

Seva Gunitsky

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ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS	Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, 2011-present Department of Political Science	
	Fung Global Fellow, Princeton University, 2014-15 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies	
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EDUCATION	Columbia University, New York, NY M.A., Political Science, 2006; Ph.D., Political Science, 2011 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI B.A., Political Science and Economics, 2002	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	External sources of domestic reforms Democratic waves and diffusion Hegemonic transitions and great power rivalries International relations theory	
BOOKS	<i>Aftershocks: Great Powers and Domestic Reforms in the Twentieth Century.</i> Forthcoming Spring 2017, Princeton University Press. (Princeton Studies in International History and Politics) <i>Legacies of Blood and Law: State Birth in a Global System.</i> Book manuscript in progress. Recipient of \$277,000 in research funding. (\$259,000 as co-PI; \$18,000 as solo PI)	
PUBLICATIONS	“Corrupting the Cyber-Commons: Social Media as a Tool of Autocratic Resilience.” <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 13.1, March 2015, p. 42-54. PDF “Lost in the Gray Zone: Competing Measures of Democracy in the Former Soviet Republics.” In <i>Ranking the World: Grading States as a Tool of Global Governance</i> , Alex Cooley and Jack Snyder, eds. Spring 2015, Cambridge University Press. PDF “From Shocks to Waves: Hegemonic Transitions and Democratization in the Twentieth Century.” <i>International Organization</i> 68.3, July 2014, p. 561-97. PDF “Complexity and Theories of Change in International Politics.” <i>International Theory</i> 5.1, March 2013, p. 35-63. PDF “On Thin Ice: Water Rights and Resource Disputes in the Arctic Ocean.” <i>Journal of International Affairs</i> 61.2, Spring 2008, p. 261-271. PDF <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reprinted in <i>The Polar Age From a Global Perspective</i> (2015), edited by Harun Gumrukcum, p.134-46. Istanbul: Siyasal Kitabevi. “From Guns to Briefcases: The Evolution of Russian Organized Crime.” <i>World Policy Journal</i> 21.1, Spring 2004, p. 68-74. PDF	

PAPERS
IN PROGRESS

“Ockham’s Rusty Razor: Competing Visions of Parsimony in International Relations Theory.” Under review.

“Do Old Habits Die Hard? Power Transitions and Norm Death in Global Politics.” Working paper, presented at the APSA 2016 Mini-Conference on Great Powers and Democracy. [PDF](#)

Seva Gunitsky and Fabio Wasserfallen. “Explaining the Spread of Death Penalty Abolition Since 1945.” Working paper. Presented at the Princeton Workshop on Global Diffusion, May 2016.

“From the Spring of Nations to the Arab Spring: Democratic Waves in Historical Perspective.” Working paper. [PDF](#)

Seva Gunitsky and Michael Millerman “Through a Glass Darkly: Russian Foreign Policy and American IR.” Working paper. Presented at the ISA Workshop on Bias in American IR, March 2016. [PDF](#)

(The full text of these papers is available on the [website](#) or upon request.)

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

“How do you measure ‘democracy’?”
The Monkey Cage (Washington Post), June 24, 2015. [LINK](#)

“Social media helps dictators, not just protestors.”
The Monkey Cage (Washington Post), March 30, 2015. [LINK](#)

“An Arab Spring in Moscow?”
The Monkey Cage (Washington Post), June 13, 2012. [LINK](#)

“Security Dilemma.” In *The Encyclopedia of Power*, ed. by Keith Dowding. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Press, 2011.

“Bandwagoning,” “Brinkmanship,” “Power Transition Theory”. In *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. by George Kurian. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Press, 2011.

“The Lessons of Chechnya in Iraq: A Realist Approach to Civilian Warfare.”
The National Interest (online), November 19, 2003. [LINK](#)

Book Reviews

Review of *Expect Us: Online Communities and Political Mobilization* by Jessica L. Beyer, *Perspectives on Politics* 13(3), October 2015, p. 878-9. [PDF](#)

Review of *How Enemies Become Friends: The Sources of Stable Peace* by Charles A. Kupchan, *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable* 4.4, October 25, 2012. [LINK](#)

Review of *The Right to Rule: How States Win and Lose Legitimacy* by Bruce Gilley, *Political Science Quarterly* 125.1, Spring 2010, p. 163-5.

Review of *Insurance Against Poverty* by Stefan Dercon, ed., *Journal of International Affairs* 59.2, Spring 2006, p. 347-50.

Review of *Power and Purpose: U.S. Policy Toward Russia After the Cold War* by Michael McFaul and James Goldgeier, *Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 13.1, Winter 2005, p. 153-6.

