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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA 2020-Present
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Coordinator of Democratic Governance & Leadership Program (DGLP), Fall 2022-Present

Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, MA 2018-Present
Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Strategic Studies, 2020-Present;
Lecturer for International Security and Peace Operations, 2023-Present;
Postdoctoral Fellow and Research Director for The Military Intervention Project, 2018-2020

EDUCATION

Northeastern University, Boston, MA 2018
PhD in Political Science (high distinction), International Relations, Quantitative Methods

MA in Political Science: IR & Interdisciplinary Economics, GPA: 4.0 2013

St. John Fisher University, Rochester, NY 2010
BA in Economics & International Studies, GPA: 4.0

BOOKS

Sidita Kushi. Forthcoming. *From Kosovo to Darfur: Why Military Humanitarianism Favors the West*. Under Advance Contract with University of Michigan Press.

Monica Duffy Toft and Sidita Kushi. 2023. [*Dying by the Sword: The Militarization of US Foreign Policy*](#). Oxford University Press.

- Reviewed in [*Foreign Affairs*](#); On [*Foreign Affairs*](#) & [*War on the Rocks*](#) Best Books of 2023 Lists

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Sidita Kushi. 2023. "Just Another Civil War? The Influence of Conflict Perceptions on Western Conflict Management in Kosovo and Beyond," [*World Affairs*](#), 186(2), 284–322.

Sidita Kushi and Monica Duffy Toft. 2022. "Introducing the Military Intervention Project Dataset on US Military Interventions, 1776–2019," [*Journal of Conflict Resolution*](#), 67(4), 752–779.

Sidita Kushi. 2022. "Selective Humanitarians: How Region & Perception Drive Military Interventions in Domestic Crises," [*International Relations*](#).

Aeshna Badruzzaman, Sidita Kushi, and Summer Marion. 2022. "Issue Framing within the Climate Debate: An Analysis of US Environmental Policy Outcomes," [*International Social Science Journal*](#), 73(247), 173-194.

Sidita Kushi and Ian McManus. 2018. "Gendered Costs of Austerity: The Effects of Welfare Regime and Government Policies on Employment across the OECD, 2000-2013," [*International Labour Review*](#), 157(4), 557-587.

Sidita Kushi and Ian McManus. 2018. "Gender, Crisis, and the Welfare State: Female Labor Market Outcomes across OECD Countries," [*Comparative European Politics*](#), 16(3), 434-463.

Aeshna Badruzzaman, Matthew Cohen, and Sidita Kushi. 2017. "Contending Image Framings of Equality, Nationalism, and Religion in Turkey's Headscarf Debate: A Mixed Methods Approach," [*Mediterranean Quarterly*](#), 28(3), 27-55.

Michael Becker, Matthew Cohen, Sidita Kushi, and Ian McManus. 2016. "Reviving the Russian Empire: The Crimean Intervention through a Neoclassical Realist Lens," [*European Security*](#), 25(1), 112-133.

Sidita Kushi. 2016. "Combating a Shared Security Threat through Unified Narratives: Politicized Terrorism in the Western Balkans," [*Global Outlook*](#), 1(1), 135-144.

Sidita Kushi. 2015. "Breaking Science Stereotypes: Examining the Effects of Party Politics on Federal R&D Funding," [*Journal of Science Policy & Governance*](#), 7(1).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Seth Meyer, Sidita Kushi, & Melinda Tarsi. Forthcoming, "Understanding Equity in Numbers: Using Research Methods to Teach Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" in *Teaching Social Equity in Public Administration: A Cross-Curricular Guide For Faculty and Programs*, Routledge.

Sidita Kushi and Ian McManus. 2021. "Gender, Austerity, and Retrenchment" in [*Handbook on Austerity, Retrenchment and the Welfare State*](#), by Bent Greve. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Sidita Kushi and Ian McManus. 2017. "Social policies don't always help women & men equally. Which ones work best?" in [*Current Debates in Comparative Politics*](#), by Dickovick & Eastwood (2nd). Oxford UP.

EDITOR-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (single-authored unless noted)

"Does the West still want a democratic Kosovo?" [*Al Jazeera*](#) (July 2023).

"Promoting a Liberal, Democratic Europe—Just Not in the Balkans," [*Newsweek*](#) (June 2023).

"The Roots of Washington's Addiction to Military Force," [*Foreign Affairs*](#) (Jan. 2023). With M. Duffy Toft.

"Regional bias in Western response to humanitarian atrocities," [*EURACTIV*](#) (Sept. 2022).

