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### Academic Appointments

**Nazarbayev University**, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan **2020-**  
Assistant Professor  
Courses: Environmental Politics, Introduction to International Relations, Public Choice and Public Policy, Quantitative Methods, Independent Study, Research Practicum in PSIR

**Western Oregon University**, Monmouth, Oregon **2020**  
Assistant Professor, NTF Faculty  
Courses: Introduction to International Relations, Human Rights, Professional Seminar, and Social Science Research Methods

**University of Oregon**, Eugene, Oregon **2016- 2020**  
Instructor of Record  
Courses: Graduate Research Methods (Summer 2017), Chinese Politics (Spring 2017, 2018), Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2018)  
Teaching Assistant  
Climate Science and Policy (Fall 2020), Women and Politics (Spring, Winter 2019), Intro to Comparative Politics (Winter 2018), Power, Politics, and Inequality (Fall 2017), Problems in US Politics (Winter 2017), Intro to International Relations (Fall 2014, 2016), Intro to Political Science (Fall 2015), Gods and Governments (Spring 2014), Political Ideologies (Winter 2014),

**Columbia University**, New York, NY **2012**  
Teaching Assistant, Weapons of Mass Destruction (Spring 2012)

### Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Oregon **2020**  
Dissertation Advisors: Ronald Mitchell, Craig Kauffman, Lars Skalnes, Anca Cristea  
Dissertation Title: "Investigating 'Source Effects' in the study of the Global Economy and Environmental Policy: a study of the effects of foreign direct investment on the environment."

M.S., Political Science, University of Oregon **2015**

M.A., Climate Science and Environmental Policy, Columbia University **2012**

M.A., Diplomatic Studies, University of Westminster **2009**

B.A., Asian Studies; B.A., Political Science, University of Florida **2007**  
Minor in Business Administration

## Publications (Published and Forthcoming)

- Neafie, Jessica. Forthcoming. “‘No one stole anyone else’s cheese’: The politics of infrastructural competition in Kazakhstan.” In: Schindler S, DiCarlo J (eds) *The Rise of the Infrastructure State: How US-China rivalry shapes politics and place worldwide*. Bristol University Press
- Neafie, Jessica. 2022. “Producing the Eurasian Land Bridge: A Case Study of the Geoeconomic Contestation in Kazakhstan.” *International Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-022-00386-9>
- Xenarios, Stefanos and Jessica Neafie. 2022. “Desertification of the Aral Sea to the Caspian Sea: patterns and political implications.” In: Ferrari A., Ambrosetti ET. (eds) *Environment in Times of War: Climate and Energy Challenges in the Post-Soviet Region*. Ledizioni LediPublishing, Milan. <https://www.ispionline.it/en/pubblicazione/environment-times-war-climate-and-energy-challenges-post-soviet-region-35422>
- Neafie, Jessica. 2022. “Anti-Chinese Sentiment, the BRI, and COVID-19: Kazakhstani Perceptions of China in Central Asia.” In: Caron JF., Thibault H. (eds) *Central Asia and the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Steppe and Beyond: Studies on Central Asia*. Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-7586-7\\_5](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-7586-7_5)
- Neafie, Jessica. 2018. “The Role of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Promoting Access to Clean Water.” *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science* 39(December): 7–35. <https://doi.org/10.22151/politikon.39.1>
- 2016 Environmental Studies Graduate Paper Award Winner, ISA**

## Working Papers/Briefing Papers

- Huber-Stearns, Heidi, Autumn Ellison, Olivia Molden, Jessica Neafie, and Cassandra Moseley. 2010. “Profiles of Fire Suppression Contracting Businesses.” Ecosystem Workforce Center. Briefing paper. [https://www.firescience.gov/projects/12-2-01-10/project/12-2-01-10\\_BP\\_68.pdf](https://www.firescience.gov/projects/12-2-01-10/project/12-2-01-10_BP_68.pdf)
- Nassau, Racine, and Jessica Neafie. 2012. “What’s in Your Rice? A Look at Where Rice in the U.S. Comes From.” *Earth Institute Newsletter*. <https://blogs.ei.columbia.edu/2012/03/21/what’s-in-your-rice-a-look-at-where-rice-in-the-u-s-comes-from/>
- Neafie, Jessica and Kaz Zaidi. “Making Enemies: Anti-Muslim Sentiment in the Congressional Record.”
- Neafie, Jessica, Daryn Amangeldiyev, and Artyom Sergazinov. “Interpretation and Corporate Representation in Environmental Corporate Social Responsibility (eCSR) in an Emerging Economy: A case study of extractive company eCSR reporting in Kazakhstan.”
- Neafie, Jessica and Bayramov, Emil. “Assessing socioeconomic and natural vulnerability to oil spills on the Caspian Coastline: A case study of Azerbaijan’s Shoreline.”

### **Grants, Awards, Fellowships:**

Social Policy Grant, Nazarbayev University, 2021-2022  
*Applied Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2019-20*  
*John R Moore Scholarship, University of Oregon, 2019*  
*Graduate Award, University of Oregon, 2019*  
*UO Teaching Excellence Award Department Nominee, Political Science, 2019*  
*Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2018-2019*  
*Institute of Cognitive and Decision Sciences Dissertation Award, 2018-2019*  
*Special "Opps" Research and Travel Award, University of Oregon, Summer 2018*  
*Mitchell Award Winner, University of Oregon, 2018 & 2017*  
*Harrell Rodgers Graduate Student Travel Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association, 2018*  
*Graduate Paper Award, Environmental Studies Section, International Studies Association, 2016*  
*ICPSR Fellowship Recipient, University of Oregon, 2016*  
*Foreign Language and Areas Studies Award (FLAS), Chinese, Year 2014-2015, Summer 2014*  
*Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Oregon, 2013-ongoing*  
*Columbia Department of Earth and Environmental Science PRWO Award, Vietnam, 2011-2012*

### **Additional Training**

Methodological Training- Panel Data, Survival Models, Maximum Likelihood, Applied Econometrics,  
Time Series Analysis, Multilevel Models for Change, Regression Analysis  
Software: R, STATA, Qualtrics, Python, ALOHA, GCMs, NVIVO, Matlab, SPSS  
Grant Writing  
EITM (empirical implications of theoretical models) Certification: Maximum Likelihood Estimation,  
Advanced Regression Methods

### **Languages**

**Chinese** (fluent writing/reading/speaking), **Russian** (intermediate writing, reading, and speaking),  
**Spanish** (advanced reading, intermediate writing/speaking), **Arabic** (intermediate  
writing/reading/speaking), **French** (intermediate writing, advanced reading)

### **Memberships**

International Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political  
Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, International Studies Association

### **Reviewer Duties:**

*Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science, International Interactions, Urban Agriculture &  
Regional Food Systems, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Globalization Societies and Education,  
Red Globe Press, Macmillan International Higher Education, Bloomsbury Publishing*