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EDUCATION

2022
Ph.D. Department of Political Science, University of Cincinnati
Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics
Thesis: Pervasive Hegemony – theory of persistent imbalance of power

2012
MAIS Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
International Studies
Thesis: Post-Cold War Power Structure of the International System

2010
MS Faculty of Sport, University of Ljubljana
Sports Training
Thesis: Contemporary classification of winter sports based on different criteria of classification

2010
BS Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana
International Relations

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020-2022 Visiting Scholar
The Center for Peace and Security Studies, University of California (San Diego)

2018-2020 Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University

2018 Visiting Professor
Faculty of Information Studies, Novo Mesto (Slovenia)

2012-2013 Research fellow
Emuni University

PUBLIC SERVICE

2020–2022 Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

2022– Government Information Security Office of the Republic of Slovenia

NOTABLE PEER-REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

- Kovač, Igor, Anže Burger, and Staša Tkalec. 2021. (Geo)politics of Universal Periodic Review, why states issue and accept human rights recommendations? *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 17(4), orab029.
- Kovač, Igor and Norrin Ripsman. 2021. Material Sources of Grand Strategy. In Thierry Balzacq and Ronald Krebs (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 205–20.
- Kovač, Igor (ed.). 2018. *At His Crossroad, Reflections on the Work of France Bučar*. New York: Springer.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- Kovač, Igor and Karolina Praček. Sanctioning Iran: The Case of a Latent Blowback for the European Union
- Kovač, Igor and Ivan Ivanov. Comparing the EU and NATO Approach to Managing and Regulating Cyber Threats
- Kovač, Igor. Geopolitics: The Nexus of Everyone and Everything
- Kovač, Igor and Ivan Ivanov. EU – Prudent Peacebuilder

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Kovač, Igor and Hector Bahamonde. Economic Power: *Primus Inter Pares?*
- Kovač, Igor and Duy Trinh. Mind the gap: Bilateral trade datasets
- Kovač, Igor. When the Snows Fall, and the White Winds Blow the Pack Survives: Hegemonic Endurance of the United States
- Kovač, Igor. Economic Intelligence: Different Structures, the same Objectives

NOTABLE FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2019	Taft Research Center Fellowship (\$17600)
2018	Charles Koch Institute Pre-doctoral fellowship (\$38500)
2017	Slovenian Research Agency grant (€2813.21)
2017	Charles Koch Institute dissertation grant (\$5000)
2017	English Speaking Union (\$1000)

RECENT CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

2021	Economic Power: <i>Primus Inter Pares?</i> April 6-9, ISA Annual Convention, Virtual Platform
2020	Measuring International Trade During Conflict: Which Data Should Scholars Use? September 10-13, APSA Annual Meeting in San Francisco
2020	Economic Power: <i>Primus Inter Pares?</i> September 10-13, APSA Annual Meeting in San Francisco (with Hector Bahamonde)
2020	Explaining Organizational Response to Peacebuilding: the case of NATO and the European Union, March 25-28, ISA Annual Convention in Honolulu
2019	Explaining EU peacebuilding, November 22-23, ISA Midwest Annual Conference in St. Louis (with Ivan Ivanov)
2019	Explaining NATO and EU peacebuilding, October 18-19, ISSS-IS Annual Conference in Denver (with Ivan Ivanov)
2019	Pervasive Hegemony: A New U.S. Grand Strategy of Restraint, August 29 – September 1, APSA Annual Meeting in Washington
2019	When the snows fall, and the white winds blow the pack survives: Grand Strategy of Pervasive Hegemony, March 27-30, ISA Annual Convention in Toronto

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020	International Political Economy
2019	Intro to Comparative Politics
2018	Statistics 2, US Political Intelligence and Counterintelligence
2017	Intro to International Relations, US Political Intelligence and Counterintelligence, America and the World
TA	Intro to Comparative Politics, Cybersecurity, Political Inquiry

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2017 CQRM Summer Program
Process tracing; Counterfactuals; Interpretation and History
- 2016 ICPSR Summer Program
Regression Analysis II; Time Series Analysis II; Introduction to the R
Statistical Computing Environment, Dynamic Models for Social Scientists and
Policy Analysts

METHODOLOGICAL SKILLS

Regressions, longitudinal cross-sectional panel studies, time series, fuzzy sets, structural equation modeling, network analysis

STATA

LANGUAGES

Slovene (Native), English (Fluent), German (Fluent), French (Intermediate), BCMS (Fluent)

OTHER WORK

- 2014 – Contributor and Commentator: RTVSLO (Slovenian national television),
Večer (newspaper in Slovenia), Val202 (Slovenian national radio), Planet TV
(Slovenian cable TV station), Radio Ognjišče (Slovenian radio), ARTE, ARD
- 2013-2014 Loma Consulting, Senior Analyst
- 2009-2010 Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the OSCE, Diplomat
- 2008 Government of Slovenia, Liaison officer for Estonia