"In Eastern Europe, NATO is No Imperialist Force," [*The National Interest*](#) (June 2022).

"Double standards abound, but only Russia is to blame for its imperialist war in Ukraine," [*EURACTIV*](#) (Apr. 2022). Repub. in Spanish in [*el Diario; Exit Albania*](#); in [*German*](#).

"Don't Compare Russia's War to NATO in Kosovo," [*EURACTIV*](#) (Mar. 2022); [*Exit Albania*](#).

"Is the West still serious about Kosovo's sovereignty?" [*TRT World*](#) (Sept. 2021)

"Both Sides: West's equalisation of blame enables Balkan aggression," [*EURACTIV*](#) (Sept. 2021).

"Kosovo must use this moment to reframe the narrative of the past," [*Kosovo 2.0*](#) (Feb. 2021).

"Dangers of enflaming false revisionist history in the Balkans," [*New Eastern Europe*](#) (May 2020).

"European Interventionism: Lessons Learned and Future Pathways," [*European Union Studies Association*](#) (EUSA), EU as a Global Actor Interest Section (Nov. 2018).

"A Long Road Ahead for Women in Kosovo," [*New Eastern Europe*](#) (May 2017), 27(3-4), 38-47.

"Social policies don't always help women and men equally. Which ones work best?" [*Monkey Cage*](#) in *The Washington Post* (Jan. 2017). With I. McManus.

- "A Tale of Two Countries: Motherhood in Albania and the US." [Balkanist](#) (Mar. 2016).
- "Ancient Hatreds Made Me Do It?" [New Eastern Europe](#) (Feb. 2016).
- "Romani Women of the Balkans: Battling Intersectional Oppression," [openDemocracy](#) (Jan. 2016). [Repub in Italian, "Essere donne, essere rom," *Frontiere News* (July 2016)].
- "Mitrovica's Symbol: Reconciliation amidst Inevitability, History, and Violence in Kosovo," [openDemocracy](#) (Nov. 2015).
- "Combating a Shared Menace: Terrorism as a Security and Social Threat in the Western Balkans and Beyond," [Aspen Institute Policy Program](#) (Sept. 2015).
- "Gendered Legacies of Communist Albania," [openDemocracy](#) (July 2015). [Trans. in Albanian, "Trashëgimia Gjimore e Shqipërisë Komuniste," *Koha Ditore* (Aug. 2015), p. 22].
- "Women of Kosovo: A Mirage of Freedom and Equality," [openDemocracy](#) (July 2015). [Repub. in [TransConflict](#) (July 2015)].
- "Balkanizing the War on Terror," [E-International Relations](#) (E-IR) (Mar. 2015).
- "Seven Years of Kosovo's Hollow Sovereignty," [New Eastern Europe](#) (Feb. 2015).
- "The Reality of Greece's Elections: A Double-edged Sword," [Balkanist](#) (Jan. 2015).
- "Paranoia over Greater Albania Returns," [New Eastern Europe](#) (Jan. 2015). With O. Kushi.
- "Ancient Discontent between Serbs and Albanians: Why Real and Imagined Stories Matter," [TransConflict](#) (Dec. 2014).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Sidita Kushi, Nils Hagerdal, and Monica Duffy Toft. "Unipolarity and the Accelerating Pace of US Military Intervention, 1945-2019" (Under Review)

Sidita Kushi. "Another Ethnic War: The Impact of Civil War Labels on Third-Party Humanitarian Interventions" (Under Review)

Sidita Kushi. "Exploring socio-economic gender gaps across Albania and Kosovo" (Draft)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Bridgewater State University, 2020 Online Teaching Institute

POLI260: International Relations, in-person & WEB (2)	F20, S21, F21, S22, F22, S23
POLI250: Applied Methods in Political Science	S23
POLI384: US Foreign Policy, in-person & WEB	F20, S22
POLI199 & Honors: First Year Seminar in International Politics	F20, S21, F21, S22, F22, S23
POLI473: Globalization & Global Governance	F21, S23

Visiting Professor, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

Executive Education: International Security and Peace Operations Summer 2023

Lecturer, Northeastern University, Winner of the CSSH Outstanding Teaching Award

POLS2400: Quantitative Techniques	F15, F16, S17, Summer17
POLS1160: International Relations	S16, Summer16, F17

Graduate Teaching Assistant / Co-Lecturer, Northeastern University

POLS1160: International Relations	S12, S13, S14, S15
POLS1155: Comparative Politics & Honors section	F14
INTL1101: Globalization and International Affairs	F13

