

Daniela Donno

Updated January 2026

Department of Political Science
University of Oklahoma
Dale Hall Tower, Room 205
455 W. Lindsey
Norman, OK 73019

Email: daniela.donno@ou.edu
danielafdonno@gmail.com
Web: www.danieladonno.com

- POSITIONS**
- Professor, Department of Political Science
University of Oklahoma, April 2025 –
 - Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
University of Oklahoma, January 2023 – April 2025
 - Associate Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences
University of Cyprus, 2019 – 2022
 - Associate Professor of Political Science
University of Pittsburgh, May 2015
Director of Graduate Studies, August 2016 – August 2018
 - Assistant Professor of Political Science
University of Pittsburgh, August 2008 – May 2015
- EDUCATION**
- Ph.D., Political Science
Yale University, May 2008
 - M.Phil., Political Science
Yale University, December 2005
 - B.S., Communication
University of Miami, December 2001
- ARTICLES**
(PEER REVIEWED)
- “The End of Autocratic Norm Adaptation? US Retrenchment and Liberal Norms in Illiberal Regimes,” with Sarah Bush, Jon C. Pevehouse and Christina Schneider. 2025. *International Organization* 79(S1).
 - “The Politics of Gender Mainstreaming in Foreign Aid,” with Simone Dietrich, Katharina Fleiner and Alice Iannantuoni. 2025. *International Studies Quarterly* 69(2).
 - “Gendered Taxation: IMF Tax Advice and the Unintended Disempowerment of Women,” with Andreas Kern and Bernhard Reinsberg. 2025. *World Tax Journal* 17(2)
 - “Competing Judgments: Multiple Election Observers and Post-Election Contention,” with Kelly Morrison, Burcu Savun and Perisa Davutoglu. 2024. *Review of International Organizations*.
 - “International Rewards for Gender Equality Reforms in Autocracies,” with Sarah Bush and Pär Zetterberg. 2024. *American Political Science Review* 118(3).

“Window Dressing or Window of Opportunity? Assessing the Advancement of Gender Equality in Autocracies,” with Elin Bjarnegård. 2023. *Politics & Gender* 20(1).

“ODIHR Election Monitoring Under Pressure,” 2023. *OSCE Insights*.

“Not All Elections are Created Equal: Election Quality and Civil Conflict,” with Kelly Morrison and Burcu Savun. 2022. *Journal of Politics* 84(1).

“International Incentives for Women’s Rights in Dictatorships,” with Sara Fox and Joshua Kaasik. 2021. *Comparative Political Studies* 55(3).

“Extended Intergroup Contact, Empathy, and Shared Identity: Experimental Evidence from Cyprus,” with Ömer Zarpli and Charis Psaltis. 2021. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 38(4).

“David and Goliath? Small Developing Countries, Large Emerging Markets, and South-South Preferential Trade Agreements” with Nita Rudra. 2019. *International Studies Quarterly* 63(3).

“Authoritarian Institutions and Women’s Rights,” with Anne-Kathrin Kreft. 2019. *Comparative Political Studies* 52(5).

- Winner of the James Caporaso Award for best paper published in 2019.

“Can Human Rights Conditionality Reduce Repression? Examining the European Union’s Economic Agreements,” with Michael Neureiter. 2018. *Review of International Organizations* 13(3).

“Screening out Risk: IGOs, Member State Selection and Interstate Conflict,” with Shawna Metzger and Bruce Russett. 2015. *International Studies Quarterly* 59(2).

“To Fear or Not to Fear? BRICs and the Developing World,” with Nita Rudra. 2014. *International Studies Review* 16(3).

“Elections and Democratization in Authoritarian Regimes.” 2013. *American Journal of Political Science* 57(3).

“Does Cheating Pay? The Effect of Electoral Misconduct on Party Systems” with Nasos Roussias. 2012. *Comparative Political Studies* 45(5).

“Can International Election Monitoring Harm Governance?” with Alberto Simpser. 2012. *Journal of Politics* 74(2).

