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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- **University of Oxford:** Lecturer, Department of Politics & International Relations *Sept. 2021 –*
  - University College *2023-Present*
  - St Catherine’s College *2021-2023* (parental leave during AY 2022-2023)
- **London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE):** Fellow in International Relations Theory *Sept. 2017 – Aug. 2021*
- **European University Institute:** Postdoctoral Research Associate, ‘Individualisation of War’ Project *Nov. 2016 – Aug. 2017*

### EDUCATION

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- **University of Oxford, DPhil in International Relations 2012–2017**  
Thesis “International Criminal Justice and the Global South: Extraversion and State Agency”  
Supervisors: Jennifer Welsh and Andrew Hurrell  
Awarded Dasturzada Dr Jal Pavry Memorial Prize.
- **University of Cambridge, MPhil in Politics 2010–2011**
- **Harvard University, BA in Government 2006–2010**

### PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

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- 2025. Katherine M. Millar, **Yuna Han**, and Martin Bayly. “The Temporal Politics of Inevitability: Mass Death during the COVID-19 Pandemic” *International Studies Quarterly*. In production.
- 2022. **Yuna Han** and Olivia Nantermoz. “Cruel Intentions: Liberal Logics and the Processes of International Criminalisation” *Global Studies Quarterly*, vol.2 (2), <https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksab049>
- 2022. **Yuna Han**. “Should German Courts Prosecute Syrian International Crimes? Revisiting the ‘Dual Foundation’ Thesis” *Ethics & International Affairs*, vol.36(1), pp.37-63. [doi:10.1017/S0892679421000666](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0892679421000666)
- 2021. **Yuna Han**, Katherine M. Millar, and Martin Bayly. “Confronting the Pandemic: COVID-19 as a Mass Death Event” *Ethics & International Affairs*, vol.35(1), pp.5-17  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0892679421000022>
- 2021. **Yuna Han** and Sophie T. Rosenberg. “Claiming Equality: African Union’s Contestation of the Anti-Impunity Norm”. *International Studies Review*. Vol. 23 (3), pp.726-75 <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viaa065>
- 2019. **Yuna Han**. “International Criminal Justice as Political Strategy: Asymmetry of Opportunity?” in Melissa Labonte and Kurt Mills eds. *Assessing and Implementing Human Rights and Justice*. Global Institutions Series. Abingdon: Routledge
- 2018. **Yuna Han**. “International Relations: Between Theory and Practice, the National and International” in Jacques Schumacher and Jonathan Waterlow eds. *War Crimes Trials and Investigations: A Multi-Disciplinary Introduction*. St. Antony’s Series. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan

### Work-in-Progress

- “Beyond Getting in the ‘Room Where it Happens’: Conceptual and Methodological Discussions on Differential Access and Communities of Practice.” with Nora Stappert. (Prepared for submission to *European Journal of International Relations*)

- “Theorising Universal Jurisdiction Trials: A Domestic Account” (in preparation for *International Studies Quarterly*)
- “Do Domestic Prosecutions of Atrocity Crimes Shift Immigration Attitudes? A Survey Experiment.” with Seung Hoon Chae ([Pre-Analysis Plan](#)).
- International Criminal Justice as Sovereign Strategy: Constitutive and Constituted Violence
- Politics of Sovereignty and International Criminal Justice: Cambodia and Palestine
- Between Justice and Conviction: International Criminal Defence Lawyers as Community of Practice
- The Devil’s Advocate and Unruly Subjects: Jacques Vergès and Resistance to the International Order

### Policy Outputs & Other Publications

- 2021. “Prosecuting Heads of State: Sovereign Immunity and the Anti-Impunity Norm.” *E-IR* <https://bit.ly/3DfTVHr>
- 2020. *Confronting the COVID-19 Pandemic: Grief, Loss, and Social Order* LSE Policy Report. With Katharine M. Millar, Martin Bayly, Katharina Kuhn, and Irene Morlino. <https://t.co/R7f6dsEe9l?amp=1>
- 2020. “Communicating the Pandemic: Bolstering Social Cohesion in the Context of a Second Wave” Policy Brief. With Katharine M. Millar and Martin Bayly.
- 2020. “The Challenge and Necessity of Commemorating COVID-19” Policy Brief. With Katharine M. Millar and Martin Bayly.
- 2020. “Britain Avoids Talking about COVID-19 Deaths. That’s a Mistake.” Blogpost on LSE COVID-19 blog. <https://bit.ly/39y7WCh>
- 2020. Review of *A World Divided: The Global Struggle for Human Rights in the Age of Nation-States* by Eric D. Weitz. *International Affairs*, Volume 96 (3), pp. 812-814
- 2017. “Rebirth of Universal Jurisdiction?” Blogpost in *Ethics and International Affairs* Journal Blog

### RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

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**Research Collaborator, European University Institute:** Individualisation of War Project *Sept. 2017- Jun. 2019*

**George Mason University, School for Conflict Analysis & Resolution:** Program Affiliate, Program for the Prevention of Mass Violence *Dec. 2017 – Dec. 2018*.

