

# Jeff D. Colgan

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Brown University, Dept. of Political Science & Watson School for International & Public Affairs  
... as Richard Holbrooke Professor (2023 - )  
... as Richard Holbrooke Associate Professor (2016 - 2023)  
... as Richard Holbrooke Assistant Professor (2014 - 2016)  
Founding Director, Climate Solutions Lab (2020 - )  
Director, Rhodes Center for International Economics and Finance (2023 - 2024)  
Director of Security Studies, Watson Institute (2017 - 2021)

University of Oxford  
Visiting Fellow, Nuffield College, All Souls College, & St Antony's College (2024 - 2025)

University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science  
Visiting Associate Professor (2019)

American University, School of International Service  
Assistant Professor (2010 - 2014)

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Residential Fellow (2012 - 2013)

Georgetown University  
Pre-doctoral Fellow, Center for Peace and Security Studies (2009 - 2010)

## EDUCATION

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Princeton University (Doctorate of Philosophy, Jun 2010)  
• Diss.: "Oil, revolution, and international conflict: the origins of resource-backed aggression"  
• Charlotte Proctor Dissertation Fellowship (university-wide award), 2009-2010

University of California at Berkeley (Master of Public Policy, May 2002)  
• Canada-US Fulbright Scholar, 2000-01

McMaster University (B. Engineering and B. Arts, May 1999)  
• Graduated *summa cum laude*, received President's Award of Excellence

Brown University (M.A., honorary, 2017)

## CORE RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- International order; security and conflict; political economy
- Especially: oil politics; climate change; energy; environmental politics; revolutions; leaders

## BOOKS

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### ***The Contested Landscape of Global Governance: Competing Analytical Approaches***

- Editor and author of introductory chapter
- under contract with Cambridge University Press

### ***Partial Hegemony: Oil Politics and International Order***

- Oxford University Press. 2021.
- Winner, *Jervis-Schroeder Best Book Award*, APSA International History and Politics Section
- Co-Winner, *Best Book Award*, APSA International Collaboration Section
- Winner, *Best Book Award (Energy Policy—Non-Fiction)*, American Energy Society
- Finalist, *Hedley Bull Prize in International Relations*, European Consortium for Political Research
- Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable, ISA 2022: John Mearsheimer (chair), John Ikenberry, Kathleen McNamara, Leslie Vinjamuri, Naazneen Barma, Tyler Pratt
- Reviewed: *Foreign Affairs*, *H-Diplo*, New Security Broadcast, New Books Network, POMEPS

### ***Petro-Aggression: When Oil Causes War***

- Cambridge University Press. 2013.
- Reviewed: *Perspectives on Politics*, *H-Diplo*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Choice Reviews*

### ***The Promise and Peril of International Trade***

- Broadview Press. 2005.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

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### 35. “Global Climate Politics after the Return of President Trump”

- *International Organization* 79:S1 (2025). pp.S88–102. (with F. Genovese)

### 34. “Anarchy, Nature, Innovation”

- *International Studies Review* 27:4 (2025).

### 33. “International Energy Politics in an Age of Climate Change”

- *Annual Review of Political Science*. Vol. 26 (2023), pp. 79-96. (with M. Hinthorn)

### 32. “Quantifying the Value of Energy Security: How Russia’s invasion of Ukraine exploded Europe’s fossil fuel costs”

- *Energy Research and Social Science*. Vol 103 (2023) (with A. Gard-Murray & M. Hinthorn)

### 31. “Oil and Power: The Effectiveness of State Threats on Markets”

- *Review of International Political Economy*. 30:2 (2023), pp.487-510. (with V. McFarland)

### 30. "Asset Revaluation and the Existential Politics of Climate Change"

- *International Organization*. 75:2 (2021), pp.586-610 (with J. Green & T. Hale)

### 29. "Is Cheap Gasoline Killing Us? Fuel subsidies and under-taxation as a driver of obesity and public health problems worldwide"

- *Energy Research and Social Science*. Vol 82 (2021) (with M. Hinthorn)

### 28. “Oil and Security: The Necessity of Political Economy”

- *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6:1 (2021)

## PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH ARTICLES, cont'd

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27. "Energy and International Conflict"
  - *Oxford Handbook of Energy Politics* (2020), K. Hancock & J. Allison, eds. Oxford University Press. pp.275-292 (with J. Stockbruegger; online 2018)
26. "Rival Hierarchies and the Origins of Nuclear Technology Sharing"
  - *International Studies Quarterly* 63:2 (2019), pp.310-321 (with N. Miller)
25. "What drives norm success? Evidence from anti-fossil fuel campaigns"
  - *Global Environmental Politics* 19:4 (2019), pp. 63-84 (with M. Blondeel and T. Van de Graaf).
24. "American Perspectives and Blind Spots on World Politics: Introduction to a Special Issue"
  - Special Issue of *Journal of Global Security Studies* 4:3 (2019), pp.300-309.
23. "American Bias in Global Securities Studies Data"
  - Special Issue of *Journal of Global Security Studies* 4:3 (2019), pp.358-371.
22. "Climate change and the politics of military bases"
  - *Global Environmental Politics* 18:1 (February 2018), pp.33-51.
21. "Revolutionary Pathways: Leaders and the International Impacts of Domestic Revolutions"
  - *International Interactions* 43:3 (2017), pp.480-506. (with E. Lucas)
20. "Gender bias in International Relations Graduate Education? New evidence from syllabi"
  - *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50:2 (April 2017), pp.456-460.
19. "A Crude Reversal: The Political Economy of the United States Crude Oil Export Policy"
  - *Energy Research and Social Science*. Vol. 24 (2017), pp.30-35. (with T. van de Graaf)
18. "Russian Gas Games or Well-Oiled Conflict? Energy Security and the 2014 Ukraine Crisis"
  - *Energy Research and Social Science*. Vol. 24 (2017), pp.59-64. (with T. van de Graaf)
17. "Where is International Relations going? Evidence from graduate training"
  - *International Studies Quarterly* 60:3 (2016), pp.486-498
16. "The abandoned ice-sheet base at Camp Century, Greenland, in a warming climate"
  - *Geophysical Research Letters*, with W. Colgan, H. Machguth, M. MacFerrin, D. van As and J. MacGregor, 43 (Aug. 2016), pp. 1-6
15. "Global energy governance: A review and research agenda"
  - *Palgrave Communications*, with Thijs van de Graaf. (Jan. 2016)
14. "Revolution, Personalist Dictatorships, and International Conflict"
  - *International Organization*, with Jessica Weeks. 69:1 (2015), pp.163-194
13. "Oil, Domestic Conflict, and Opportunities for Democratization"
  - *Journal of Peace Research*, 52:1 (2015), pp. 3-16
12. "Mechanisms of informal governance: Evidence from the IEA"
  - *Journal of International Relations and Development*, with T. van de Graaf, 18 (2015), pp. 455-481

## PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH ARTICLES, cont'd

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11. "The Emperor Has No Clothes: The Limits of OPEC in the Global Oil Market"
  - *International Organization* 68:3 (2014), pp. 599-632.
  - Featured in the *Boston Globe*, *Wall Street Journal*, National Public Radio, Monkey Cage
10. "Oil, Domestic Politics, and International Conflict"
  - *Energy Research and Social Science*. Vol. 1 (2014), pp.198-205.
  - Reprinted in Steven et al., eds. 2014. *The New Politics of Strategic Resources*, Brookings Press
9. "Fueling the Fire: Pathways from Oil to War"
  - *International Security*. Vol. 38, No. 2 (Fall 2013), pp. 147–180
8. "Domestic Revolutionary Leaders and International Conflict"
  - *World Politics*, Vol. 65, No. 4 (Oct. 2013), pp.656-690
7. "Protecting Sovereignty, Protecting the Planet: Delegating Authority in Global Environmental Politics"
  - *Governance*, with Jessica Green, 26:3 (2013), pp. 473–497.
6. "Punctuated Equilibrium in the Energy Regime Complex"
  - *Review of International Organizations*, with Robert O. Keohane and Thijs van de Graaf, 7:2 (2012), pp.117-143.
5. "Measuring Revolution"
  - *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 29:4 (2012), pp. 444-467
4. "Oil and Resource-Backed Aggression"
  - *Energy Policy* 39:3 (2011), pp. 1669–1676
3. "Venezuela and Military Expenditure Data"
  - *Journal of Peace Research*, 48:4 (2011), pp. 547-556
2. "Oil and Revolutionary Governments: Fuel for International Conflict"
  - *International Organization* 64:4 (2010), pp. 661-694
  - Received 2010 Keohane Award; reprinted in Sovacool, ed., 2013. *Energy Security*, Sage.
1. "Treaty Compliance: Lessons from the Softwood Lumber Case,"
  - *Journal of Public and International Affairs*, v.17. 2006

