CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research is in the field of international relations, focusing specifically on international political economy, natural resource governance, MNC-state relations and development in the global South. I am particularly interested in the power of mining firms relative to the state and the politics of multinational corporate tax avoidance.

EDUCATION

University of Sydney
PhD in International Relations 2015
Thesis Title: “Private Governance: A study of sub-Saharan African gold mining”

Macquarie University
Master of International Relations 2011

Macquarie University
Bachelor of Economics with Bachelor of Business Administration 2006
Majors: Economics, Politics and Business Strategy

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Monographs

Refereed Journal Articles


Conference Papers


Elbra, A.D. (2014), “Governing African Gold Mining: Firms’ rationale for developing extractive sector private governance”, presented at the **Susan Series Political Economy Workshop**, hosted by the University of Sydney and the University of Wollongong, 12th June 2014.


**Book Reviews**


TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of New South Wales

Semester 2, 2016
Convenor for POLS5130, Security Studies (postgraduate unit)
- Duties include preparation and delivery of lectures, course coordination, setting of assessment tasks, liaising with other staff, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks, use of e-learning tools and administration

Semester 1, 2016
Tutor for ARTS1810, Introduction to International Relations (introductory undergraduate unit, taught 53 students)
- Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

University of Sydney

Semester 2, 2015
Tutor for GOVT3988, Globalisation, Governance and the State (senior undergraduate unit, taught 45 students)
- Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

Semester 1, 2015
Tutor for GOVT2221, Politics of International Economic Relations (senior undergraduate unit, taught 20 students)
- Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

Tutor for GOVT2991, Political Analysis (senior undergraduate unit, taught 50 students)
- Tutorial duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

Semester 2, 2014
Tutor for GOVT2221, Politics of International Economic Relations (senior undergraduate unit, taught 20 students)
- Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

Tutor for GOVT2991, Political Analysis (senior undergraduate unit, taught 75 students)
- Tutorial duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

Semester 1, 2014
Tutor for GOVT3988, Globalisation, Governance and the State (senior undergraduate unit, taught 80 students)
- Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

Guest Lecturer for GOVT6331, Public Management and Governance (postgraduate subject)
- Development and delivery of lecture Private Governance: The role of firms in regulating sub-Saharan Africa’s gold mining sectors.

Semester 2, 2013
Head Tutor for GOVT2336, Gender and Human Rights (senior undergraduate unit, taught 80 students with supervision responsibility for two other tutors and a total cohort of 294 students)
• Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration. Additional Head Tutor duties performed included supervision of two tutors and handling all student/tutor administrative queries.

Tutor for GOVT2221, *Politics of International Economic Relations* (senior undergraduate unit, taught 120 students)
• Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

**Semester 1, 2013**
Guest Lecturer and Tutor for GOVT2991, *Political Analysis* (senior undergraduate unit, taught 120 students)
• Delivered guest lecture *What is Political Science?*
• Tutorial duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

**Semester 2, 2012**
Tutor for GOVT2440, *Globalisation and National Governance* (senior undergraduate unit, taught 90 students)
• Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

**Semester 1, 2012**
Tutor for GOVT2336, *Gender and Human Rights* (senior undergraduate unit, taught 120 students)
• Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks and administration.

**University of Newcastle 2012 – 2015**

**Semester 1, 2015**
Lecturer for POLI3150, *Foundations of International Relations* (senior undergraduate unit, with 46 enrolled students)
• Duties included preparation and delivery of lectures, course coordination, setting of assessment tasks, liaising with other staff, management of one tutor, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks, use of e-learning tools and administration.

**Semester 1, 2013**
Tutor for POLI2001, *Ideas in Political Science* (senior undergraduate unit, taught 40 students)
• Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks, use of e-learning tools and administration.

**Semester 2, 2012**
Tutor for POLI2020/3030, *Foundations of Modern Politics* (senior undergraduate unit, taught 15 students)
• Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks, use of e-learning tools and administration.

