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Education

Harvard University

Ph.D. Government, 2021 (EXP.)

Dissertation project: The political economy of climate adaptation: evidence from Massachusetts's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program

Committee: Dustin Tingley (co-chair, Harvard University), Jeffrey Frieden (co-chair, Harvard University), Stephen Chaudoin (Harvard University), Johannes Urpelainen (Johns Hopkins SAIS)

Princeton University, 2005-2009.

A.B. Politics, Certificates in Political Economy and Finance (with Honors)

Research interests

Political economy, international environmental politics and energy policy, formal theory

Publications

- [9] [Influence of improved supply on household electricity demand: evidence from rural India](#), 2020, *Energy* with Shalu Agrawal, Johannes Urpelainen, Daniel Thomas, and SP Harish
- [8] [Crowdsourcing data on the reliability of electricity service: Evidence from a telephone survey in Uttar Pradesh, India](#), 2020, *Energy Policy*, with Ryan Kennedy and Johannes Urpelainen
- [7] [Security implications of geoengineering and countergeoengineering](#), 2020, *Climatic Change*, with Muhammet Bas
- [6] [The behavioral impact of basic energy access: a randomized controlled trial with solar lanterns in rural India](#), 2020, *Energy for Sustainable Development*, with SP Harish and Johannes Urpelainen
- [5] [Understanding segmentation in rural electricity markets](#), 2020, *Energy Economics*, with Daniel Thomas, Johannes Urpelainen, Shalu Agrawal, SP Harish
- [4] [Increasing rural electrification through connection campaigns](#), 2020, *Energy Policy*, with Brian Blankenship, Ryan Kennedy, Jason Chun Yu Wong, and Johannes Urpelainen
- [3] ["Quality of service predicts willingness to pay for household electricity connections in rural India,"](#) 2019, *Energy Policy*, with Ryan Kennedy and Johannes Urpelainen
- [2] ["Fast, cheap, and imperfect? American public opinion about solar geoengineering,"](#) 2018, *Environmental Politics*, with Dustin Tingley and Gernot Wagner

- [1] “What do people think when they think about solar geoengineering? A review of empirical social science literature, and prospects for future research,” 2016, *Earth’s Future*, with Elizabeth Burns, Jane A. Flegal, David W. Keith, Dustin Tingley, and Gernot Wagner

Working papers

- Revise and resubmit [2] [Collective risk and distributional equity in climate change bargaining](#), revise and resubmit at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley

Under review

- [1] [Supermajority politics: equilibrium range, diversity and compromise](#), with Roland Pongou and Jean-Baptiste Tondji

Current projects

Tradeoffs between the externalities of deforestation and research
Threats, sanctions, and cooperation in a game of tug of war
How group consciousness informs foreign policy preferences, with Austin Strange

Data

[Rural Electricity Demand in India \(REDI\)](#), 2019, Harvard Dataverse, V1, with Shalu Agrawal, Nidhi Bali, Johannes Urpelainen, Daniel Robert Thomas, Sidhartha Vermani, Ryan Kennedy, Smart Power India, Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy

Other writing

[Does service quality predict households’ willingness to pay for electricity connections in rural India?](#), with Ryan Kennedy and Johannes Urpelainen in *Ideas for India*, May 2019. (Hindi translation)

[How Geoengineering can Produce a “Tug-of-War” Over the Climate](#), with Muhammet Bas in *Governance of the Deployment of Solar Geoengineering*. Edited by Robert N. Stavins and Robert C. Stowe. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Project on Climate Agreements, February 2019.

[Connecting People To The Grid In India Isn’t Enough](#), with Ryan Kennedy and Johannes Urpelainen in University of Houston Energy, *Forbes.com*, February 2019.

Grants and awards

German Transatlantic Study Tour, 2018

GSA Research Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2017, 2018, 2019

Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy, Student Fellow, 2017-present

Weatherhead Graduate Student Associates Program, 2017-present

EITM Summer Fellowship, Duke University, 2016

Weatherhead Initiative Research Cluster in International Affairs (Principal Investigator David Keith and Project Manager Joshua Horton), Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2015

Presentations

Princeton University Alumni Faculty Forums, May 2019 “[Climate Change: Mobilizing Humanity to Meet the Greatest Threat of Our Time](#)”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2018 “Security implications of geoengineering and countergeoengineering (with Muhammet Bas)”

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2018 “How Group Consciousness Informs Foreign Policy Preferences (with Austin Strange)”

Gordon Research Conference, July 2017 “Fast, Cheap, and Imperfect? American Public Opinion about Solar Geoengineering”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016 “Soft Solutions to Hard Problems: Crowding out Climate Change Mitigation”

Harvard University - Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference, March 2016 “An Experimental Analysis of Distributional Equity Norms in Climate Negotiations” (with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley)

New York University - Center for Experimental Social Science Eight Annual Political Science Conference, February 2016 “An Experimental Analysis of Distributional Equity Norms in Climate Negotiations” (with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley)

University of Southern California - Conference on Formal Models of International Relations, February 2016 “An Experimental Analysis of Distributional Equity Norms in Climate Negotiations” (with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2015 “An Experimental Analysis of Distributional Equity Norms in Climate Negotiations” (with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley)

Teaching

International Conflict and Cooperation, taught by Professor Dustin Tingley (Harvard Division of Continuing Education), Fall 2019

War and Politics, taught by Professor Stephen Rosen, Spring 2019

American Foreign Policy, taught by Professor Joshua D Kertzer, Fall 2017 & 2018 (head teaching fellow in 2018)

International Political Economy, taught by Professor Jeffry Frieden, Fall 2016

Models of Conflict in International Relations, taught by Professor Muhammet Bas, Spring 2015 & 2016

Research assistance

Dustin Tingley (2014-2015)

Service

Graduate Student Coordinator, Research Workshop in International Relations, 2016-2017

Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*, *Climate Politics*, *Utilities Policy*

Computational skills

Proficient: R, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX, Vim
Basic: Racket, C, Python, HTML/CSS

Languages

English, Hindi, French (intermediate)

Nonacademic employment

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), New York, 2010-2014.

Global Transfer Pricing Senior Associate: Economic / tax consulting focusing on cross-border intercompany pricing arrangements.

The IFF (formerly the Illinois Facilities Fund), Chicago, 2009-2010.

Public Policy Associate: Community Development Financial Institution, lending money to other nonprofit institutions.