## MAJOR ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS (NON-PEER REVIEWED)

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- 2021. "Climate Change, Grand Strategy, and International Order," *Wilson International Center for Scholars*, July 23.
- 2019. "Three Visions of International Order," *The Washington Quarterly* 42:2, pp.85-98.
- 2018. "The Market is Valuing Climate Risk All Wrong," *Global Policy*, July 6.
- 2017. "The Liberal Order is Rigged: Fix it now or watch it wither" *Foreign Affairs*, 96, May/June issue, pp.36-44 (with Robert O. Keohane).
- 2012. "Oil and Conflict," US AID (Agency for International Development), Technical Brief.
- 2009. "The International Energy Agency – Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Global Public Policy Institute Policy Paper Series, Issue #6.

## OTHER RECENT PUBLICATIONS (NON-PEER REVIEWED)

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- 2025. “Why Canada Stays Out of America’s Clutches,” *Maclean’s*. April 16, 2025.
- 2024. “Response Report to Canada’s Proposed Regulatory Framework for GHG Emissions from Oil and Gas,” CSL White Paper.
- 2023. “Germany: Climate Disappointment of the Year,” *Duck of Minerva*. Dec 29.
- 2023. “Exxon Mobil’s Pioneer Acquisition Is a Direct Threat to Democracy,” *NY Times*. Oct 18.
- 2023. “The Missed Opportunity of Europe’s Energy Crisis,” *Foreign Affairs*. Aug 23. (with A. Gard-Murray and M. Hinthorn)
- 2023. “The Energy Dimension,” in *Global Order After Ukraine*, *Orbis* 67:3 (Summer), 329-331.
- 2023. “Letting Europe’s Energy Crisis Go to Waste: The Ukraine War’s Massive Fossil Fuel Costs Fail to Accelerate Renewables,” *CSL White Paper*. August. (with A. Gard-Murray and M. Hinthorn)
- 2022. “The Rewards of Rivalry: U.S.-Chinese competition can spur climate progress,” *Foreign Affairs*, 101:6, Nov/Dec issue, pp.108-119 (with Nicholas L. Miller).
- 2022. “Europe’s Energy Crisis Is Destroying the Multipolar World,” *Foreign Policy*. Sep 26.
- 2022. “There’s a reason Putin can be so aggressive. Oil.” *Washington Post/MC*, Feb 28. (with J. Weeks)
- 2022. “Putin Has a Big Piece of Leverage Over Europe. Here’s How to Take It Away,” *Politico*. Feb 8.
- 2022. “Europe’s Gas Dilemma: Preparing for a winter without Russian Gas,” *CSL White Paper*. March 14. (with M. Hinthorn)
- 2022. “Energy and Putin’s War,” *H-Diplo/ISSF Essay* 458. Nov 5.
- 2021. “Oil and War: An Exchange Petro-Aggression, Confirmed.” *Security Studies* 30(4): 637–60.
- 2021. “Is the United States Underplaying the Threat of Climate Change? Reevaluating the *National Climate Assessment*,” *Climate Solutions Lab White Paper*, October (with A. Gard-Murray)
- 2021. “Save the Environment, Save American Democracy,” *Foreign Affairs*, Sept 20. (with R. Keohane)
- 2021. “Biden’s climate report card: 4 A’s, 2 B’s, 3 Incompletes,” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, May 21 (with T. Hale and S. Moore).
- 2020. “Presidential Climate Action on Day One: A Foreign Policy Guide for the Next U.S. President,” *Climate Solutions Lab White Paper*, October (with F. Shaia).
- 2020. “The Climate Case Against Decoupling,” *Foreign Affairs*, Sept 14. 2020. “This year’s low oil prices will hurt these countries the most.” *Washington Post/MC*, Apr 6.
- 2020. “This is the biggest oil price crash in decades.” *Washington Post/MC*, March 9.
- 2020. “Governments haven’t managed to reduce greenhouse gases.” *Washington Post/MC*, Feb 21.
- 2020. Book roundtable on *Who Fights for Reputation* (by K. Yarhi-Milo, 2019). *H-Diplo-ISSF*.