Tutor for POLI1010, *Australian Politics and Government* (first-year undergraduate unit, taught 40 students)
• Duties included preparation and delivery of tutorials, student consultation, assessment and exam grading, submission of marks, use of e-learning tools and administration.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**University of Tasmania – Research Assistant 2015**
July 2015 – November 2015
Provided research assistance to Associate Professor Heather Lovell and Dr Francisco Ascui for the project *Sense-T: The role of environmental sensor data within new financial markets*. Duties included undertaking a series of elite interviews for the project with sustainability finance experts and analysis of interviews using NVivo software.
University of Sydney – PhD Researcher 2012 - 2015

University of Sydney Research Assistant 2012 - 2014

December 2013 – February 2014
Provided research assistance to Associate Professor John Mikler for the project, The Discursive Power of Finance in Liberal Market Economies since the Global Financial Crisis. Duties included use of Factiva to locate relevant editorials from major newspapers in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and Canada. Following this the position entailed coding these newspaper reports using NVivo software.

January – February 2013
Provided research assistance to Associate Professor John Mikler for the project, Climate Innovation: Liberal Capitalism and Climate Change. Duties included transcription of 20 interviews.

April 2012
Provided editorial assistance in the preparation of Dr. Megan Mackenzie’s manuscript, Female Soldiers in Sierra Leone: Sex, Security and Post-Conflict Development. Duties included proofreading and indexing of manuscript.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Richard Higgot Journal Article Prize 2015
Awarded the Australian International Political Economy Network’s inaugural prize for best journal article by an Australian based academic in the field of IPE published in 2014.

Postgraduate Research Support Scheme 2014
Funding of $2,600 to attend the 2014 International Political Science Association World Congress in Montreal, Canada.

Stein Rokkan Award, International Political Science Association 2014
Merit-based funding of US$1,000 granted to best PhD paper presented at IPSA’s World Congress. The award has previously been shared between three recipients, however this year was awarded solely to myself.

University of Sydney Postgraduate Award 2014
A scholarship valued at $25,392 p.a. awarded to students of exceptional research potential to facilitate their undertaking of higher degree by research at the University of Sydney.

Dean’s Citation for Excellence in Tutorials 2013
Awarded to academic tutors from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences who demonstrate innovative and reflective teaching practices.

Postgraduate Research Support Scheme 2013
Funding of $500 to attend the 2013 Australian Political Studies Association Conference in Perth, Western Australia.

Postgraduate Travel Award, Australian Political Studies Association 2012
Awarded of $500 based on the quality of paper submitted for the Australian Political Studies Association’s 2012 annual conference.

CAREER HISTORY

Casual Academic/Researcher – The University of Sydney, The University of New South Wales, The University of Newcastle and The University of Tasmania 2012 - Present

PhD Candidate – The University of Sydney 2012 - 2015

Administration Assistant – Pacific Pyrolysis, Somersby NSW 2010 – 2012
Duties included personal assistant to Chief Technology Officer, accounts payable and receivable, organisation of conferences, maintenance of website, liaison with stakeholders including local, state and federal members of parliament and associated academics at various tertiary education institutions.

**Assistant Manager** – ANZ Corporate Bank, Sydney NSW  
2007 – 2010

Began career at ANZ as part of the Graduate Program 2007 intake. Promoted to Assistant Manager in October 2007. Duties included risk assessment of existing and potential clients, sovereign risk assessment, liaising with Chief Financial Officers and Finance Managers, sales of financial products, financial modelling, presentation of risk assessments both internally and to clients, negotiation of pricing with clients.

**ACCREDITATIONS**

**Sydney University Teacher Development Program**  
2012

Course introduced new teachers to various modes of teaching tertiary education students. Skills acquired include the development of assessment techniques and lesson plans and understanding of curriculum outcomes and grading schemes.

**Australian Securities and Investment Commission**  
2008

Financial Services Risk Assessment - Tier Two Accreditation. Training included establishing client relationship skills, analysing financial needs, developing, presenting and negotiating client solutions. Completion of this course qualified the learner to provide general advice on financial products and services, in line with ASIC requirements.

**MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE**

International Political Science Association  
Australian Political Studies Association  
African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific