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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Georgia

Assistant Professor of International Affairs	2023-
Faculty Fellow, Benson-Bertsch Center for International Trade and Security	2023-
Director, Weapons Governance Lab	2025-

Stanford University

Affiliate, Center for International Security and Cooperation	2023-
Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation	2022-2023

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Visiting Fellow, Global Governance Centre	2019-2020
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EDUCATION

Cornell University

PhD, Government	2022
MA, Government	2019

Dissertation: *Regulating Destruction: The Politics of Multilateral Weapons Governance*

Awarded 2023 Janice and Milton Esman Dissertation Prize, Cornell University

University of California, Berkeley

2014

BA, Peace and Conflict Studies (with highest honors)

BOOK

Weapons Governance by the Weak: How Small States Regulate the Tools of War

(Oxford University Press) 2027

Weapons Governance by the Weak examines how smaller states develop multilateral agreements to govern weapons and how they navigate great powers responses to their efforts. Smaller states have long been active in multilateral weapons governance, but their endeavors have produced a variety of different types of agreements. What explains these differences? Under what conditions do these agreements reflect and advance smaller states goals? This book argues that in pursuing multilateral weapons governance agreements, smaller states face a critical choice of how much to compromise with great powers. This choice, combined with the extent to which great powers support or oppose the initiative, explains variation in the outcome of their efforts. The book demonstrate how the choices made in these strategic interactions lead to different kinds of governance in comparative case studies of the 1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the 1980 Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty, and the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Egel, Naomi. 2025. "Anticipatory Governance and New Weapons of War: Lessons from the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons." *Journal of Strategic Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01402390.2024.2442683>

- Egel, Naomi. 2024. “Catching Flies With Vinegar or Honey? Shaming, Praising, and Public Support for International Agreements.” *Review of International Organizations* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-024-09529-4>
- Egel, Naomi and Nina Obermeier. 2023. “A Friend Like Me: the Effects of Shared IO Membership.” *Journal of Politics* 85(1): 340-344. <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/722348>
- Egel, Naomi and Steven Ward. 2022. “Hierarchy, Revisionism, and Subordinate Actors: The TPNW and the Subversion of the Nuclear Order.” *European Journal of International Relations* 28(4): 751-776. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/13540661221112611>
- Egel, Naomi and R. Lincoln Hines. 2021. “Chinese Views on Nuclear Weapons.” *Research & Politics* 8(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2F20531680211032840>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Egel, Naomi. 2025. Book Review: A History of Nuclear Haves and Have-Nots. *Arms Control Today*. <https://www.armscontrol.org/act/2025-06/book-reviews/struggle-abolition-power-and-legitimacy-multilateral-nuclear-disarmament>
- Egel, Naomi. 2024. Introduction. H-Diplo Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum Roundtable Review of Stephanie Freeman. *Dreams for a Decade: International Nuclear Abolitionism and the End of the Cold War*. Philadelphia: University of Philadelphia Press. 2024. <https://issforum.org/ISSF/PDF/RJISSF-Roundtable-16-6.pdf>
- Egel, Naomi. 2024. H-Diplo Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum Roundtable Review of Jeffrey Kaplow. *Signing Away the Bomb: The Surprising Success of the Nonproliferation Regime*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2022. <https://issforum.org/roundtables/h-diplo-rjissf-roundtable-15-25-on-kaplow-signing-away-the-bomb>
- Egel, Naomi and R. Lincoln Hines. 2022. “Governing the Final Frontier: Risk Reduction in Outer Space.” *The Washington Quarterly* 45(4): 27-44. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0163660X.2022.2149168>
- Egel, Naomi. 2021. “Book review: International organizations and small states: participation, legitimacy and vulnerability.” *Small States & Territories* 4(2). <https://www.um.edu.mt/library/oar/handle/123456789/83285>
- Egel, Naomi, Bethany Goldblum, and Erika Suzuki. 2016. “A Novel Framework for Safeguarding Naval Nuclear Material.” *The Nonproliferation Review* 22(2): 239-251. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10736700.2015.111528>

WORKING PAPERS

- Egel, Naomi. “Searching for Permissive Effects.” (under review)
- Egel, Naomi. “Bilateralism and Multilateralism in Nuclear Negotiations.” (Revise and Resubmit)
- Egel, Naomi and Steven Ward. “Nuclear Posture and Public Opinion in European NATO Member States.” (under review)
- Egel, Naomi and Steven Ward. “Does Nuclear Sharing Reassure? Exploring the Effect of Forward Nuclear Deployment on Assessments of US Credibility in Europe.”