“Who is Punished? Regional Intergovernmental Organizations and the Enforcement of Democratic Norms.” 2010. *International Organization* 64(4).

“Islam, Authoritarianism and Female Empowerment: What are the Linkages?” with Bruce Russett. 2004. *World Politics*, Vol. 56 (4).

Reprinted in: Bruce Russett. 2006. *Purpose and Policy in the Global Community*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Misconduct. 2013. New York: Oxford University Press.

Divide and Deal: The Politics of Distribution in Democracies, co-Editor with Ian Shapiro and Peter Swenson. 2008. New York University Press

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Election Observation Under Pressure: The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the ‘New Cold War’.” 2026. In *The Life Cycle of International Cooperation*. Edited by Julia Gray. University of Michigan Press.

“International Election Support,” with Inken von Borzyskowski. 2025. In *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Integrity*. Edited by Holly Ann Garnett and Toby James. Oxford University Press.

“Authoritarian Regimes and Women’s Rights.” 2024. In *Research Handbook on Authoritarianism*, pp.198-212. Edited by Natasha Lindstaedt and Jeroen Van den Bosch. Edward Elgar Publishing.

“International Democracy Promotion.” 2024. In *Oxford Handbook of Authoritarian Politics*. Anne Wolf, Ed. Oxford University Press.

“International Enforcement.” 2017. In *Election Watchdogs: Transparency, Accountability and Integrity*. Edited by Pippa Norris and Alessandro Nai. New York: Oxford University Press.

MEDIA & INVITED ARTICLES

“How Autocrats Instrumentalize Women’s Rights.” *Democracy Paradox*. April 2023. Link [here](#).

“Autocratic Backsliding in ‘Gender-Washing’ Regimes,” ECPR’s *The Loop*. May 2023. Link [here](#).

Interviewed for “Do We Need Help Brokering a Trump-Biden Unity Government?” by Farrah Stockman, *New York Times*, 4 December 2020. Link [here](#).

Interviewed for “Fears of Violence After the U.S. Election,” by Xenia Tourki, *Phileleftheros* (Cyprus), 11 October 2020. Link [here](#).

“Sometimes autocrats strengthen their power by expanding women’s rights,” with Anne-Kathrin Kreft. *The Monkey Cage*, *Washington Post*. 23 November 2018. Link [here](#).

“Developing countries have been busy forging trade agreements – with one another,” with Nita Rudra. *The Monkey Cage*, *Washington Post*. 26 May 2020. Link [here](#).

Book review of *Meddling in the Ballot Box*, by Dov Levin, and *Election Interference*, by Jens David Ohlin. 2021. *Perspectives on Politics* 19(3).

Book Review of *Electing Peace: From Civil Conflict to Political Participation*, by Aila Matanock, Cambridge University Press. 2017. *Perspectives on Politics* 16(4).

Book Review of *Monitoring Democracy: When International Election Observation Works, and Why it Often Fails*, by Judith Kelley, Princeton University Press. 2013. *Political Science Quarterly* 128(3).

- CONSULTING Member, Democracy in Assistance in Transition (DAT) Academic Working Group, National Democratic Institute, December 2023 – March 2024
 Consultant, National Democratic Institute, Latin America & Caribbean division, March 2021
 Consultant, European Parliament, International Trade Committee, December 2021-January 2022
- WORKING PAPERS (SELECTED) “Institutional Crowding in the International Election Monitoring Regime,” with Julia Gray.
 “Unequal Playing Fields: Corruption and its Impact on Women-led Enterprises,” with Andreas Kern and Bernhard Reinsberg.
 “Citizen Acceptance of Elections in Authoritarian Regimes: Survey Evidence from Turkey,” with Kelly Morrison and Burcu Savun.

GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS (SELECTED)

- Senior Fellow, Electoral Integrity Project, 2022
- J. William Fulbright research fellowship, Cyprus, January – July 2015. \$64,000. Project title: “Interacting for Peace: The Effect of Inter-personal Contact on Greek and Turkish Cypriots.”
- James Caporaso Award for best paper published in *Comparative Political Studies*, 2019
- European Union Center of Excellence Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh, (January 2010; January-July 2015). \$7,000.
- School of Arts and Science Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh, (May 2011; May 2015). \$4,000.
- Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace, (September 2006 – September 2007). \$22,000.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Member, Committee on the Status of Women, International Studies Association (ISA), March 2024 - present
Associate Editor, *Research & Politics*, December 2022 - present
Program Chair, European Political Science Association (EPSA) annual meeting (2023), IPE/International Organization section
Chair, Mancur Olson Dissertation Prize Committee, Political Economy Section of the American Political Science Association.
Member, Editorial Board, *The Journal of Politics* (2022--)
Co-Chair, Working Group on Diversity, *Journal of Politics* Editorial Board
Vice Chair, APSA International Collaboration Section (2022-2024)
Advisory Board member, Electoral Integrity Project (EIP), 2022 --
Program Chair, APSA annual meeting 2021, International Collaboration Section.
Program Moderator, European Political Science Association (EPSA) Diversity Network.
Chair, Best Dissertation Award 2019, APSA International Collaboration Section.
Member, Best Paper Award 2019, APSA Conflict Processes Section.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh,
August 2016 – August 2018
Member, Provosts' Advisory Committee on Women's Concerns, University of
Pittsburgh, August 2016 – August 2018

INVITED

PRESENTATIONS University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, Global Politics Seminar,
November 2025.
Florida State University, Department of Political Science seminar series,
February 2024.
Georgetown University, Mortara Center Research Seminar Series,
March 2024.
University of Hamburg Empirical Political Science Workshop,
November 2022.
Workshop on Electoral Violence: Historical and Contemporary Challenges,
University of Uppsala, November 2021.
Workshop on the Life Cycles of International Organizations,
European University Institute, June 2021.
University of Geneva, Staff Seminar, Department of Political Science and International
Relations. April 2021.
University College London, Department of Political Science Research Seminar.
February 2021.
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of International Relations seminar.
November 2020.
Texas A&M, Department of Political Science seminar.
October 2020.
Hertie School of Governance Political Economy Seminar.
December 2019.
V-Dem Institute Visiting Scholar, University of Gothenburg.
October 2019.
University of Strathclyde, Department of Politics seminar.
May 2019.
University of Pennsylvania Browne Center Seminar Series.
April 2018.
University of Miami Norman Thomas Lecture Series.
March 2018.
University of Wisconsin International Relations Colloquium.
April 2017.
Georgetown University International Theory and Research Seminar.
April 2017.
Workshop on the Politics of Authoritarian Regimes. Southern Political Science
Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2017.
University of California, San Diego, Department of Political Science seminar series.
February 2016.
George Washington University Virtual Workshop on Intrastate Conflict and Violence.
September 2015.
Electoral Integrity Project Workshop, "What Works? Strengthening Electoral Integrity."
San Francisco, CA, September 2015.
Workshop for the Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security
Yale University, March 2012
Workshop on Electoral Fraud, Vote Buying and Clientelism,

Juan March Institute, Center for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences
 Madrid, June 2011
 Seminar on Global Governance and Democracy
 Duke University, January 2011

| | |
|-----------|--|
| TEACHING | <p>Undergraduate Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Politics of Authoritarian Regimes International Democracy Promotion Democratization World Politics International Organization <p>Graduate Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Union as a Global Actor International Relations Theory International Organization International Law |
| REFEREE | <p><i>American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Cambridge University Press; Comparative Political Studies; Democratization; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Electoral Studies; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; Government & Opposition; International Interactions; International Studies Review; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of Politics; Journal of Women, Politics and Policy; Oxford University Press; Political Science Research & Methods; Politics & Gender; Public Opinion Quarterly; Research & Politics; Review of International Organizations; World Politics.</i></p> |
| LANGUAGES | <p>Italian, Modern Greek (intermediate); French, Spanish (basic)</p> |