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Academic Appointments **Assistant Professor** June 2010 to present

Department of Political Science, University of Rochester

- Named James P. Wilmot Assistant Professor of Social Science, 2015–2017

Hewlett Predoctoral Fellow Fall 2009 to Spring 2010

Centre on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University

Education **Stanford University**

Ph.D., Political Science, January 2011

- Lieberman Graduate Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, 2008–2009
- John A. and Cynthia Fry Gunn Stanford Graduate Fellow, 2004–2008

Yale University

B.A., Ethics, Politics, and Economics, May 2002

Monograph *Rival Claims: Ethnic Violence and Territorial Autonomy under Indian Federalism.*
February 2017. University of Michigan Press.

International policymakers, activists, and scholars frequently advocate for territorial autonomy as the natural, just, and pragmatic solution to ethnic conflict. In India, quasi-ethnic federalism is credited with ensuring the country's survival, despite the numerous violent movements for ethnic self-rule there since 1947. What explains both the survival of India as a single, sovereign entity and the persistence of conflict over subnational autonomy? What does the history of ethnic territorial conflict there suggest about subnational autonomy as a stability measure in diverse countries?

A neglected dimension of struggles over ethnoterritorial autonomy is the rivalry between pro-autonomy interests and their local opponents: those who fear becoming minorities within an ethnic fiefdom or existing regional governments that are reluctant to surrender territory. This study challenges the common assumption that territorial autonomy is a tool to manage clashing interests between the periphery and the capital. Instead, political and social rivalry between groups in the periphery is both a cause and an outcome of regional ethnic autonomy. The triangular political relationship between the central government and rival regional interests determines when these institutions succeed or fail in preventing ethnic violence.

Journal Articles

- [1] Bhavnani, R. and Lacina, B. 2017. Fiscal Federalism at Work? Central Responses to Internal Migration in India. *World Development*. Forthcoming.
- [2] Lacina, B. 2015. Periphery versus periphery: The stakes of separatist war. *Journal of Politics* 77(3): 692–706.
- [3] Bhavnani, R. and B. Lacina. 2015. The effects of weather-induced migration on sons of the soil violence in India. *World Politics* 67(4): 760–794.
- [4] Lacina, B. 2014. How governments shape the risk of civil violence: India’s federal reorganization, 1950–56. *American Journal of Political Science* 58(3): 720–738.
- [5] Lacina, B. 2014. India’s stabilizing segment states. *Ethnopolitics* 13(1): 13–27.
- [6] Lacina, B. and N.P. Gleditsch. 2013. The waning of war is real: A response to Gohdes and Price. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(6): 940–958.
- [7] Lacina, B. and C. Lee. 2013. Culture clash or democratic peace?: Results of a survey experiment on the effect of religious culture and regime type on foreign policy opinion formation. *Foreign Policy Analysis* 9(2):143–170.
- [8] Lacina, B. 2009. The problem of political stability in Northeast India: Local ethnic autocracy and the rule of law. *Asian Survey* 49(6): 998–1020.
- [9] Lacina, B. 2007. Does counterinsurgency theory apply in Northeast India? *India Review* 6(3): 165–183.
 - Reprinted in *India’s National Security*, 2013, Eds. K. P. Bajpai and H. V. Pant. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- [10] Lacina, B. 2006. Explaining the severity of civil wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50(2): 276–89.
- [11] Lacina, B., N.P. Gleditsch, and B. Russett. 2006. The declining risk of death in battle. *International Studies Quarterly* 50(3): 673–80.
- [12] Gleditsch, N.P., K. Furlong, H. Hegre, B. Lacina, and T. Owen. 2006. Conflicts over shared rivers: Resource wars or fuzzy boundaries? *Political Geography* 25(4): 361–82.
- [13] Lacina, B. and N.P. Gleditsch. 2005. Monitoring trends in global combat: A new dataset of battle deaths. *European Journal of Population* 21(2–3): 145–66.
 - Reprinted in *The Demography of Armed Conflict*, 2006, Eds. H. Brunborg, E. Tabeau, and H. Urdal. Dordrecht: Springer.
- [14] Lacina, B. 2004. From side show to centre stage: Civil conflict after the Cold War. *Security Dialogue* 35(29): 191–205.