**SOAS University of London:** Research Associate, Centre on Conflict, Rights and Justice *Jan 2017— Jan 2018*

### RESEARCH AWARDS & OTHER HONOURS

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#### Research Awards

- 2022 University of Oxford John Fell OUP Research Fund, “Working from the Boundaries: Defence Counsels in International Criminal Justice” (extended to 2024 due to parental leave)
- 2020 LSE COVID-19 Fund, “The Challenge of Mass Death and Social Order: In the Era of COVID-19” with Katharine M. Millar and Martin Bayly
- 2019 Special Events Fund, LSE Department of International Relations “Workshop: Lawyers in International Law Development”
- 2019 LSE IR Futures Fund, “Role of Defence Counsel in Developing International Criminal Justice”
- 2018 International Studies Association Travel Grant
- 2016 Cyril Foster & Related Funds: Conference attendance
- 2016 Academic Development Fund, Lady Margaret Hall: Conference attendance
- 2015 Senior Beaufort Scholarship, Lady Margaret Hall
- 2015 Contracted Researcher, ERC Project “Individualisation of War”: Field research
- 2015 Academic Development Fund, Lady Margaret Hall: Conference attendance
- 2014 Cyril Foster & Related Funds, Oxford Project for Peace Studies: Field research
- 2014 Santander Graduate Travel Award, University of Oxford: Field research
- 2013 Academic Development Fund, Lady Margaret Hall: Workshop attendance

- 2012 Department of Politics and International Relations Studentship, University of Oxford: three-year funding for DPhil studies
- 2011 Paul Williams Scholarship: MPhil studies at University of Cambridge
- 2006 Samsung Scholarship: full four-year funding for undergraduate studies

### Honours

- 2021 Nominated for **LSE Student Union Teaching Award** in category “Exceptional Teaching in an Unprecedented Year”
- 2020 **LSE Class Teacher Award**, Highly Commended
- 2020 Nominated for **LSE Student Union Teaching Award** in categories “Inspirational Teaching” and “Sharing Subject Knowledge”
- 2019 **Excellence in Education Award**: Awarded annually to select number of LSE staff each year on the recommendation of Heads of Department for demonstrating outstanding teaching contribution and educational leadership
- 2017 **Dasturzada Dr Jal Pavry Memorial Prize**: Awarded annually to an outstanding thesis at the University of Oxford on a subject in the area of international peace and understanding
- 2016 **International Studies Association (ISA) Women’s Caucus Graduate Student Best Paper Award**: For the paper “The Games They Play: International Criminal Justice as Political Strategy” presented at the 2016 ISA Annual Convention

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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#### Invited Talks and Roundtables

- 2022 **Invited Roundtable**, “Ethics in the Classroom: Empowering the Next Generation.” Carnegie Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- 2022 **Research Colloquium**, “Practice Theory and International Law: Normativity, Access and the Ethics of Methodology” with Nora Stappert (Uni. Leeds). Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen, 19<sup>th</sup> Jul.
- 2022 **Workshop**, “Practice Theory and International Law: Normativity, Access and the Ethics of Methodology” with Nora Stappert (Uni. Leeds). ECTPIL and iCourts Conference Series, Theory and Philosophy of International Law, 19<sup>th</sup> May.
- 2022 **Expert Roundtable** “Accountability for Atrocity Crimes in the Post-Nuremberg Era” BISA International Law and Politics Working Group, 18<sup>th</sup> Mar.
- 2022 **Research Colloquium**, “Who Do We Not Save? Death, the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Politics of Inevitability” University of Oxford, International Relations Colloquium, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- 2021 **Workshop** “UK Remembrance of the COVID-19 Pandemic,” University of Exeter and Marie Curie Foundation “National Day of Reflection” initiative, 16<sup>th</sup> Jul.
- 2020 **Webinar** “Managing Death in the COVID-19 Pandemic,” LSE ‘International Institutions in Time of Crisis’ Seminar Series, 13<sup>th</sup> Jul.
- 2020 **Web Workshop** “Human Rights Accountability, Displacement, and de facto Statelessness: the case of the Syrian Conflict,” Glasgow Centre of International Law and Security, 24<sup>th</sup> Jun.
- 2019 **Workshop** “International Criminal Justice as Sovereignty-Affirming Strategy”, LSE Security and Statecraft Workshop, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- 2019 **Workshop** “Competing Claims of Equality: African Union’s Contestation of the ICC”, LSE IR Theory Workshop, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- 2018 **Invited talk** “International Criminal Justice as Political Strategy” SOAS, Centre on Conflict Rights and Justice; 1<sup>st</sup> Mar
- 2016 **Invited talk** “International Criminal Justice as Political Strategy: Judicial Extraversion and Agency” Oxford Transitional Justice Research (OTJR) seminar series; 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- 2014 **Invited talk** “Qualitative Methods in International Law & Politics” Nuffield Qualitative Methods Seminar (with Nora Stappert)

