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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research is in the field of international relations, focussing 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

Elbra, A.D. (2016), *Governing African Gold Mining: Private governance and the resource curse*. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

Refereed Journal Articles

Elbra, A.D. & Mikler, J. (in production), "Paying a Fair Share: Multinational Corporations' Perspectives on Taxation", *Global Policy*.

Mikler, J., Rajendra, S. and Elbra, A.D. (2015), "Perceptions of the Global Financial Crisis in the US, UK, Canada and Australia: A Comparative Editorial Analysis of the Legitimacy of Finance", *Business and Politics*, 18(1), 1-25. doi: 10.1515/bap-2015-0006, published at <http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/bap.2016.18.issue-1/bap-2015-0006/bap-2015-0006.xml?format=INT&rskey=qO73np&result=2>

Elbra, A.D. (2014), "Gold Mining in sub-Saharan Africa: Towards private sector governance", *The Extractives Industries and Society*, 1(2), 216-224. doi: 10.1016/j.exis.2014.07.008, published at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214790X14000550>.

Elbra, A.D. (2014), "Interests need not be pursued if they can be created: private governance in African gold mining", *Business and Politics*, 16(2), 247-266. doi: 10.1515/bap-2013-0021, published at <http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/bap.2014.16.issue-2/bap-2013-0021/bap-2013-0021.xml?format=INT>.

Elbra, A. D. (2013), "The Forgotten Resource Curse: South Africa's poor experience with mineral extraction", *Resources Policy*, 38(4), 549-557. doi: 10.1016/j.resourpol.2013.09.004, published at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301420713000755>.

Conference Papers

Mikler, J.M. and Elbra, A.D. (2016), "Paying a Fair Share: Global Corporations versus National Taxation Regulations" co-authored with Mikler, J. presented at the *ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance Conference*, hosted by Tilburg University, 6th – 8th July 2016.

Elbra, A.D. (2015), "Empirical Developments in Voluntary Global Corporate Taxation Initiatives", presented at the *International Conference on Public Policy*, hosted by the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, 1st July – 4th July 2015, published at <http://www.icpublicpolicy.org/conference/file/reponse/1433548681.pdf>.

Mikler, J.M. and Elbra, A.D. (2015), "Corporate Strategies and Perspectives on a Global Taxation Regime", presented at the *International Conference on Public Policy*, hosted by the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, 1st July – 4th July 2015, published at <http://www.icpublicpolicy.org/conference/file/reponse/1433303961.pdf>.

Elbra, A.D. (2014), "Governing African Gold Mining: Firms' rationales for developing extractive sector private governance", presented at the *Australian Political Studies Association Conference*, hosted by the University of Sydney, Sydney, 29th September – 1st October 2014.

Elbra, A.D. (2014), "Agenda Setting and Private Governance in sub-Saharan Africa's Gold Mining Industries", presented at the *International Political Science Association World Congress*, held in Montreal Canada, 19th – 24th July 2014, published at http://paperroom.ipsa.org/papers/paper_29842.pdf

Mikler, J., Rajendra, S. and Elbra, A.D. (2014), "The Shifting Face of Financial Power post the Global Financial Crisis in Liberal Market Economies", presented at the *International Political Science Association World Congress*, held in Montreal Canada, 19th – 24th July 2014, published at http://paperroom.ipsa.org/papers/paper_29839.pdf

Elbra, A.D. (2014), "Governing African Gold Mining: Firms' rationale for developing extractives 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.

Elbra, A.D. (2013), "Private Governance as an Approach to Africa's Resource Curse", presented at the *Australian International Political Economy Network Workshop*, hosted by the University of Sydney, 5th -6th December 2013.

Elbra, A.D. (2013), "Private Governance in sub-Saharan Africa's Gold Mining Industries", presented at the *Australian Political Studies Association Conference*, hosted by Murdoch University, Perth, 30th September – 2nd October 2013.

Elbra, A.D. (2012), "Panacea or Pretence? The role of private governance in alleviating Zambia's resource curse", presented at the *African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific Conference*, hosted by the Australian National University, 26th – 28th November 2012, published at <http://afsaap.org.au/assets/ELBRA.pdf>.

Elbra, A. D. (2012), "The Curse of International Extractive Firms: Resource Wealth and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa", presented at the *Australian Political Studies Association Conference*, hosted by the University of Tasmania, Hobart, 24th – 26th September 2012, published at http://www.auspsa.org.au/sites/default/files/the_curse_of_international_extractice_ainsley_elbra.pdf.

Book Reviews

Elbra, A. D. (2014), review of *South Africa and the World Economy: Remaking Race, State, and Region*, by William G. Martin, *Australasian Review of African Studies*, 35(1), 113-115.

Elbra, A. D. (2013), review of *Africa Emerges*, by Robert I. Rotberg, *London School of Economics Review of Books*, published at <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2013/07/03/book-review-africa-emerges/>.

Elbra, A. D. (2013), review of *Global Corruption: Money, Power and Ethics in the Modern World* by Lawrence Cockcroft, *London School of Economics Review of Books*, published at <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2013/05/13/book-review-global-corruption-money-power-ethics-cockcroft/>.

Elbra, A. D. (2013), review of *The End of Power* by Moses Naim, *London School of Economics Review of Books*, published at <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2013/03/23/book-review-the-end-of-power-from-boardrooms-to-battlefields-and-churches-to-states-why-being-in-charge-isnt-what-it-used-to-be/>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of New South Wales

2016

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

2012 - 2015

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 in 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