## CURRENT WORKS IN PROGRESS (FOR PEER REVIEW)

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- “Weaponizing the Backlash Against Renewable Energy,” with Danny Choi (working draft)
- “Has the Paris Climate Agreement Changed Corporate Behavior?” with Fiona Bare & Alexander Gard-Murray (under review)

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- Visiting Fellow, All Souls College, University of Oxford (2025, Hilary term)
- Visiting Fellow, St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford (2025, Trinity term)
- Visiting Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (2024-2025)
- *Jervis-Schroeder Best Book Award*, APSA International History and Politics Section, 2022
- *Best Book Award*, APSA International Collaboration Section (co-winner), 2022
- *Best Book Award, Energy Policy—Non-Fiction*, American Energy Society, 2021
- Nordea Residential Scholar Fellowship via Copenhagen University, 2018-2019
- Fellow, Payne Institute for Earth Resources, Colorado School of Mines, 2018-
- Fellow, Institute for Sustainable Energy Policy, SAIS-Johns Hopkins University, 2018-
- Bridging the Gap Policy Engaged Fellowship, 2017-2018
- Robert O. Keohane Award for best research article in *IO* by an untenured scholar, 2011
- Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship, 2017-2018 (declined)
- Global Governance 2020 Fellow, Berlin/Shanghai/Washington, 2010-2011
- Doctoral Research Fellowship, SSHRC, Government of Canada, 2005-2008
- President's Award of Excellence, McMaster University (1999)
- Canada Scholar (top national-level science/engineering scholarship) 1994-1998

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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### *Major grants*

- *Awarded*: "CRISES: Planning for a Center on Clean Energy and Society," (Sep 2024 – Sep 2026)
  - Award agency: National Science Foundation (\$100,000 over 2 years)
  - Terminated by Trump administration in Spring 2025
- *Awarded*: "Pulling Power of the Paris Agreement," (Feb 2022 – Dec 2023)
  - Award agency: Research Council of Norway
  - Subcontract from project led by Norwegian Institute for International Affairs team
- *Awarded*: Climate Solutions Initiative grant, Brown University, Sep 2020 - Jun 2026
  - Initial 3-year grant (2020-23) for university-wide three-person team (\$2 million)
  - Indefinite extension for Climate Solutions Lab, annual funding
- *Submitted, 2025*: "Unlocking Clean Energy through Better Grid Interconnection Regimes"
  - Award agency: NSF; budget: ~\$1,000,000
- *Submitted, 2024*: "Political Dimensions of Climate Change and Energy Security"
  - Award agency: NATO; budget: \$368,000
- *Submitted, 2023*: "Unlocking New England Climate Resiliency"
  - Award agency: NOAA climate resilience grant; budget: \$2,000,000
- *Submitted, 2022*: "European Energy and Climate Resilience Strategy," (finalist)
  - Award agency: Department of Defense Minerva DECUR grant; budget: \$400,000
- *Submitted, 2018*: Department of Defense Minerva grant proposal "Power and Influence in International Order," (\$2.54 million)

### *Other grants received*

- Collaboration Grant, Watson Institute for International Affairs, 2015-16, 2016-17
- Security Studies Workshop Grant, Watson Institute for International Affairs, 2014-2015
- Faculty Research Support Grant, American University, 2011-2012
- Visiting Scholar Grant, APSA Centennial Center, 2009
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation 2007, 2008

## RECENT INVITED TALKS

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- University of Toronto, 2025
- Oxford University, 2025
- Cambridge University, 2024
- SAIS Europe, 2024
- University of Bern, 2024
- Central European University (Vienna), 2024
- University of Bath, 2024
- Global Research on International Political Economy (GRIPE), 2024
- University of California, Santa Barbara, 2024
- Harvard University, 2023
- Princeton University, 2023