## Conference Presentations

- 2025 **ISA Annual Convention**  
Roundtable: 'International Justice and the Israel/Gaza Conflict: Assessing the Role of International Courts in Shaping the Conflict and Future Implications'  
Roundtable: 'ICC and the War in Gaza: Power Politics, International Law, and World Order'  
"The Devil's Advocate and Unruly Subjects: Jacques Vergès and Resistance to the International Order"
- 2023 **EISA Pan-European Conference**  
Roundtable: "Criminalisation, Individualisation, Humanisation"
- 2023 **ISA Annual Convention**  
"Defence Arguments as Norm Contestation"
- 2022 **Law & Society Global Meeting (Hybrid)**  
Roundtable: "Lawyers as Global Actors"
- 2022 **ISA Annual Convention (Virtual)**  
Roundtable: "Puzzles, Problems, and Questions in Research Design"
- 2021 **Human Rights Joint Conference (Virtual)**  
Roundtable: "Accountability in the Absence of Multilateralism: Experiences and Lesson for the Future from Syria" (Organizer)  
"Cruel Intentions: Liberal Logics and the Processes of International Criminalisation"
- 2021 **ISA Annual Convention (Virtual)**  
Roundtable: "Making Sense of International Law and Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"
- 2019 **European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference**  
"No Safe Haven' in Europe? The Future of Universal Jurisdiction Prosecutions"
- 2019 **ISA Annual Convention**  
"Competing Claims of Equality: African Union's Contestation of the ICC"  
"The Ontologies of the State in International Criminal Justice"
- 2018 **ISA Annual Convention**  
"Competing Claims of Equality: African Union's Contestation of the ICC"  
"Vertical and Horizontal Effects of International Criminal Justice"
- 2017 **ISA Annual Convention**  
"International Criminal Justice as Political Strategy: Asymmetry of Opportunity?" "Speaking Justice to Power? Competing Objectives of Individualizing Responsibility for Atrocity Crimes"
- 2016 **ISA Annual Convention**  
"The Games They Play: International Criminal Justice as Political Strategy"  
"Pursuing Justice to Wage War? International Criminal Justice and State Violence in Uganda and Colombia"
- 2015 **ISA Human Rights Joint Conference**  
"International Criminal Justice as Political Strategy"  
"The Effects of Justice: International Criminal Justice in Cambodia"
- 2014 **ECPR General Conference**  
"Politics of International Criminal Justice: Case of Uganda"
- 2014 **War Crimes Trials Network Conference**, University of Oxford  
"International Relations and the Study of War Crimes Trials"
- 2013 **European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization**  
"The Global South and International Criminal Justice"
- 2012 **Law and Social Order in Africa Workshop**, University of Oxford "The Politics of ICC Self-Referrals"

## Media & Policy Engagement

- 2024 **News Commentary**, Sky News 'Breakfast with Anna Jones' on ICC arrest warrant for Israeli / Hamas leaders, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.
- 2024 **Workshop** "Policy Relevant Atrocity Research Workshop," UCL & Protection Approaches, 19<sup>th</sup> Jun.
- 2024 **News Commentary**, Sky News 'News Hour' on ICC application for arrest for Israeli / Hamas leaders, 20<sup>th</sup> May

- 2019 **Workshop** “European NGO Network for Universal Jurisdiction, Opportunities and Challenges for Former Soviet Union Countries” 27-29 Nov.
- 2018 **Roundtable** “How can We Revive the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine” Fabian Society International Policy Group, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- 2018 **Roundtable** “The EU and the Responsibility to Protect” Dahrendorf Forum, LSE IDEAS; 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Oxford, 2021 – Present

