

# William G. Nomikos

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## Academic Positions

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University of California, Santa Barbara

July 2023-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
Director, [Data-driven Analysis of Peace Project](#)

Washington University in St. Louis

July 2019-June 2023

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

## Education

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Yale University

Ph.D. Political Science (with Distinction)

May 2019

University of Chicago

M.A. International Relations, with Honors

June 2011

The George Washington University

B.A. International Affairs, *Summa Cum Laude*

May 2009

## Research

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### Books

1. **Nomikos, William G.** 2025. *Local Peace, International Builders: How Peacekeepers Build Peace from the Bottom Up*. Cambridge University Press.

### Articles

10. **Nomikos, William G.**, Dahjin Kim, and Gechun Lin. 2025. "[American Social Media Users Have Ideological Differences of Opinion about the War in Ukraine.](#)" *Nature: Humanities and Social Sciences Communication*.
9. **Nomikos, William G.** and Eric Stollenwerk. 2024. "[More Security, More Trust? Security Perceptions as a Source of Government Trust in Post-Conflict Settings.](#)" *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*. Online First.
8. Grossman, Allison, **William G. Nomikos**, and Niloufer Siddiqui. 2023. "[How Do Religious Appeals Shape Intergroup Tolerance and Radicalization? Evidence from Burkina Faso.](#)" *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 10 (1): pp. 124-136.
7. **Nomikos, William G.** and Danielle N. Villa. 2022. "[Unintended Consequences: Reconsidering the Effects of UN Peacekeeping on State-sponsored Violence.](#)" *International Peacekeeping* 29 (4): pp. 551-623. Part of Forum on the United Nations at 75.

6. **Nomikos, William G.** 2022. "Peacekeeping and the Enforcement of Intergroup Cooperation: Evidence from Mali." *Journal of Politics* 84(1): 194-208. Also published as *Empirical Studies on Conflict Working Paper* 20.
5. **Nomikos, William G.** 2021. "Why Share? An Analysis of the Causes of Power-Sharing after Conflict." *Journal of Peace Research* 58(2): 248-262.
4. Hunnicutt, Patrick and **William G. Nomikos.** 2020. Nationality, Gender, and Deployments: Introducing the RADPKO Dataset. *International Peacekeeping* 27(4): 645-672.
3. **Nomikos, William G.** and Nicholas Sambanis. 2019. "What is the True Mechanism Underlying Audience Costs? Incompetence, Belligerence, and Inconsistency." *Journal of Peace Research* 56 (4): 575-588.
2. Marinov, Nikolay, **William G. Nomikos,** and Josh Robbins. 2015. "Does Electoral Proximity Affect Security Policy?" *The Journal of Politics* 77(3): 762-773.
1. **Nomikos, William G.** 2013/4. "Reevaluating Foreign-Imposed Regime Change." *International Security* 38(3): 184-195.

## Manuscripts Under Review

5. Hunnicutt, Patrick and **William G. Nomikos.** "Peacekeeping in the Commons: Climate Change, Conflict, and International Intervention."
4. Hunnicutt, Patrick, **William G. Nomikos,** and Rob Williams. "The Strategic Logic of Violence against UN Peacekeeping."
3. **Nomikos, William,** Ipek Ece Sener, and Rob Williams. "The Peacekeeping Dilemma: Understanding the Challenges of Modern Peacekeeping Operations."
2. Charaniya, Amaan, Jordon Newton, **William G. Nomikos,** and Michael Olson. "Reconstruction and Representation." Awarded Honorable Mention, Best Paper Presented at SPSA 2023.
1. **Nomikos, William G.,** Amaan Charaniya, Rex Deng, Dahjin Kim, Gechun Lin, and Ipek Ece Sener. "Social Media Reactions to US Withdrawal from Afghanistan." Awarded Best Paper Presented at APSA 2022, Foreign Policy Section.

## Work in Progress

5. Nomikos, William G. "How peacekeeping reduces climate-induced conflicts between farmers and herders."
4. Abramson, Scott, David Carter, **William G. Nomikos,** Sarah Warren, and Romuald Anago. "Inter-group Trust and Social Networks in Fragile Settings."
3. Freeman, Bianca and **William G. Nomikos.** "Racialized Peacekeeping."
2. Kikuchi, Masanori, Melissa Lee, and **William G. Nomikos.** "Domestic Politics and Statebuilding: Evidence from Postwar Japan."
1. Moreno Gama, Laura Elizabeth and **William G. Nomikos.** "Discounting Tomorrow: Colombia's Renewable Energy Ambitions Amid Conflict and Resource Struggles."

