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- RESEARCH INTERESTS** International Relations theory; international law, norms, and governance; armed conflict; conventional weapons disarmament; outer space
- ACADEMIC POSITIONS**
- University of St Andrews** – United Kingdom  
Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in International Relations (2021 – )  
Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in International Relations (2015-21)
- University of Oxford** – United Kingdom  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellow (2013-15)  
Department of Politics and International Relations  
Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow, Nuffield College
- European University Institute** – Florence, Italy  
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow (2012-13)
- EDUCATION**
- University of British Columbia** – Vancouver, Canada  
PhD, Political Science (2012)  
Dissertation: “Norm-Development Without the Great Powers”  
Committee: Richard Price (chair), Michael Byers, Katharina Coleman  
Field Exams: International Relations (major), Comparative Politics (minor)
- University of Toronto** – Canada  
Master of Arts, Political Science (2005)
- University of British Columbia** – Vancouver, Canada  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and History (2003)
- BOOK**
- Bower, Adam. 2017. *Norms Without the Great Powers: International Law and Changing Social Standards in World Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- ARTICLES**
- Bower, Adam and Jeffrey S. Lantis. 2024. “Contesting the Heavens: US Antipreneurship and the Regulation of Space Weapons.” *European Journal of International Security* 9 (1): 1-22. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1017/eis.2023.2>
- Bower, Adam. 2020. “Entrapping Gulliver: The United States and the Antipersonnel Mine Ban.” *Security Studies* 29 (1): 128-161
- Bower, Adam. 2019. “Contesting the International Criminal Court: Bashir, Kenyatta, and the Status of the Non-Impunity Norm in World Politics.” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 4 (1): 88–104

Bower, Adam. 2015. “Norms Without the Great Powers: International Law, Nested Social Structures, and the Ban on Antipersonnel Mines.” *International Studies Review* 17 (3): 347–73

Bower, Adam. 2015. “Arguing with Law: Strategic Legal Argumentation, US Diplomacy, and Debates over the International Criminal Court.” *Review of International Studies* 41 (2): 337–60

BOOK  
CHAPTERS

Bower, Adam. 2023. “Orbital Uncertainty and the Governance of Outer Space Activities.” In *Uncertainty in Global Politics*, edited by Anastasia Shesterinina and Miriam Matejova, 191-211. London: Routledge

Bower, Adam. 2023. “Global Constitutionalism and Outer Space Governance.” In *Handbook on Global Constitutionalism*, second edition, edited by Anthony Lang Jr. and Antje Wiener, 529-541. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

Bower, Adam. 2023. “The International Criminal Court: Between Sovereignty and the Internationalized Fight Against Impunity.” In *Tracing Value Change in the International Legal Order: Perspectives from Legal and Political Science*, edited by Heike Krieger and Andrea Liese, 173-190. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Bower, Adam. 2020. “Negotiating Responsibility in Conventional Weapons Disarmament.” In *The Rise of Responsibility in World Politics*, edited by Antje Vetterlein and Hannes Hansen-Magnusson, 55-73. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Bower, Adam. 2016. “Networking for the Ban: Network Structure, Social Power, and the Movement to Ban Antipersonnel Mines.” In *The New Power Politics: Networks and Transnational Security Governance*, edited by Deborah Avant and Oliver Westerwinter, 169-195. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Bower, Adam, and Richard Price. 2013. “Moral Mission Accomplished? Assessing the Landmine Ban.” In *Justice, Sustainability, and Security: Global Ethics for the 21st Century*, edited by Eric A. Heinze, 131–69. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

ACADEMIC  
FORUMS

Vlcek, William and Adam Bower. 2021. “Teaching International Relations at the University of St Andrews (Scotland).” Forum on Pedagogy: The Introductory Course in International Relations: Regional Variations. *International Studies Perspectives* 22 (2): 140-144

OTHER  
WRITING

Bower, Adam. “Commercial Space Systems and Foreign Armed Conflicts: Challenges and Ways Forward.” SCGA Insight. Scottish Council on Global Affairs. October 2023. <https://scga.scot/2024/03/11/scga-insight-commercial-space-systems-and-foreign-armed-conflicts/>.

