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**Research Interests**

- Political Economy of International Security
- Globalization
- Causes of War, Great Power Politics, International Relations Theory
- US Foreign Policy
- East and Northeast Asia
- Europe
- Armed Groups