## Other Selected Publications

14. "Impartiality among UN Peacekeepers is key to ending communal violence in sub-Saharan Africa." *London School of Economics Africa Blog*. September 30, 2022.
13. "Does UN Peacekeeping Work? A New Perspective." *Political Violence at a Glance*. September 26, 2022.
12. Review of *Peacekeeping, policing, and the rule of law after civil war* by Rob Blair. *Governance* 35(3): 954-955.
11. "Everyone has an opinion on Afghanistan—Do voters care?". *The Hill*. September 1st, 2021.
10. "Washington University professor analyzes what went wrong in Afghanistan, what's next for allies." *NBC St. Louis KSDK*. August 17th, 2021.
9. "Taliban strategy changes." *Scripps National News*. August 17th, 2021.
8. "WashU Expert: Afghanistan crisis was a predictable catastrophe." *The Source*. Washington University in St. Louis. August 17th, 2021.
7. "Ralph Bunche Orator Tribute." *Black History Month at the Brown School*. Washington University in St. Louis. February 1st, 2020.
6. "Second Presidential Debate Panel Discussion." *Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement*. Washington University in St. Louis. October 22, 2020.
5. "What Lies ahead for Mali?" Interview with Al Jazeera. September 7, 2020.
4. "The Military Has Ousted Mali's President. That Raises Questions about the Country's Ongoing Security Challenges." *The Monkey Cage*. August 26, 2020. With Melanie Sauter, Rob Williams, and Patrick Hunnicutt.
3. "Identifying Threats to Europe's Southern Border: The Unique Challenge of Mali," EU-LISTCO, Project on Europe's External Action and the Dual Challenges of Areas Of Limited Statehood And Contested Orders. Commissioned Policy Report.
2. "Why Audiences (Mostly) Don't Care about Reputation in Foreign Policy," *Duck of Minerva*. September 7, 2019.
1. "Democracies' Deadly Electoral Compromise." *The National Interest*. July 29, 2015. With Nikolay Marinov.

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

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### Research Grants

2025	Peace and Recovery Program, Innovation for Poverty Action (with Laura Moreno Gama)	\$ 9,940
2023	National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (with Elana Resnick)	\$32,000
2023	Weidenbaum Center Impact Grant, Washington University in St. Louis	\$146,671
2022	Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis	\$15,500
2022	Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity, Washington University in St. Louis	\$1,000
2022	Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis	\$12,000
2021	Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis	\$13,000
2021	Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis (with Michael Olson)	\$9,800
2020	Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis	\$13,000
	Weidenbaum Center Impact Grant, Washington University in St. Louis (with David Carter)	\$120,000
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2020	Peace and Recovery Program, Innovation for Poverty Action (with Allison Grossman and Niloufer Siddiqui)	\$7,000
2020	Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis	\$9,000
2019	Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis	\$10,000
2019	Peace and Recovery Program, Innovation for Poverty Action (with Allison Grossman and Niloufer Siddiqui)	\$51,944
2019	Folke Bernadotte Academy Peacekeeping Grant (with Patrick Hunnicutt)	\$32,000
2018	Peace and Recovery Program, Innovation for Poverty Action (with Allison Grossman and Niloufer Siddiqui)	\$10,000
2018	Non-Senate Faculty Improvement Grant, UC-Santa Barbara	\$1,000
2017	Folke Bernadotte Academy Peacekeeping Grant	\$32,000
2016	Clara Levillain Prize, Yale University	\$2,200
2016	European Union Studies Grant, Yale University	\$3,000
2016	Institute for Social and Policy Studies Field Experiment Grant, Yale University	\$5,000
2016	MacMillan Field Research Grant, Yale University	\$18,000
2015, 2016	Leitner Program in Political Economy Grant, Yale University	\$9,000
2015	Woodrow Wilson Center Global Europe Program Research Fellowship	\$3,000

## Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

2024	UC Regents' Junior Faculty Fellowship Award, UCSB
2023	Honorable Mention, Best Paper Presented, SPSA
2023-2026	Experienced Researcher Fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
2023	Best Paper Presented at APSA 2022 Award, APSA Foreign Policy Section
2019	Merze Tate Award nomination for best dissertation in the field of International Relations, Yale University
2016-2017	Vardis and Opal Fisher International Studies Fund, Yale University
2016	University Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Yale University
2015	University Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Yale University
2014-2015	Allen Sheldon III Memorial Fellowship, Yale University
2011-2017	Graduate Student Fellowship, Yale University
2011	M.A. Thesis Honors, University of Chicago, Committee on International Relations
2010-2011	Second-Year Specialization, University of Chicago, Committee on International Relations
2009-2010	Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago, International House
2009	B.A. Special (Departmental) Honors, George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs
2009	Distinguished Scholar (Top 2% of Senior Class), George Washington University
2009	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> , George Washington University
2008-2009	Presidential Scholarship, George Washington University