Egel, Naomi and Adam Bower. “Undermining Norms? How the Antipersonnel Mine Ban Has Endured in US Policy.” Just Security. 14 July 2021. <https://www.justsecurity.org/77412/undermining-norms-how-the-antipersonnel-mine-ban-has-endured-in-us-policy/>

Bower, Adam and Ryder McKeown, “The Indian ASAT Test and Space Security.” The Transatlantic Puzzle. 23 May 2019  
<https://transatlanticpuzzle.com/2019/05/23/the-indian-asat-test-and-space-security>

POLICY  
ENGAGEMENT

Jessica West, Paul Meyer, David Kendall, Adam Bower, William (Mac) Evans, Aaron Boley, Michael Byers, and Ram Jakhu. Project Ploughshares and Outer Space Institute joint submission to the Zero Draft of the UN Pact for the Future. January 2024. <https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sof-project-ploughshares-input-zero-draft-pact-for-future.pdf>

United Kingdom Parliament, Scottish Affairs Committee, Inquiry into Scotland’s Space Sector. Written evidence, November 2023,  
<https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/126652/pdf/>

United Kingdom Parliament, Scottish Affairs Committee, Inquiry into Defence in Scotland. Written evidence, January 2023,  
<https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/116675/pdf/>. Oral evidence, 24 April 2023, <https://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/4a3b51cc-37cc-4a43-aca2-ddf898e00031?in=15:44:17>

Paul Meyer, Adam Bower, Aaron Boley, Michael Byers, and Jessica West. “Non-Kinetic Anti-Satellite Weapons (ASATs)” – Submission by the Outer Space Institute Working Group on Space Security to the Third Substantive Session of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on “Reducing Space Threats Through Norms, Rules and Principles of Responsible Behaviours.” United Nations General Assembly. 13 January 2023. A/AC.294/2023/NGO/1.  
<https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G23/004/73/PDF/G2300473.pdf?OpenElement>

PODCASTS

“Commercial Space Systems and Foreign Armed Conflicts.” Scottish Council on Global Affairs. 21 November 2023.  
<https://shows.acast.com/scga-scot/episodes/commercial-space-systems>

“Peace and Conflict in Space.” Visualising Peace Project, University of St Andrews. 8 July 2022. Featuring Sqn Ldr Stuart Agnew, Adam Bower, Wg Cdr Sas Duffin, Otilia Meden, Harris Siderfin.  
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1717787/11037656>

“Biden Administration Antipersonnel Mine Policy.” Conversation Six. Featuring Adam Bower and Naomi Egel. 24 June 2022.  
<https://open.spotify.com/show/5aqTE32aShpUzgd6lCAjpW>

“Space, Law, and Constitutions.” Talking Constitutions podcast. Institute for Legal and Constitutional Research, University of St Andrews. 15 February 2022. Featuring Timiebi Aganaba, Adam Bower, Michael Byers, and John Hudson. <https://ilcr.podbean.com/e/space-law-and-constitutions/>

AWARDS

Academy of International Affairs NRW Fellowship (2024)  
Four-month residential research fellowship for a project titled “Regulating space warfare: assessing opportunities and challenges” – £25,395

Scottish Council on Global Affairs Insight Award (2024)  
Co-investigator on project titled “Scotland’s Global Role in Outer Space Sustainability” (Principal Investigator Dr Michael Picard, University of Edinburgh) – £7400

Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship (2021-22)  
“Contesting the heavens: Power, norms, and law in space security governance” – £52,465

Carnegie Trust Research Incentive Grant (2017-18)  
“Gulliver Informally Bound: The United States and the Antipersonnel Mine Ban” – £6733

SSHRC Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship (2013-15)  
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship (2012-13)  
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

UBC Security and Defence Forum Field Research Award (2011)  
Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia – \$4000

SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship (Doctoral) (2007-10)  
Awarded \$35,000 per annum for three years

Security and Defence Forum Ph.D. Scholarship (2010)  
Canadian Department of National Defence – \$20,000  
One of five national award recipients

Graduate Research Award (Doctoral) for Disarmament, Arms Control, and Non-proliferation (2007-08 and 2010-11)  
Simons Foundation and Foreign Affairs Canada – \$5000  
One of four national award recipients

Frederic H. Soward Memorial Fellowship (2008-09)  
Department of Political Science, UBC – \$3800

UBC Graduate Entrance Scholarship (2006-07)  
University of British Columbia – \$10,000

Masters Research Award for Disarmament, Arms Control, and Non-proliferation (2004-05)  
Simons Foundation and Foreign Affairs Canada – \$5000  
One of four national award recipients

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES (ORGANISER) (Critical) Geopolitics, Sustainability, and “Global” Spaces. German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Bonn, 12 November 2024. Organised with Dorothea Wehrmann

Scotland’s Global Role in Outer Space Sustainability. Edinburgh, 4-5 June 2024. Organised with Michael Picard, Rachael Craufurd Smith, Andy Lawrence, Maria Manoli, Nicholas Ross, Alex Simmonds, and Andrew Wilson

Commercial Satellites and Armed Conflict. Edinburgh, 13-14 July 2023.  
Organised with Michael Byers and Aaron Boley

Contesting the Cold Commons: Naval and Aerospace Power in the High North.  
University of St Andrews, 21-22 March 2023. Organised with Marc De Vore

International Rules in Times of Fundamental Change. University of St  
Andrews, May 2020, cancelled due to Covid-19. Organised with Mateja Peter

International Law in Times of Transformation: How Does International Law  
Deal with Systemic Change? BISA-ILAW Workshop, University of St  
Andrews, 8 November 2019. Organised with Mateja Peter

WORKSHOPS &  
CONFERENCES  
(PARTICIPANT)

Responsibility in Outer Space. Academy of International Affairs NRW, Bonn,  
9-11 December 2024

Cis-lunar Security. Outer Space Institute, Salt Spring Island, 1-2 March 2024

Summer Academy on Outer Space Affairs. Academy of International Affairs  
NRW, Bonn, 3-8 September 2023

Norm Research in a Contentious Age. ISA Workshop. International Studies  
Association Annual Convention, Montreal, 14 March 2023

Commercial Satellites, Large Constellations, and Armed Conflict. Outer Space  
Institute, Salt Spring Island, 14-15 October 2022

OSI Fellows Retreat. Outer Space Institute, Whistler, 26-28 May 2022

Beyond Norms: Arms Control Lessons for Outer Space. Project Ploughshares,  
13 April 2022, online

Space Security Workshop. Outer Space Institute, 19-20 May 2021, online

Space Debris and National Security. Outer Space Institute, Salt Spring Island,  
9-11 January 2020

The International Rule of Law – Rise or Decline? KFG Berlin Potsdam  
Research Group, Berlin, 24-25 November 2017

Law and War in the 21st Century. BISA-ILAW Workshop, University of  
Edinburgh, 6 September 2017

Unpacking the Dynamics of Norm Robustness. Goethe University and Peace  
Research Institute, Frankfurt, 8-10 December 2016 and 3-5 December 2015

The Instrumental Uses of Norms in International Relations. ISA Workshop.  
International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, 15 March 2016

Unsteady Lives: The Dynamics of Norm Robustness. ISA Workshop.  
International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, 15 March 2016

Responsibility in World Politics. ISA Venture Research Workshop.  
International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, 17  
February 2015

The New Power Politics: Networks, Governance and Global Security.  
University of Denver, 28 February – 2 March 2013

Papers presented at the Max Weber Fellows' Conference on Social Issues for  
the Social Science, European University Institute, Florence, 2013-2016

Panels and roundtables at the International Studies Association Annual  
Convention (2011, 2012, 2014-19, 2022, 2023), British International Studies  
Association (2019), and Canadian Political Science Association (2008 and  
2011)

Presentations to the School of IR Staff-PhD Research Workshop and Centre for  
Global Law and Governance occasional symposium series, University of St  
Andrews (2016, 2019, 2022)

INVITED  
TALKS

Contesting the Heavens. College and Graduate School of International  
Relations, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, 30 May 2024

Governing Outer Space: Challenges and Opportunities. College and Graduate  
School of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, 29 May  
2024

The International Relations of Outer Space. School of International Relations  
Staff-Student Mixer. University of St Andrews, 8 November 2023

Preventing an Arms Race in Outer Space: Current Challenges and Future  
Prospects. Foreign Affairs Society, University of St Andrews, 23 March 2023

Preventing an Arms Race in Outer Space: Current Challenges and Future  
Prospects. SaintsLaw talk, Institute for Legal and Constitutional Research,  
University of St Andrews, 6 October 2022

ADS Scotland Business Development Working Group on Space Security. ADS  
Scotland, Edinburgh (and online), 16 August 2022

Preventing an Arms Race in Outer Space: Current Challenges and Future  
Prospects. College of Europe Natolin Campus, Warsaw, 26 April 2022

Book talk: Norms Without the Great Powers. College of Europe Natolin  
Campus. Natolin, Warsaw, 20 November 2018

Book talk: Norms Without the Great Powers. Vienna School of International  
Studies, Vienna, 8 June 2018

The International Criminal Court and Contestation in World Politics.  
International Relations Colloquium, Department of Politics & International  
Relations, University of Oxford, 18 January 2018

Book talk: Norms Without the Great Powers. Department of Political Science,  
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, 8 January 2018

Book talk: Norms Without the Great Powers. Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 3 January 2018

Roundtable: Biases in International Justice. Centre for Global Constitutionalism, University of St Andrews, 22 November 2017