RESEARCH GRANTS

CARS Conference Grant (\$1,350)	2023
CARS Faculty & Librarian Research Grant (FLRG), Bridgewater State University (\$8,000)	2022
Dean and Provost Scholarship Support, Bridgewater State University (\$1,800)	2022-23
CARS Course Reassignment Grant (CRAG), Bridgewater State University	Spring 2021
NATO Public Diplomacy Grant, with Center for Strategic Studies team	2019
EUSA Haas Fund Fellowship, Erasmus+ Program of EU & University of Pittsburg	2018
Dissertation Completion Fellowship (DCF), Provost's Office, Northeastern University	2018
Brudnick Center on Violence & Conflict Research Grant	2017-18
Research & Experiential Learning Grant, Northeastern University	2015; 2016; 2017
Conference Grant, Political Science, Northeastern University	2013; 2014; 2015

INVITED TALKS/INTERVIEWS

Panelist on 2024 Year Ahead Conference, Centre for Security, Intelligence & Defence Studies ([CSIDS](#)), Carleton University, Ottawa, CAN, Dec. 7, 2023.

Book Talks on *Dying by the Sword*: Tufts University, Sept. 20, 2023; Bridgewater State University, Sept. 18, 2023.

Presenter, "Reimagining U.S. Grand Strategy Program," Stimson Center, July 27, 2023. Related commentary on [Inkstick](#), "Stuck in Our Ways," Sept. 2023.

Interview, [Middle East Eye](#), "Turkish Bayraktar drone sales to Kosovo spark anger in Serbia," July 21, 2023.

Panelist by Ambassador of Kosovo, Embassy of Kosovo DC, June 16-18, 2023.

Interview, [Power Problems Podcast](#), "Quantifying US Militarism," Mar. 7, 2023.

Interview, [Defense One Radio](#), "Has US foreign policy become too militarized?" Feb. 2, 2023.

Interview, [EURACTIV](#), "EU might mull in Kosovo-Serbia Paris rendez-vous," Nov. 1, 2022.

Interview about research, [Battle Tested](#), Bridgewater State University News, Oct. 13, 2022.

Invited by President of Kosovo to International Forum for Women, Peace and Security (WPS), Prishtina, Kosovo, Oct. 22-23, 2022.

Interview, [John Quincy Adams Society](#), "U.S. Military Interventions Abroad," Sept. 21, 2022.

Video Panelist, [The Quincy Institute](#) (w/ Mearsheimer and Toft), "The Sugar High of Unipolarity," Sept. 6, 2022.

Interview, [Middle East Eye](#), "A quarter of America's 400 wars have been in the Middle East and Africa, study finds," Aug. 12, 2022.

Quoted in [Balkan Insight](#), "British Rightist Ex-Politician Farage Criticised for Attacks on Albanian Migrants," Aug. 12, 2022.

Panelist on Roundtable, Kosovo Question, [Next Century Foundation](#), UK, June 22, 2022.

Video interview on [Al Jazeera's AJB Start](#), Oct. 29, 2021.

Interview, [National Journal](#) (Print & Online), "Advocates press Washington to get tough on Serbia." Oct. 19, 2021.

Interview, [TRT World](#), “Should the Balkans be worried about rising Serbian nationalism?,” Sept. 28, 2021.

Interview, [CEPA](#), “The Serbia-Kosovo Dialogue: Ripe for Resolution?,” Mar. 2, 2021.

Interview, [The Media Line](#) and [Jerusalem Post](#), “Ties that Bind, Ties that Break: The Future of Israeli-Balkans Relations,” Feb. 2, 2021

Invitee to “Serbia-Kosovo Normalization: A European Perspective,” *Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA)*, with Miroslav Lajčák, EU Special Representative, Oct. 2020.

Podcast, “Ep47: Can the US facilitate Kosovo-Serbia normalization?” [Talk Eastern Europe Podcast](#) (*New Eastern Europe*), July 2020.

Panelist, “Alliances & Alliance Politics,” Special Session ISA Convention Toronto, Mar. 2019.

Lecturer, “Large-N Analysis,” Research Design, Monica Toft, Tufts University, Fall 2018-19

Lecturer, Meiji University Dialogue Exchange Program, Aug. 2-4, 2017.

Interview, [NU News](#), “Science and Politics: Finding Common Ground,” Feb. 14, 2017.

Interview on US elections, [Koha Ditore](#), leading Kosovo newspaper, Nov. 6, 2016.

