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Education

University of Toronto

Anticipated Fall 2024

PhD, International Relations and Comparative Politics

Dissertation: Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics: Deception of International Organizations

Committee: Steven Bernstein, Phillip Lipsy, and Lou Pauly

University of British Columbia

2017

MA, International Relations

University of Alberta

2015

BA, Environmental Studies

Research Interests

Global Governance • International Organizations • Global Environmental Politics • Foreign Policy

Peer Reviewed Publications

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab and Steven Bernstein, "When Socialization Fails: Breaking the Habit of Engagement with China", *International Affairs*. (Accepted 13 March 2024)

Manuscripts Under Review

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, "Whistleblowers, Not Policemen: Why International Organizations Tolerate Deception".

Works in Progress

Book Manuscript

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, "Lies, Damn Lies and Statistics': Deception of International Organizations".

Journal Articles

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, "No Such Thing': Denial and 'Doubling Down' in International Politics".

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, "Surviving the Scandal: Rethinking Reputation for International Organizations".

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, "Killing Whales and Lying About It: Explaining Weak Enforcement of Strong Norms".

Policy and Public Engagement

Working Papers

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, “Barriers to Scaling Non-Governmental Decarbonization Initiatives”.
Smart Prosperity Institute, May 2022.

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, “Insights from the Field: Unlocking SME Emissions Reductions in the Green Recovery”.
Smart Prosperity Institute, May 2022.

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, “The Low Carbon Policy Ecosystem: Leaving SMEs Behind”.
Smart Prosperity Institute, October 2020.

Policy Briefs and Op Eds

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, “Don’t forget SMEs (again) in the Green Recovery”.
Smart Prosperity Institute, October 2020.

Michaela Pedersen-Macnab, “Are Climate Reforms in China Evidence of International Leadership?”
Policy Options, October 2017.

Fellowships and Awards

Social Sciences Research Council	2021 to 2024
Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship (CAD105,000)	
Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (CAD6,000)	
University of Toronto	2022
Morimitsu Inaba Doctoral Fellowship in the Political Economy of Development	
Michael W. Donnelly Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy	
Noah Blackstein Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy (total of CAD23,000)	
Global Affairs Canada	2021
Margaret Meagher Fellowship (CAD41,600)	
Province of Ontario	2019
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (CAD15,000)	
Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance	2019
Graduate Fellowship (CAD5,000)	
University of Toronto	2018
Vice Dean’s Graduate Admissions Scholarship for Academic Excellence (CAD4,500)	
Global Affairs Canada and Social Sciences Research Council	2018
International Policy Ideas Award (CAD3,000)	
The China Institute	2016
Research Travel Grant (CAD1,200)	
Province of Alberta	2011
Provincial Academic Excellence Scholarship (CAD1,000)	

University of Alberta 2011
Faculty of Arts Academic Excellence Scholarship (CAD250)

Academic Conferences

International Studies Association
Deception of International Organizations (Paper) 2024
When Socialization Fails (Paper)

Canadian Political Science Association
Deception of International Organizations (Paper) 2024
When Socialization Fails (Paper)

University of Toronto Women in International Security (Cancelled - COVID-19)
Urban Heat Waves: Future Security Challenges (Paper) 2020

McGill University Climate Conference
Climate Adaptation for Municipal Heat Waves (Paper) 2019

Carleton University Political Science Graduate Conference
An Innovation Vacuum: Path-Dependency in the Climate Change Regime (Paper) 2017

Salt Spring Island Forum
Space Politics: Environmental Ethics in Non-Living Space(s) (Paper) 2017

Invited Policy Talks

Institute of Municipal Finance and Governance
Climate Change and Heat Waves: Are Canadian Cities Ready? 2020

Smart Prosperity Institute
The Interaction of Public Policy and Non-State Decarbonization Initiatives 2020

Global Affairs Canada
Space Debris: Environmental Conservation in Non-Living Space(s) 2018

Guest Lectures

University of Toronto
PhD Dissertation Proposal Seminar, Professor Steven Bernstein 2023
Non-State Climate Governance, Professor Kate Neville 2019
International Political Economy and the Environment, Professor Steven Bernstein 2018

Course Instruction

Instructor of Record
Global Environmental and Sustainability Politics (400-level) 2024
Global Environmental and Sustainability Politics (400-level) 2022

Teaching Assistant

Global Environmental Politics (300-level)	2020
Topics in Global Governance (300-level)	2019
Introduction to International Relations (200-level)	2018
Introduction to Political Science (100-level)	2017
Introduction to International Relations (100-level)	2016

Research Experience

Environmental Governance Lab, University of Toronto

Research Assistant 2018 to Present

Professor Sara Hughes, University of Toronto

Research Assistant 2019

Professors Paul Evans and Brian Job, University of British Columbia

Research Assistant 2017

Professor Peter Dauvergne, University of British Columbia

Research Assistant 2017

Professor Ashley Esarey, University of Alberta

Research Assistant 2016

Policy Experience

Global Affairs Canada

Political Officer/Policy Analyst - Greater China Division 2020 to 2022

The China Institute

Summer Graduate Research Fellow 2019

Policy Researcher 2017 to 2018

Strategic Steps Inc.

Governance Consultant 2016 to Present

Research and Fellowships Abroad

Dissertation Fieldwork

European Commission (Brussels, Belgium) 2023

Eurostat (Luxembourg, Luxembourg)

International Monetary Fund (Washington D.C., USA)

World Health Organization (Geneva, Switzerland)

Secretariat for the UN Framework on the Convention for Climate Change (Bonn, Germany)

People's Republic of China, Zhengzhou University (Zhengzhou/Beijing, China)

Visiting Program for Young Sinologists 2017

Government of Taiwan, Taipei University (Taipei, Taiwan)

Mosaic Taiwan Fellowship 2017

Nord University (Bodø, Norway) High North Dialogue	2017
Tsinghua University (Beijing, China) Experiencing China Fellowship	2016

Administrative Service

Environmental Governance Lab Lab Coordinator	2021 to Present
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Managing Editor We Did It!? A Future History of Net Zero in Canada: Vol. 2	2024
We Did It!? A Future History of Net Zero in Canada: Vol. 1	2023

Graduate Representative Hiring Committee, International Relations (St. George Campus)	2023
Hiring Committee, International Relations (UTM Campus)	2021

Conference Organizer Environmental Governance Lab Net Zero Workshop, Vol. 2	2024
We Did It!? A Future History of Net Zero in Canada Launch Event	2023
Environmental Governance Lab Net Zero Workshop, Vol. 1	2022
9th Annual Chinese Investment in Canada Forum	2019
8th Annual Chinese Investment in Canada Forum	2018
5th Annual Maritime Security and Cooperation Forum	2017
7th Annual Chinese Investment in Canada Forum	2017
Environment and Environmentalism in East Asia Conference	2016

Policy Training

Global Affairs Canada Policy Analysis and Development 201: The Art of Briefing	2020
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Skills and Affiliations

Languages
English - Native Proficient
French - Intermediate

Programs
R - Intermediate
AtlasTI - Proficient
NVivo - Proficient

Affiliations
International Studies Association
Canadian Political Science Association
International Political Science Association
Environmental Governance Lab at the University of Toronto
Smart Prosperity Institute Economics and Environmental Policy Network 2019 to 2021
Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance 2019 to 2020