- Undergraduate instructor in International Relations for University College (2023 - )
- **Acting Director of Studies for Politics**, St Catherine’s College (2021-2022)
- **Course Convener, Lecturer, Tutor (Seminar Instructor)**: undergraduate module “International Relations in the era of the Cold War” 2021–
- **Lecturer**: undergraduate module “International Relations”
- **Tutor (Seminar Instructor)**: undergraduate module “Practice of Politics” (‘Prelims’) 2022 –
- **Tutor (Seminar Instructor)**: undergraduate module “International Relations Theory” 2022 –
- **Seminar Instructor**: MPhil International Relations Core Seminar 2021 –
- **Supervisor**: dissertations in MPhil in International Relations
  - Dissertations topics on: norms of anti-imperialism and settler colonies, norm of sovereignty and Chinese agency after WWI, ‘two systems one China’ as a political norm
- **Seminar Convener**: DPhil research design and methods/ probationary research student seminars 2022–

### London School of Economics & Political Science, 2017 – 2021

- **Course Convener, Lecturer**: BSc module “International Relations: Theories, Concepts Debates” 2017 - 2021
- **Lecturer**: BSc module “International Political Theory 2017 – 2018
- **Lecturer**: MSc module “International Relations Theory” 2019 – 2021
- **Seminar Instructor**: MSc module “International Politics” 2017 – 2021
- **Convener**: MSc “Dissertation Research Design and Methods Workshop” 2019 – 2021
- **BSc Dissertation Advisor, 2019 – 2021**  
Topics including: Colonial Law and Norm Entrepreneurship in Latin America; Colonial Epistemologies in International Environmental Law; Responsibility to Protect and Military Intervention
- **MSc Dissertation Advisor, 2017 – 2021**  
Topics including: Return of ‘ISIS Children’ and the ‘Global Child’ norm; Migration and Responsibility to Protect; Linguistic Imperialism and the UDHR; Environmental Harm and Individual Responsibility; Decline of the Anti-Assassination Norm; Narratives of Corruption and Neo-colonialism; Narratives of Empowerment in International Development
- **Undergraduate Academic Advisor** (pastoral care), 2017 – 2021

### University of London Online Undergraduate Programme 2021 – Present

- Developed syllabus and course material as course content designer for module “Introduction to International Relations”
- Leading role in hiring and training of class teacher as Head Teacher

### University of Oxford, 2014 – 2017

- **Tutor (Seminar Instructor)**, undergraduate module “International Relations Theory” for St Catherine’s College, Wadham College, and Worcester College 2017, 2014, 2015
- **Tutor (Seminar Instructor)**, undergraduate module “International Human Rights” (special topic) 2014

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIP

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**Reviewer for:** *International Journal of Transitional Justice*; *International Studies Review*; *Oxford University Press*; *Journal of International Criminal Justice*; *Security Dialogue*; *Routledge Press*; *SAGE Publishing*; *Contexto Internacional*, *International Journal of Human Rights*

**Professional Membership:** International Studies Association; European Consortium on Political Research; British International Studies Association; European International Studies Association

- **ISA Women’s Caucus:** Member-at-Large *Apr. 2024 – Aug. 2026*
- **ISA International Law Section:** Best Paper Committee *2024-2025*

### Research Project Management Experience

- **Principal Investigator:** “Working from the Boundaries: Defence Counsel in International Criminal Justice”
- **Co-Investigator:** “The Challenge of Mass Death and Social Order: In the Era of COVID-19” (with Katharine Millar and Martin Bayly); Hired and managed five research assistants. *2020 – 2022*
- **Co-Convener:** LSE Workshop, “Lawyers and Developments in International Law” *2020*
- **Contributing Organizer:** EUI Workshop, “ICC in Active Armed Conflicts,” *2017*
- **Co-Convener:** Oxford International Relations DPhil Discussion Group, *2013 – 2014*
- **Logistics Manager:** Oxford-Princeton Workshop on Global Institutional Reform, *2014*

### External Appointments

- **Advisor,** Justice and Accountability Network Australia (JANA), *Ongoing*

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE & ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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Fieldwork: ICC/ The Hague (ongoing) Uganda (Aug., 2018); Colombia (Jul., 2015); Cambodia (Apr., 2014); Rwanda (Jul., 2008, Aug., 2009)

Language: English (Native), Korean (Native), Spanish (Intermediate), French (Basic)

## REFERENCES

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### Professor Jennifer Welsh

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