Panelist in Regional Cooperation in Western Balkans conference, [Aspen Institute and Ministry of Foreign Affairs & European Integration of Montenegro](#). Budva, Sept. 14-17, 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Panelist & Discussant, Peacekeeping & Humanitarian Interventions, APSA, LA, CA	2023
“Free Speech & Pedagogy,” CARS May Celebration panelist, Bridgewater State U.	2023
“Understanding Equity in Numbers: Using Research Methods to Teach Social Equity,” SeQUEL Numbers for Diversity Conference (virtual), Mar. 25 th (with Meyer and Tarsi)	2023
“Weary of Ethnic Wars? Impact of Civil War Labels on Humanitarian Interventions,” ISA, Montreal, CAN	2023
Invited Chair of Panel on “National Security Strategy,” German American Conference, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA, Oct. 29 th	2022
“Another Ethnic War: The Impact of Civil War Labels on Third-Party Humanitarian Interventions,” APSA, Montreal, CAN	2022
Organizer and Participant in Roundtable, “Measuring Military Interventions: Discussing New and Existing Data Sources,” ISA, Nashville, TN	2022
Organizer & Paper Panelist, “Unipolarity and U.S. Military Interventions,” ISA, Nashville, TN (with N. Hagerdal)	2022
Roundtable Participant, “Authoritarianism in the 21 st Century,” Bridgewater State University, Democratic Governance and Leadership Program, Apr. 20	2022
Panel Organizer, Moderator, & Panelist, Set of Panels on Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine, Bridgewater State University and Open to Public, March 16 and April 13	2022
“Another Civil War? The Influence of Conflict Perceptions on Humanitarian Military Intervention in Kosovo & Beyond,” IPSA (Virtual)	2021

"Selective Humanitarians: Regional Perceptions as Drivers of Intervention," ISA 2021
 Panel Organizer, "The Causes and Consequences of Military Intervention" (International Security), ISA (Virtual) 2021
 "Conflict Perceptions & Western Bias: NATO's Kosovo Intervention," APSA (Virtual) 2020
 Military Intervention Conference, Center for Strategic Studies, Fletcher School, Medford, MA
 Organizer of conference and Chair of the Costs of Intervention panel 2019
 Panel Organizer, "The Evolution of US Military Interventions and State-building Projects (International Security)," APSA, DC 2019
 "Introducing MIP: A New Dataset on U.S. Interventions, 1776-2017," American Political Science Association, DC (with M. Toft) 2019
 "Military Interventions: Historical Trends and Contemporary Challenges" Roundtable
 Presenter and Organizer, APSA, DC 2019
 "The Intervention Project: A New Dataset on the Consequences of U.S. Military Interventions, 1776-2017," International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto, CAN (with M Toft) 2019
 "Selective Humanitarians: How Region & Perception Drive Military Interventions in Domestic Crises," American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, MA. 2018
 "Co-opting the Climate? The Power of Issue Framing and Environmental Policy," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (with A. Badruzzaman) 2018
 "Ambivalent Effects of Corruption on Political & Economic Progress across Post-Communist Eastern Europe," Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA 2017
 "Contending Image Framings of Equality, Nationalism, & Religion in Turkey's Headscarf Debate," International Political Science Association (IPSA), Poznan, PL 2016
 "Combating a Shared Menace: Terrorism as a Security and Social Threat in the Western Balkans and Beyond," Aspen Institute, Budva, ME 2015
 "Making Modern Humanitarian Interventions: Interplay of Interests and Norms in the Kosovo Crisis," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 2015
 "Reviving the Russian Empire: A Rationalist Model of State Intervention,"
 Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA 2014
 "Effects of the Cigarette Excise Tax on State Smoking Rates and Healthcare Cost,"
 Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA 2014
 "Divergent Perspectives on the Kosovo Crisis through a Realist Lens"
 Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA 2013

HONORS/AWARDS

American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant	2019
“Huntington 100” Award, Northeastern University	2018
“Ten Under Ten” Award, St. John Fisher University	2017
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)	2017
College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) Outstanding Teaching Award	2015
Aspen Institute Travel Award (Montenegro)	2015
Northeastern University Graduate Scholarship & Assistantship	2011-2018
St. John Fisher University Trustees’ Distinguished Scholar Award	2010
St. John Fisher University Outstanding Graduating Senior in Economics & IR	2010
St. John Fisher University Trustees’ Scholarship & Honors’ Scholarship	2006-2010

MAJOR DATASETS

[The Military Intervention Project](#) (MIP), The Center for Strategic Studies, Fletcher School

SELECTED RESEARCH IN MEDIA

[Battle Tested](#), Bridgewater State University News, Oct. 2022.

