State University, Khorog, Tajikistan
Diploma, Linguistics: English, Highest Honors, May 2002

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Political Economy; Comparative Democratization; Competitive Authoritarianism, Foreign Policy Analysis; Theories of International Relations; Theories of Political Contention; Conflict Resolution; Nationalism and Ethnic Politics; Russian and Post-Soviet Politics

Awards

- Greenough Memorial Grant, Indiana University 2010, 2014
- Best Comparative Politics Paper, Political Science Graduate Student Conference 2010, 2011
- Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism Research Incentive Award, 2011
- Aga Khan Foundation International Scholarship Program, 2006-2009, 2010
- Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellow, 2004–2006

Publications

“Land Reform by Default: Uncovering Patterns of Agricultural Decollectivization in Tajikistan.” (with Brent Hierman) *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. (44) 1, January 2017.

“Collective Action for Rural Development.” (with Dina Spechler and Defne Jones) *Development*, Vol. (59) 1, September 2016.

“Whose land is it?: Land reform, minorities, and the titular ‘nation’ in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan” (with Brent Hierman) *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity*, Vol. (42) 2, March 2014.

“Internet Libel Law and Freedom of Expression in Tajikistan.” (with Kristine Kohlmeier). In *After the Czars and Commissars: The Press in Post-Soviet Authoritarian Central Asia*. 2011. Richard Shafer and Eric Freedman, editors. Michigan State University Press.

Work in Progress

“Power and Legacy in Post-Soviet Land Reform”

“Empirical Test of Theories of Property Rights: Multilevel Analysis of the Variation in Patterns of Land Tenure Arrangements in Cotton-Producing Areas of Tajikistan.”

“The Persistent Power of Post-Soviet Rural Elites: A Case Study of Elite Capture of Water User Associations in Tajikistan.”

“Trust and Collective Action in Village Development.” (with Dina Spechler and Defne Jones)

“Foreign Policy of Small States: Explaining Variation in Foreign Policy Behavior of Central Asian states towards Russia” (with Dina Spechler)

“Collective Mobilization and Government Responses in the Aftermath of Post-Election Political Crisis in Ukraine, Armenia and the Republic of Georgia.”

“Bargaining for Autonomy: Outcomes of Conflict over Self-Determination in Tajikistan and Moldova.”

Courses Designed and Taught

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- International Conflict Resolution, fall 2015

Indiana University

- Politics and Film, spring 2011
- Analyzing Politics (introduction to quantitative and qualitative research), fall 2010
- Advanced Tajiki (intensive summer course), summer 2010
- Food Politics, fall 2009

Research Skills

Language Fluency: English, Wakhani (native), Tajik, Russian, Persian
Data Analysis: STATA, R, Multilevel Analysis

Current Membership

American Political Science Association

Non-Academic Work Experience

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, summer 2008

- Elections Researcher

Public Media

“Tajikistan: Mass Migration Good for the Regime, Argues Political Scientist” Interview with *Eurasianet.org*, November 27, 2012.

“Until Mass Migration Remains an Option, Autocratic Regime Stability is Assured” *Radio Free Europe, Tajik Service*, November 12, 2012.

“The View from Ishkashim: Violent Conflict in Badakhshan, Tajikistan, Social Order amidst Chaos and When Master Frames of War Misperceive” *Registan.net*, August 6, 2012.

“The Anatomy of Anti-Government Protest and Government Resignation” *Radio Free Europe, Tajik Service*, March 3, 2011.

“Quiet Diplomacy? The Role of International Organization in the Politics of Tajikistan” *Radio Free Europe, Tajik Service*, October 10, 2006.

“Questions of Regionalism in Tajikistan” *Radio Free Europe, Tajik Service*, April 02, 2006.

Invited Presentations

Presenter, “Social Inequality and Agricultural Land Reform: Farmworkers Rights in Tajikistan.” University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, 2016.

Presenter, “The Politics of Agricultural Land Reform in Tajikistan” Farmer Advisory Services in Tajikistan, a project of USAID, Dushanbe, Tajikistan 2014.

Presenter, “Identity and Individuality.” University of Central Asia, Dushanbe 2012.

Presenter, “Tajikistan: Election Reform, the Public, Political Parties, and the State—An Empirical Approach.” OSCE Open Lecture Series, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 2008.

Presenter, “U.S Foreign Policy in Central Asia: Challenges and Opportunities.” Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions Discussion Series, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2005.

Panelist, “Putin’s Second Term: A Scorecard for Russia.” Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions Discussion Series, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2004.

Selected Conference Participation

Presenter, “Farmers’ Must Be Guided: Political Obstacles to Land Reform in Tajikistan,” Association for the Study of Nationalities 18th Convention, Columbia University, New York, New York, April 2013.

Presenter, “Explaining the Absence of Antisemitism in Central Asia.” Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, Bloomington, Indiana, 2011.

Presenter, “Collective Mobilization and Semi-Authoritarian Regime Responses in Ukraine, Armenia, and Georgia.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2010.

Presenter, “The Political Consequences of Electoral Rules in Central Asia and the Caucasus.” Indiana University Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, 2009.

Presenter, “Explaining the Dynamic of Minority Radicalization in Moldova and Tajikistan.” Association of Central Eurasian Students Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, 2009.