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EDUCATION



Georgetown University, Washington D.C. ongoing
Ph.D., Government
Fields: International Relations, International Political Economy
Dissertation: *State-Owned Enterprises as International Investors*



McGill University, Montréal, Québec 2013
M.A., Political Science
Field: International Relations



University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario 2009
B.A. Hons., Arts and Science (with distinction)
Major Fields: International Relations, Comparative Literature

DISSERTATION RESEARCH

ABSTRACT: Many countries maintain a state-owned enterprise in the energy sector to manage domestic resource extraction, production and distribution. Some of these SOEs, however, are increasingly multinational: they invest, develop and operate internationally as well as at home. This dissertation addresses a number of questions surrounding the causes and consequences of SOEs as international investors. First, what explains the variation we see in the volume, location and risk profiles of SOE investment? Second, what are the mechanisms that allow a state to influence the international investment strategies and practices of its SOE, and why are some state-owners able to exert more influence than others? Third, does state-ownership interact with a liability of foreignness to affect attitudes towards incoming FDI? Fourth, what effect does a multinational SOE have on its state-owner's participation in international trade and investment institutions? I argue that an SOE's investment activity is a function of the preferences of political owners, managers and minority shareholders filtered through and modified by the institutional structure of the firm itself. SOEs have ownership structures, standardized procedures, and institutional cultures that alter the degree of political control the state-owner has over the firm: these characteristics change the way a given SOE translates economic and political incentives into international investment outcomes. I leverage statistical analysis of firm-level data, qualitative case studies informed by elite interviews, and conjoint survey experiment techniques to identify the causal effect of political control on SOE investment outcomes and develop answers to the questions that motivate this research. A broad argument connects each of these specific lines of inquiry: the international investment activities of SOEs are substantively consequential and theoretically interesting in that they express the continued efforts of political entities to hold and wield influence in the global market.

ONGOING RESEARCH

- "The economic impact of leadership change in the Gulf States: a synthetic controls approach." 2016
- "Extracting Quantitative Data on Human Trafficking from the International Media." 2016
- "Bargaining Practice and Negotiation Failure in Russia-Ukraine Natural Gas Relations." 2015
EPRG Working Paper no. 1509 / Cambridge Working Paper in Economics CWPE-1504
Presented at MPSA 2015.
- "Industry Coordination and Openness to Trade." 2014
Presented at ISA 2014.

“World Bank Programs and Social Conflict in Africa.”

2014

Co-authored with Dylan Groves (Poverty Action Labs) and Emily Sieg (Georgetown).

Presented at ISA 2014.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Visiting Research Fellow, Energy Policy Research Group
Judge Business School, University of Cambridge

Fall 2013, Summer 2015

Research Assistant, George Shambaugh
Department of Government, Georgetown University

2014

Teaching Assistant (Georgetown)
Capstone in Political Economy (IPEC 401), Voeten
Introduction to IPE (Govt 288), Shambaugh
Introduction to IR (Govt 006), Kroenig & Bennett

Teaching Assistant (McGill)
International Organizations (Poli 345), Pouliot
Introduction to IPE (Poli 243), Devine
Introduction to IR (Poli 244), Saideman

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Fellow, Deloitte Foundation Data Analytics Program
Deloitte Consulting LLP (Rosslyn, VA)

2015

Research Associate, High Park Consulting Group
Toronto, Canada

2008–2011

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Department of Government, Georgetown University: Five Year Doctoral Research Fellowship

2011–2016

Deloitte Foundation Data Analytics Fellowship

2015–2016

Judge Business School, University of Cambridge: Middle East Research Centre Research Grant

2015

Department of Government, Georgetown University: Pro-Seminar Teaching Fellowship

2015

SKILLS

Research Methods: Regression analysis, multi-level modeling, qualitative analysis, archival research, elite interviews.

Technical: Stata, R, \LaTeX typesetting

Fieldwork: United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait.

REFERENCES

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