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Brown University: POLS 2130 (PhD Proseminar in IR); POLS 2135 (PhD seminar, Political Economy of International Security); POLS 1435 (BA class, Politics of Climate Change), POLS 1730 (BA class, International Political Economy); POLS 1822I (BA seminar, Geopolitics of Oil)
- University of Copenhagen: “Geopolitics of Oil and Energy” (MA class)
- American University: SIS 751 (International Political Economy); SIS 619 (Political Economy of Oil and Energy); SIS 385 (International Economic Policy)
- PhD Dissertation Advisor for: Shanuki Tillekeratne (chair), Sarah Colbourn (chair), Patrick Shaw; previous advisees at Brown: Isabella Bellezza-Smull, Robert Grace (co-chair), Jan Stockbruegger (chair), Sanne Verschuren, William Kring, Patrick Endress; previous advisee elsewhere: Thijs van de Graaf (Ghent University), Michele St.-Amant (U. Toronto), Yaron Weissberg (ETH Zurich)
- Honors thesis advisees: Miriam Hinthorn (2015-16); Alexi Kim (2019-20); Kelly Raymond (2020-21); William Berlin and Annika Prinz (2021-22); Logan Danker (2023-24); Annabell Williams (2024-25)
- Teaching assistant at Princeton University (Spring 2007); UC Berkeley (Spring 2002)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### *For the Watson School*

- Climate Solutions Lab, Founding Director, Sep 2020 –
- Director, Rhodes Center for International Economics and Finance, 2023 – 2024
- Faculty Search Committee, chair, open rank position in climate policy & social science, 2023-24
- Faculty Executive Committee, Watson Institute, member, 2019 – 2022
- Director of Security Studies, Watson Institute, 2017 – 2021
- Postdoctoral Admissions Committee, member, 2019-2020
- Faculty Search Committee, chair, open rank position in nuclear politics, Fall 2017

### *For Brown University*

- Academic Climate Leadership Group (university-wide), member, 2023 –
- Climate Solutions Initiative (campus wide), co-leader, Sep 2020 – 2024
- IR Faculty Field Coordinator, Political Science Department, Sep 2021 – Aug 2023
- Task Force on Sustainability at Brown, In-classroom Education Working Group, member, 2022–23
- Research Misconduct Investigation, Faculty Adjudicator, 2021
- Political Science Graduate Affairs Committee, member, 2017 – 2018
- Faculty Search Committees, member, 2022, 2016, 2014, (& at American University: 2013, 2012)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, cont.

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### *For the profession & community*

- Climate Pipeline Workshop, co-founder and co-organizer, 2020 – present
- Climate Syllabus Bank, founder and organizer, 2020 – present
- Political Economy of Climate and Environment, advisory board, 2024 – present
- Associate Editor, *H-Diplo Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum (ISSF)*, 2018-
- APSA International History and Politics Best Book Award (Jervis-Schroeder Prize), chair of selection committee, 2023
- APSA International Collaboration Section, Distinguished Mentor Award, selection committee, 2022
- APSA International Theory Section, Executive Committee member, 2021-
  - Co-created the new section in 2021, along with 8 others
- Book Reviewer, Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order, 2021
- Member, Editorial Collective of *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 2014-2020
- Member, Editorial Board, *Energy Policy*, 2017-2020
- Founding Member, Editorial Board, *Energy Research and Social Science*, 2014-2018
- APSA International History and Politics Section, Executive Council member, 2017-2020
- APSA International History and Politics Outstanding Article Award, selection ctte. member 2016
- Reviewer for *International Organization*; *American Political Science Review*; *World Politics*; *International Security*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Politics*; *Review of International Organizations*; *Security Studies*; *Global Environmental Politics*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press; & many others
- Global Governance 2020 Fellow, Berlin/Shanghai/Washington, 2010-2011

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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*The Brattle Group* (Economic and Policy Consultant, 2004 - 2005)

- Prepared expert testimony with Dr. Daniel McFadden (Nobel laureate in economics, 2000)

*McKinsey & Company* (Management Consultant, 2002 - 2004)

- Provided strategic consulting services in the energy, telecommunications, and non-profit sectors

*World Bank* (Policy Intern, Energy Sector, summer 2001)

- Supported the activities of the Energy Sector Management Assistance Program

*Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd* (Licensing Advisor, 1999 - 2000)

- Coordinated communication with Atomic Energy Control Board of Canada