## Talks, Conferences, and Presentations

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### Invited Talks

2024	London School of Economics, Contentious Politics Workshop
2023	University of Pennsylvania, International Relations Seminar Series
2022	Oxford University, International Relations Seminar Series
2022	Scope Conditions Podcast
2022	University of Michigan, the Conflict & Peace, Research & Development group.
2021	UCLA, the Politics of Order and Development (POD) Lab.
2021	Hamilton College, Department of Government.
2020	UC Davis, Political Science Department.
2019	Folke Bernadotte Academy and University of Genoa, State of the Art? The Future of Peacekeeping Data.
2019	University of California, Santa Barbara, the Global Security Hub.
2018	Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop and Research-Policy Dialogue: Sustainable Peace.
2018	Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science.
2018	Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden.
2018	University of Pennsylvania, Identity and Conflict Program Workshop.
2017	University of California, Santa Barbara, the Global Security Hub.
2017	International Studies Association, Junior Scholar Symposium.
2017	Conference on Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), Yale University.
2016	The Ohio State University, Department of Political Science, Comparative Politics Workshop.
2016	Harvard University, Boston Area Working Group on African Political Economy (B-WGAPE).
2016	Harvard University, Graduate Student Experimental Methods Conference.
2012	New York University, Department of Politics, Folke Bernadotte Academy Peacekeeping Operations Workshop.

### Annual Conference Participation

(C)=Chair, (D)=Discussant, (O)=Panel organizer, (P)=Panel participant, (R)=Roundtable, (S)=Section Chair.

APSA:	2024 (P, P, C), 2023 (P), 2022 (O,P,R,D), 2021 (P), 2020 (O, P), 2019 (P, P), 2018 (P, D), 2017 (C, O, P), 2016 (O, P), 2013 (P)
ISA:	2023 (P), 2022 (P, R), 2020 (P,O), (P, O), 2017 (P, P, O), 2016 (P, O), 2015 (P, O)
MPSA:	2023 (S, P, P), 2014 (P), 2013 (P)
SPSA:	2023 (P)
Peace Science:	2024 (P), 2022 (C,P), 2021 (P), 2020 (P,P)

## Advising and Mentorship

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### PhD Committee Member

Maeve Li Oak, UCSB, 2029 (expected)  
 Laura Moreno Gama, UCSB, 2029 (expected)  
 Matthew Rochat, UCSB, 2025 (expected)

Medha Monjaury, UCSB, 2025 (expected)  
 Ipek Ece Sener, WUSTL, 2024 (current Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University)  
 Patrick Hunnicutt, UCSB, 2021 (current Assistant Professor, University of Oregon)

#### Undergraduate Thesis Advisor

Haydin Zogaric, UCSB, 2025 (expected)  
 Lock McKelvy, WUSTL, 2023  
 Amelia Frederking, WUSTL, 2023  
 Claudia Alegre, UCSB and McNair Scholar, 2019 (current PhD student, UCLA)  
 Trevor Kennedy, UCSB, 2019

#### Data-driven Analysis of Peace Project Lab

Ipek Ece Sener (WUSTL)	Claudia Alegre (UCSB)
Patrick Hunnicutt (UCSB)	Aleeza Malik (UCSB)
Ryan Hironaka (UCSB/UCLA)	Jenny Nyeche (UCSB)
Gechun Lin (WUSTL)	Navin Yuvaraj (WUSTL)
Dahjin Kim (WUSTL)	Allison Fong (WUSTL)
Rex Deng (WUSTL)	Gabby Hyman (WUSTL)
Amaan Charaniya (WUSTL)	Taylor Anderson (WUSTL)
Alexis Jang (WUSTL)	Meirav Grajower (WUSTL)
Masanori Kikuchi (WUSTL)	Kathryn Porter (WUSTL)
Mason Shaver (WUSTL)	Ishan Gupta (WUSTL)
Seldon Salaj (WUSTL)	Kellan Robinson (UNC-Chapel Hill)
Aubrey Fisher (WUSTL)	Danielle Villa (Emory)
Elizabeth Irwin (GWU)	Melanie Sauter (EUI/UN)
Marina Milicevic (UCSB)	Rob Williams (WUSTL)
Karen Trinh (UCSB)	Grace Burgess (UCSB)
Sophia Maranon (UCSB)	Kayden Mansfield (UCSB)
Sean Smith (UCSB)	

## **Research Skills**

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Language: Greek (native), Swedish (fluent), English (fluent), French (conversant).

Software:  $\LaTeX$ , STATA, R, Qualtrics, SurveyCTO.

## **Service**

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### **University**

*Faculty Legislature*, UCSB, 2024-2025.

*Diversity Committee*, UCSB Political Science Department, 2023-2024, 2024-2025.

*International Relations Search Committee*, WUSTL Political Science Department, 2022-2023.

*Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, WUSTL Political Science Department, 2020-2021.*

*McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentor, 2017-2019.*

## **Discipline**

Organizational: Executive Council, IR Theory Section, *American Political Science Association* (2024-), Executive board, *Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science* (2021-2023); Section Chair, *Midwest Political Science Association* annual meeting (2023).

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *British Journal of Political Science*.

Membership: Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (executive board), Folke Bernadotte Academy Peacekeeping Working Group, American Political Science Association (Conflict Processes, International Security Section, Experiments, African Politics Conference Group), Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society.