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

- Egel, Naomi. “Would Russia use nuclear weapons in Ukraine?” *Good Authority*. August 29, 2024. <https://goodauthority.org/news/would-russia-use-nuclear-weapons-in-ukraine/>

Egel, Naomi. “80 countries just signed a declaration on protecting civilians in war.” *Washington Post*. November 29, 2022. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/11/29/80-countries-just-signed-declaration-protecting-civilians-war/>

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

Truman Center for National Policy. “Nuclear Weapons: A Guide from Truman.” June 2, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT8u9VVYb1A>

Egel, Naomi and Jane Vaynman. “Reconsidering Arms Control Orthodoxy.” *War on the Rocks*. March 26, 2021. <https://warontherocks.com/2021/03/reconsidering-arms-control-orthodoxy/>

Egel, Naomi. “Reducing Military Risks Through OSCE Instruments: CBMs for Autonomous Weapons Systems.” Geneva Centre for Security Policy. February 2021. <https://www.gcsp.ch/publications/reducing-military-risks-through-osce-instruments-the-untapped-potential-in-the-European-arms-control-framework>

Egel, Naomi. “The Biden Administration Must Rejoin the JCPOA.” University of Pennsylvania Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law. January 12, 2021. <https://archive.law.upenn.edu/live/news/10844-the-biden-administration-must-rejoin-the-jcpoa/news/cerl-news>

Egel, Naomi. “The Trump administration approved the U.S. use of land mines. Thats a step back for global campaigns to ban their deployment.” *Washington Post*. February 11, 2020. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/11/trump-administration-okd-us-use-landmines-thats-step-back-global-campaigns-ban-their-use/>

Patrick, Stewart and Naomi Egel. “The IEA’s Hybrid Model.” *Foreign Affairs*. August 9, 2016. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2016-08-09/international-energy-agencys-hybrid-model>

Mount, Adam and Naomi Egel. “A Constructive Ban-the-Bomb Movement.” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. April 23, 2015. <https://thebulletin.org/2015/04/a-constructive-ban-the-bomb-movement/>

Patrick, Stewart and Naomi Egel. “Economic Coalition of the Willing: the OECD Reinvents Itself.” *Foreign Affairs*. March 11, 2015. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2015-03-11/economic-coalition-willing>

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Georgia

Nuclear Politics (undergraduate)	Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025
Nuclear History and Security Policy (graduate)	Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025
Arms Control and Disarmament (undergraduate)	Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026
War and Human Security (undergraduate)	Spring 2026

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Hertie School	2025
College of William & Mary	2025
Emory University	2025

Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge	2024
Georgia Museum of Art	2024
Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology	2024
Nuclear Policy Working Group, University of California, Berkeley	2023
Project on Nuclear Issues, Center for Strategic and International Studies	2023
Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey	2023
Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University	2023
Center for International Security Studies at Maryland, University of Maryland	2022
European Consortium for Political Research	2021
International Relations Theory Colloquium	2021
EU Nonproliferation and Disarmament Consortium Next Generation Workshop	2020
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies	2020
Institut d'Études de Stratégie et de Défense, Université de Lyon—Jean Moulin	2020
Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University	2017
Congressional Briefing, Federation of American Scientists Task Force on Naval Nuclear Reactors and Use of Highly Enriched Uranium	2015
International Studies Association	2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
American Political Science Association	2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External

Future Arms Control Experts	2024-2025
Center for Strategic and International Studies and National Nuclear Security Administration	
Nuclear Security Grant (with Steven Ward)	2024-2025
Stanton Foundation	
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship	2021-2022
University of Notre Dame	
Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship	2019-2020
Swiss Confederation	
Fulbright US Student Research Award	2019-2020
US Department of State	

Internal

Department of International Affairs Teaching Award	2025
University of Georgia	
Teaching Academy Early Career Fellows Program	2024-2025
University of Georgia	

Special Initiatives Fund Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University	2022-2023
Small Research Grant Qualitative and Interpretive Research Institute, Cornell University	2021
Marion and Frank Long Fellowship Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University	2021
Kahin Prize in International Relations Government Department, Cornell University	2019
Michale Sicca Research Grant Center for European Studies, Cornell University	2019
Carpenter Chair Fellowship Government Department, Cornell University	2018, 2020
Dissertation Proposal Development Program Cornell University and Social Science Research Council	2018
International Research Travel Grant Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University	2017, 2019
Graduate Fellow Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University	2017-2019
<i>Director's Fellow</i>	2017-2018

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Janne Nolan Nuclear Security Visiting Fellow Truman Center for National Policy	2020-2021
Consultant, Security and Law Programme Geneva Centre for Security Policy	2020
Consultant, Center for Preventive Action Research Associate, International Institutions and Global Governance	2020-2021 2014-2016
Council on Foreign Relations	
Research Assistant, Nuclear Policy Working Group, Nuclear Science and Security Consortium University of California, Berkeley	2014

SEMINARS AND TRAINING

New Era Workshop Bridging the Gap	2021
International Disarmament Law Course Geneva Centre for Security Policy	2019
Nuclear History Boot Camp Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, Roma Tre University	2019
Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research Syracuse University	2018
Cyber and Autonomous Weapons and Arms Control winter course International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts (ISODARCO)	2017

Public Policy and Nuclear Threats summer workshop
Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California, San Diego

2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, Conflict Management & Peace Science, Contemporary Security Policy, International Organization, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Review of International Organizations

OTHER SKILLS

Languages	English (native), French (intermediate)
Software Skills	Stata, R, Qualtrics