

McKenzie Ratner

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EDUCATION

The London School of Economics and Political Science

Department of International Relations

- MPhil/PhD in International Relations September 2017 - present
 - Thesis Title: “Rethinking Over-Compliance in Global Institutions: Environmental and Employment Policy in an International Context”
 - Recipient of the LSE PhD Studentship and the Montague Burton Award for First Year Performance
 - Supervisor: Dr. Ulrich Sedelmeier

The European Institute

- Master of Science (*Distinction*), Politics of the European Union
2017
 - MSc Dissertation Title: “Why Over-Comply with EU Law? A Comparative Study of Parental Leave Legislation in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania”
 - Supervisor: Dr. Ulrich Sedelmeier

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Department of Political Science

- Bachelor of Arts (*summa cum laude*), Political Science 2013 -
2016
 - Departmental Honors in Political Science, Honors Thesis Program
 - Chancellor’s Honors, University Honors Program
 - Baker Scholar, Howard Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, Baker Scholars Program
 - Recipient of the Ruth Stephens Scholarship and the Vernon Iredell International Relations Award
 - Member of University of Tennessee, Knoxville chapter of Phi Beta Kappa

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

- Summer Program in Quantitative Methods 2018
- Training in R and time series regression analysis

RESEARCH INTERESTS

international institutions | international political economy | gender & politics
quantitative methods | compliance and conditionality

WORKING PAPERS

- Ratner, McKenzie, “Why Over-Comply with EU Law? Parental Leave in the Baltic States,” working paper.

CONFERENCES

- Ratner, McKenzie, “Why Over-Comply with EU Law? Parental Leave in the Baltic States,” University Association for Contemporary European Studies, Bath, United Kingdom, September 2-5, 2018.
- Ratner, McKenzie, “A Discussion of the Influence of Cultural Forces on Croatian Media Compliance,” Central and Eastern European Media and Communications Conference, Zagreb, Croatia, June 12-14, 2015.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Level

- Teaching Assistant, International Organizations (IR203) Fall 2018 - present
- Teaching Assistant, LSE Widening Participation Politics Conference Summer 2018

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate

- Research Assistant, Dr. Ulrich Sedelmeier 2017 - present
 - Project examining the influence of national and European party affiliations on sanction votes in the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - Assisted with data collection and manipulation

Undergraduate

- Research Assistant, Dr. Brandon Prins 2015 - 2016
 - Project exploring the drivers and determinants of international maritime piracy “Political Reach, State Fragility, and the Incidence of Maritime Piracy: Explaining Piracy and Pirate Organization, 1993-2012.”
 - Assisted with data collection and manipulation
- Archival Assistant, University of Tennessee, Modern Political Archives 2013 - 2015

- Organized and cataloged archival collections, including the papers of Senator Estes Kefauver, Senator Howard Baker, Jr., and Representative Jimmy Duncan; assisted researchers in locating and accessing resources
- US State Department Diplomacy Lab Program, University of Tennessee Spring 2016
 - Co-Project Team Leader with Aaron Gold
 - Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Brandon Prins
 - “Individual-Level Radicalization in the Canadian South Asian Community” By Aaron Gold, McKenzie Ratner, Jelena Medeiros, Ben Bergman, Cortney Smith, and Westin Brown

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- IR Department Graduate Teaching Assistants Representative Fall 2018 - present
 - Helping to address GTA concerns with the Head of Teaching and Learning for the department and IR Programme Manager
- Subwarden, LSE Rosebery Hall Fall 2017 - present
 - Providing pastoral care to graduate and undergraduate students at LSE residence
 - Certified in Mental Health First Aid by MHFA England

SKILLS

STATA, R, LaTeX, Microsoft Office