[MSNBC](#), Discussing the Military Intervention Project, Aug. 2022.

[Responsible Statecraft](#), “Report: post-9/11 era one of most militarily aggressive in US history,” Aug. 2022. [Republished/reported in 5+ international news outlets]

[The Boston Globe](#), “The Violence of Forgetting,” July 2022.

[Harper’s Magazine](#), “Empire Burlesque.” June 2022.

[Quincy Institute](#), “Ending Primacy to End U.S. Wars.” Apr. 2022.

[The New Republic](#), “The Case Against Humane War.” Sept. 2021.

[N+1](#), “Argument Without Argument: Robert Gates & America’s Forever Foreign Policy.” Feb. 2021.

[Center for Strategic Studies](#), “The Intervention Project Gets into Gear,” Oct. 2018.

[Curie](#), “Amerikanska forskare bävar inför Trump” (in Swedish), Feb. 2017.

[NU News / Research](#), “Science and politics: Finding common ground,” Feb. 2017.

[Washington Post](#), “What will President Trump mean for science?” Nov. 2016.

[Koha Ditore](#), “Sytë Kah Amerika.” (in Albanian), Nov. 2016.

[Chicago Policy Review](#), “Do Democrats Always Spend More on Science Funding?” Nov. 2015.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

STATA, SPSS, R, SAS, MATLAB, Tableau, Power BI, Excel, NVivo

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of State, Poli/Econ Researcher, Embassy Tirana, Albania	2012
NYS Department of Labor, Labor Services Representative, Rochester, NY	2010-2011

LANGUAGES

Native Albanian; Fluent English; Intermediate Italian; Beginning French; Beginning Spanish

THESIS ADVISEES

Erin Rapoza, Honors Thesis Advisor (F22-S23); Andrew Cook, Honors Thesis Committee (S23);
Muriel Mena, Honors Thesis Committee (S22)

SERVICE

Bridgewater State University

Undergraduate Curriculum & International Affairs Committees, Fall 2020-Present
Co-Coordinator of Democratic Governance & Leadership Program (DGLP), Fall 2022-Present
(Organize 10+ events per year and serve as moderator or panelist on roundtables).
Member of Global Migration Studies Workgroup and Advisory Board, Fall 2021-Present
CARS Advisory Board Member, 2022-2025; Chair of FLRG Grant Selection Committee, 2022-23
Honors Chair for Political Science Department, Fall 2023
"Free Speech & Pedagogy," CARS May Celebration panel, Spring 2023
Educators United for Ukraine Group, Spring 2022-Present
Methods Outcome and Rubric Creation Sub-Committee, Spring 2023
Organizer and panelist, Roundtable Series on Reproductive Rights, Nov. 1st & 17th, 2022
MPA Portfolio Review Committee, Fall 2022 & Spring 2023
Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC), Fall 2022 & Spring 2023
Reviewer for the *Undergraduate Review* journal, Fall 2022
Guest Lecturer for POLI 532: Organization Theory, Oct. 18, 2022.
Roundtable Participant, "Authoritarianism in the 21st Century," Apr. 20, 2022.
Panel Organizer, Moderator, Panelist, "Russia's Invasion of Ukraine," Mar. 16 & Apr. 13, 2022
Undergraduate Internship Coordinator, Fall 2021
Democratic Governance & Leadership Research Fellow, 2020-2023
Chair of Research Methods and Quantitative Techniques Committee, Fall 2020-21

Tufts University

Reporter, National Intelligence Council, Global Trends on Demographic Factors, Spring 2020
Organizer of the CSS Military Intervention Conference, Fletcher School, Fall 2019
Senior Thesis/MALD Capstone Advisor, 2015-16; 2019-20
Discussant at Center for Strategic Studies (CSS) Research & Policy Seminar, 2018-2020

Northeastern University

Nanotechnology Research Team, PI: Kirsten Rodine-Hardy, 2016-18
CHSS Outstanding Teaching Award Selection Committee, 2016
Leader of Political Science Graduate Student Organization, 2015-16

Reviewer Roles

International Studies Quarterly, 2023 & 2020; *Routledge Monographs*, 2022-23; *Review of International Political Economy*, 2022; *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Social Science Journal*, 2021; *Handbook on Austerity, Retrenchment and the Welfare State*, 2020; *European Union Politics*, 2016

MEMBERSHIPS

International Studies Association; American Political Science Association; International Political Science Association; Co-founder of Women in Political Science, Northeastern University, 2017-18