Papers under Review

- [1] Lacina, B. Opposition to ethnic territorial autonomy in the Indian parliament
 - Presented as “Intra-periphery rivalry and conflict over ethnic autonomy: Evidence from Thailand and India” at annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2013.

Conference and Working Papers

- [1] Bhavnani, R. and Lacina, B. Political Obstacles to Domestic Trade: Evidence from India
 - Presented at the annual meeting of the International Political Economy Society, Durham, 2016.
- [2] Lacina, B., K. Albert, and E. VanMeter. Shared Territory, Regime Alignment, and Forced Displacement.
 - Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, 2016.
- [3] Lacina, B. War costs and public support for domestic counterinsurgency: Evidence from Thailand.
 - Presented as “Public opinion and the costs of civil war: Evidence from the southern Thailand insurgency” at annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, 2014.
- [4] Lacina, B. and C. Crisman-Cox. Weapon of the weak or weapon of choice? The risk of insurgent warfare in weak states.

Datasets

PRIO Battle Deaths Dataset. 2004 (version 1.0); 2006 (version 2.0); 2009 (version 3.0)
www.prio.no/CSCW/Datasets/Armed-Conflict/Battle-Deaths

Selected Additional Publications

- [1] Lacina, B. 2010. Trends in mass violence. In *The Oxford International Encyclopedia of Peace*, Ed. N. Young, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- [2] Lacina, B. 2009. Rethinking Delhi’s Northeast India policy: Why neither counterinsurgency nor winning hearts and minds is the way forward. In *Beyond Counter-insurgency: Breaking the Impasse in Northeast India*, Ed. S. Baruah, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, India.
- [3] Eck, K., B. Lacina, and M. Öberg. 2007. Civil conflict in the contemporary world. In *Resources, Governance and Civil Conflict*, Eds. K. Strom and M. Öberg, New York: Routledge Press.
- [4] Lacina, B. 2007. Insights from macro studies of the risk of civil war. In *Resources, Governance and Civil Conflict*, Eds. K. Strom and M. Öberg, New York: Routledge Press.
- [5] Lacina, B. and J. Weinstein. 2007. Toward more policy-relevant research on violence in civil war. *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, August.
- [6] Ottaway, M. and B. Lacina. 2003. International interventions and imperialism: Lessons from the 1990s. *SAIS Review* 23(2): 71–94.
- [7] T. Carothers and B. Lacina. 2003. Quick transformation to democratic Middle East a fantasy. *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, March 16.

Grants

- [1] James P. Wilmot Assistant Professorship of Social Science, University of Rochester, 2015–2017 (\$10,000)
- [2] Lanni Summer Fellowship for research collaboration with a graduate student. 2016/2015/2014/2013. University of Rochester. (\$2,000/grant)

- [3] Program in Empirical Policy Research. 2012. Wallis Institute, University of Rochester. (\$1,500)
- [4] Grant for consultation on the PRIO Battle Deaths Dataset. 2012. International Peace Research Institute, Oslo. (\$4,500)
- [5] National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant. 2008. (\$11,950)
- [6] Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences. 2007. National Science Foundation. Co-PI with C. Lee, Hamilton College. (Questions on a shared survey)
- [7] Dissertation grant. 2006. International Peace Research Institute, Oslo. (\$5,700)
- [8] Grant for update of the PRIO Battle Deaths Dataset. 2006. International Peace Research Institute, Oslo. (\$27,000)

Teaching

Courses at University of Rochester

International Relations Field Seminar

- Graduate seminar, co-taught with Randy Stone, spring 2017

Scope of Political Science

- Graduate seminar, spring 2017

Empirical Research Practicum

- Graduate seminar, fall 2015

Ethnic politics

- Undergraduate seminar, fall 2015
- Undergraduate lecture, fall 2013
- Co-taught with Bonnie Meguid as an undergraduate seminar, spring 2011