AWARDS &
FELLOWSHIPS

“Expanding the Sovereign State System.” Australian Research Council Discovery Grant (2015-17). Co-PI with Ryan Griffiths (PI, University of Sydney) and Charles Butcher (co-PI, PRIO). \$245,000

Connaught New Researcher Award, University of Toronto (2014-15). \$10,000

International Program Development Fund (2014-2015). Co-PI with Ryan Griffiths (PI, University of Sydney) and Charles Butcher (co-PI, PRIO). \$14,000

Fung Global Fellowship, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (2014-15).

Departmental Institutional Grant, University of Toronto; Department of Political Science (2012, 2014, 2015), Munk School of Global Affairs (2013, 2015). \$4,800 total

Research Challenge Grant, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, (2012-2013). \$4,200

Connaught Start-Up Grant, University of Toronto (2011). \$10,000

Carl Beck Award, Honorable Mention (best paper by a graduate student presented at the ISA annual meeting), 2011.

Nominee, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Foreign Policy section, American Political Science Association, 2011.

Rogers Fellowship, Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University, 2008-2009.

Andrew Wellington Cordier Prize, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, 2008.

Mayme and Herb Frank Fellowship, Ashburn Institute, 2008-2009.

William T.R. Fox Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2007-2008.

Alfred Mayer Award (best honors thesis on Eastern Europe), Univ. of Michigan, 2002.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

POL2200. Core Course: Theories of International Politics.

Ph.D. seminar, co-taught with Emanuel Adler (2013-4) and Steven Bernstein (2015-17).

POL486/POL2205. Democracy and the International System.

Graduate/undergraduate seminar.

PCJ460/461. Causes of War and Peace.

Undergraduate seminar.

POL208. Introduction to International Politics.

Undergraduate lecture course.

GRADUATE
ADVISING

Ph.D. Committee Member

Christopher LaRoche (2016-present)

Michael Kunz (2016-present)

Adam Casey (2015-present)
Steven Loleski (2015-present)
Meredith Kravitz (2013-present)
Gregory Eady (2012-present)

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2009-2013, 2015-16
International Studies Association (ISA): 2010, 2012-2014, 2016-17
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA): 2016
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2009
Millennium Journal of International Studies Annual Conference: 2008

INVITED
TALKS &
PRESENTATIONS

University of Texas-Austin, Guest Speaker Series (2017)
Workshop on Organizational Ecology, Princeton University (2016)
Workshop on Sovereignty in Contested Spaces, Princeton University (2016)
Workshop on Global Diffusion, Princeton University (2016)
Workshop on Reconsidering Regime Type in IR, Yale University (2015)
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (2014)
York Centre for International and Security Studies, York University (2013)
Toronto International Relations Seminar, University of Toronto (2013)
Senior College Lecture Series, University of Toronto (2012, 2013)
Workshop on the Challenges of New Statehood, Columbia University (2012)
Harriman Institute Symposium on Governance Indicators, Columbia University (2012)
Research Colloquium in Political Science, Williams College (2011)
Columbia University International Politics Seminar (2010)

ADDITIONAL
TRAINING &
DEVELOPMENT

International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), American University, 2012.
Basin Harbor workshop on teaching security studies, Johns Hopkins University, 2012.
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR), Syracuse University, 2009.
New Era Foreign Policy Seminar, George Washington University, 2009.
Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Cornell University, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer:
American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Government & Opposition, International Interactions, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, International Theory, Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, St. Anthony's International Review

Conference Chair (C) and Discussant (D):

“Autocracies on Social Media.” APSA 2016 (C)

“International Relations and Domestic Politics.” SPSA 2016 (D)

“Diffusion and Regime Change.” APSA 2015 (C, D)

“The Long Reach of History in International Relations.” ISA 2014 (C, D)

“External Influence and Regime Transition.” APSA 2012 (D)

“Democratization in Post-Soviet States.” Annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities 2011 (D)

“Ideas, Identity, & International Relations.” MPSA 2009 (C, D)

Conferences Organized:

“Beyond Convergence: Innovation in Diffusion Research.”
Princeton University, May 13-14 2016 (co-organizer)

“Sovereignty in Contested Spaces.”
Princeton University, September 29-30 2016 (co-organizer)

Media Outreach:

Television: *CBC News, The Agenda with Steve Paikin, CTV News, Sun News*
Print: *The New York Times, The Washington Post, Bloomberg News, Maclean's Magazine, CBC News, Toronto Globe and Mail, The National Post*

PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE

Center for Defense Information, Washington D.C.
Research Assistant (2002), Research Associate (2003-04)