Contesting the ICC: Bashir, Kenyatta, and the Status of the International Criminal Accountability Norm. Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Edinburgh, 15 May 2017

Roundtable: Africa and the International Criminal Court. University of Glasgow, 10 May 2017

Contesting the ICC. School of International Relations Staff & Research Seminar, University of St Andrews, 3 February 2016; and International Relations Seminar, University College Dublin, 12 November 2015

Norms Without Great Power Leadership. Global Governance and Diplomacy Plenary Lecture. Department of International Development, University of Oxford, 27 February 2015

Nested Norms and the Social Power of Law: A Theory of Multilateral Treaty Influence Without the Great Powers. International Relations Colloquium, Department of Politics & IR, University of Oxford, 19 June 2014; and International Relations Colloquium, Department of Political Science, UBC, Vancouver, 5 June 2014

DOCTORAL SUPERVISION     Leo Nwoye (co-supervisor, from 2024): “(Mis)Understanding and (Mis)Applying Gender Competency.” Commenced September 2015 (part-time)

Haley Rice (principal supervisor): “Legal Contest in Global Commons.” Commenced September 2020

Robin El-Kady (co-supervisor): “Communicative Organizations: International Organizations’ Use of Public Communication.” Commenced September 2018

Piyanat Soikham (second supervisor): “Indian Soft Power Towards Southeast Asia.” Successful viva 25 July 2018. Piyanat was appointed Lecturer in the Faculty of Political Science, Ubon Ratchathane University, Thailand

TEACHING     University of St Andrews

IR1005: Introduction to International Relations / Concepts in Global Politics  
Lectures on “Studying International Relations,” “Critical reading and writing,” “Ethics and law,” “International law,” “International organisations,” “Pandemics and global politics”

IR1006: Foreign Policy and International Security  
Lectures on “Theories of foreign policy making,” “NGOs as foreign policy actors”

IR2005: Theoretical Approaches to International Relations – tutorials (2020)

IR3067: The International Criminal Court in World Politics (2016)

IR3036: Independent Study: Norms in International Relations (2020)

IR3073: Dilemmas of International Order (2018-2020)  
IR3073: International Institutions and Global Challenges (2022, 2023)  
IR4559: Dilemmas of International Governance (2016, 2017)  
IR4567: The International Criminal Court in World Politics (2017, 2019)  
IR4099: Undergraduate dissertation supervision  
IR4583: International Relations of Outer Space (2023)  
IR5061: Security and Justice Institutions in World Politics (2016-2020)  
IR5099/LC5099: MLitt and MRes dissertation supervision  
LC5026: Special Topics (directed reading)  
LC5099: MLitt supervision

University of Oxford

MPhil Core Seminar in International Relations, Block 5 (with Nicola Leveringhaus) (2015)

University of British Columbia

POLI364A: International Organizations (2011)

POLI364B: International Security and Justice Organizations (2012)

SERVICE

Director of Impact and Innovation, School of International Relations (2023)

Co-Director, Centre for Global Law and Governance, St Andrews (2020-23)

Co-Director, Centre for Global Constitutionalism (2016-2020)

Steering Committee, Institute for Legal and Constitutional Research,  
University of St Andrews (2016 - )

Coordinator of the fourth-year undergraduate dissertation (IR4099), School of  
International Relations (2022-23)

First-year undergraduate coordinator, School of International Relations (2016-  
19 and Fall 2020)

Teaching & Learning Committee, School of International Relations (2016-20,  
2022-23)

Research Committee, School of International Relations (2019-20)

Careers Officer, School of International Relations (2019-20)

Faculty adviser, IR Crisis Simulation, University of St Andrews (2017-19)

Reviewer for academic journals and presses: *Cambridge Review of  
International Affairs*, Cambridge University Press, *Cooperation and Conflict*,  
*European Journal of International Relations*, *Hague Journal of Diplomacy*,  
*International Affairs*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*,  
*International Relations*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies  
Review*, *Journal of International Development*, *Journal of International  
Political Theory*, Macmillan Publishers, Oxford University Press, *St. Antony's  
International Review*

Reviewer for funding bodies: Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland,  
Leverhulme Trust, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities  
& Social Sciences

PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS

British International Studies Association, International Studies Association



AFFILIATIONS    Centre for Exoplanet Science, University of St Andrews – Member  
Outer Space Institute – Fellow  
Scottish Council on Global Affairs – Management team  
Scottish Space Academics Forum – University of St Andrews representative  
Academy of International Affairs NRW, Bonn, Germany – Fellow (September-December 2024)  
College of Europe Natolin, Warsaw, Poland – Visiting Scholar (July-December 2018 and September 2021 – June 2022)