Civil order and civil violence

- Graduate seminar, fall 2013

Civil war and the international system

- Undergraduate lecture, fall 2010, 2011, 2012

The politics of insurgency

- Writing intensive undergraduate seminar, fall 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016

Mentoring at University of Rochester

Prospectus and dissertation committees

- Matthew Testerman, United States Naval Academy. PhD 2012.
- Miguel Rueda, Emory University. PhD 2014.
- Rabia Malik, NYU Abu Dhabi. PhD 2016.
- Casey Crisman-Cox, University of Washington, St. Louis. PhD 2016.
- Benjamin Laughlin. ABD.
- Barbara Piotrowska. ABD.
- Seda Ozturk. ABD.

Peter D. Watson Center for Conflict and Cooperation Seminar Series

- Co-coordinator, fall 2012–spring 2014

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

- The objective of the McNair Program is to increase the numbers of low-income, first-generation and underrepresented minority undergraduates who pursue Ph.D. degrees.
- Mentored summer project, 2012

Undergraduate honors thesis advisor

- Academic years 2010–11, 2012–13, 2013–14
- Departmental honors committee, 2013–14

EITM Institute, Harris School at the University of Chicago

Mentoring Faculty in Residence, summer 2011

Professional Experience

Grant Supported Collaborations

Pacific Basin Research Center Working Group on Governance and Internal Migration

Invited Talks, 2010–Present

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2016.

PSAC Seminar, Cornell University, 2016.

Pre-conference meeting on “Darjeeling: Histories, Politics, Environment” at the Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, 2015.

Political Economy Workshop, Harris School, University of Chicago, 2015.

Global Politics Seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2014.

EITM Alumni Conference at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013.

Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, 2012.

Center for South Asia, Stanford University, 2012.

One Earth Future Foundation, Yale University, 2012.

Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 2012.

Department of Political Science, Emory University, 2011.

Current Research on Issues and Topics in Comparative Scholarship, Department of Government, Georgetown University, 2011.

Peace Studies Program, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University, 2010.

Conference Service, 2010–Present

Chair and discussant for panel on “Recruitment, Motivation and Armed Conflict.” Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, 2016.

Discussant for panel on “Population and Health Impacts Of Poverty and Armed Conflict.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, 2015.

Discussant at conference on “Measuring Inter-group Differences in Socio-cultural Groups: A Global, Expert-sourcing Approach.” Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2014.

Chair for panel on “Migration and ‘Sons of the Soil’ Conflicts in an Era of Globalization.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, 2014.

Chair and discussant for panel on “Understanding Violence by Armed Actors.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2013.

Discussant for panel on “Responding to Threats to Regime Stability.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, 2013.

Discussant for book conference on *Exiting Anarchy* by Jesse Driscoll, hosted by University of California, San Diego, 2012.

Chair for panel on “Identity, Ethnicity and Civil War.” Annual national conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2012.

Discussant for panel on “Serving the State? Understanding Pro-State Paramilitaries in Civil Wars.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, 2012.

Discussant for book conference on *Anatomy of a Riot* by Alexandra Scacco, hosted by New York University, 2012.

Chair and discussant for panel on “Conflict Dynamics.” Annual national conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2011.

Reviewer Service

Data Set Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Comparative Politics Section, 2014.

Peer reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Business and Politics*; *Civil Wars*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Conflict, Security and Development*; *CQ Press*; *Defence and Peace Economics*; *Diplomacy and Statecraft*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order; *International Development Planning Review*; *International Interactions*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Politics*; National Science Foundation; *Nationalities Papers*; *Nature: Human Behavior*; Oxford University Press; *Pacific Affairs*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Research and Politics*; *Security Dialogue*; *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*; *Studies in Comparative International Development*; and *World Politics*.