

Christina Cottiero, PhD

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APPOINTMENTS

2022- **University of Utah**
Assistant Professor

2021-2022 **UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation – Smith Richardson Foundation**
Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

2021 **University of California – San Diego**
Ph.D. in Political Science
Committee: Stephan Haggard (co-chair), Christina Schneider (co-chair), Claire Adida, Eli Berman, David Lake

2017 **M.A. in Political Science**
Fields: International Politics, Comparative Politics

2015 **The George Washington University**
B.A. in International Affairs, B.S. in Economics
Honors, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International Cooperation, Regional Organizations, African Politics, International Security, Authoritarianism, Elite Politics, Geopolitics and Foreign Policy

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Staying Alive: Regional Integration Organizations and Vulnerable Leaders

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Taking the Cloth: How Religious Appeals Increase Compliance with Covid-19 Prevention Measures” 2022. Claire L. Adida, Christina Cottiero, Leonardo Falabella, Isabel Gotti, ShahBano Ijaz, Gregoire Phillips, and Michael Seese. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. First view (Open Access).

“War of words: the impact of Russian state television on the Russian Internet” 2015. Christina Cottiero, Katherine Kucharski, Evgenia Olimpieva and Robert W. Orttung, *Nationalities Papers*. 43(4). 533-555.

WORKING PAPERS

“Protection for Hire: Cooperation through Regional Organizations” (Revise and Resubmit at *International Studies Quarterly*)

“Stabilizing Authoritarian Rule: The Role of International Organizations” with Stephan Haggard (Accepted at *International Studies Quarterly*)

“Introducing the Authoritarian Regional Organizations Dataset: 1945-2019” (Under Review)

“Zombies Ahead: Explaining the Rise of Low-Quality Election Monitoring” with Sarah Bush and Lauren Prather

“Reciprocity and Biased Crisis Management in the Economic Community of West African States”

“The Rise of Authoritarian Regional International Organizations” with Stephan Haggard. UC IGCC Working Paper

PAPERS AND BOOKS IN PROGRESS

Authoritarian Regional Organizations book project with Stephan Haggard and Christina Schneider

“Authoritarian Regional Institutions: The Changing International Landscape” with Stephan Haggard

“Authoritarian Regional Lending” with Emilie Hafner-Burton and Christina Schneider

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022	UCSD Social Science Dissertation of the Year Award Honorable Mention (runner-up) Princeton Niehaus Center Fellowship- Postdoctoral Research Associate (declined)
2021	Lawrence S. Finkelstein Award for Best Paper, International Studies Association International Organization Section
2020-2023	Smith Richardson Foundation-UC IGCC Grant: The Rise of Authoritarian Int'l Orgs (\$175,000) For my book project, postdoctoral fellowship, and papers co-authored with Stephan Haggard, Christina Schneider, and Lauren Prather
2020	UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)
2019	USIP-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar, United States Institute of Peace – DoD (\$20,000) Teclé Kidane-Mariam Scholarship, Friends of the International Center at UCSD (\$2,000) Sanford Lakoff Research Fellowship, UCSD (\$1,729)
2018	International Institute Fellowship Travel Grant, UCSD (\$3,000)

FIELD WORK

Nigeria August – September, 2018; January – February, 2020

MEDIA

“Russia’s Quest for Influence in Africa”

Guest panelist on the News Central TV (Nigeria) television program *Secure the Continent* (02/17/2023)

“Violent Extremism in West African Coastal States”

Guest panelist on the News Central TV (Nigeria) television program *Secure the Continent* (05/27/2022)

“Turning the Tools of the Liberal International Order Upside Down”

Guest on the *Talking Policy Podcast* (09/07/2021)

“Episode 116: A conversation with Christina Cottiero and Expédit Ologou”

Guest on the *Ufahamu Africa Podcast* (05/15/2021)

“Benin’s militant problem may worsen after last month’s election”

Guest post for the *Monkey Cage* at the *Washington Post* (05/03/2021)

“Not Free or Credible: Why Regional Election Observers Failed Chad and Benin”

Guest post for *Political Violence at a Glance* (04/22/2021)

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of Utah

2022- International Law (undergraduate), Intro to International Relations, International Organization (graduate)

Instructor of Record, UCSD

2019 International Law (undergraduate)

Training

2018 Undergraduate Teaching and Learning in Political Science, UCSD

Teaching Assistant Leading Discussion Sections, UCSD

2016-2020 International Politics and Security (M.A., x2), Intro to Political Science: International Relations, Intro to Political Science: Comparative Politics, Globalization (M.A.), Economic Politics and International Change: The Modern World Economy (IPE)

Teaching Assistant, UCSD (partial list)

2015-2021 Politics of Development (x2), Politics and Warfare (x3), Politics of Human Rights, Politics of Immigration, US Foreign Policy

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022- Co-organizer (with Stephan Haggard), Authoritarian Regimes and International Institutions Working Paper Series, UC IGCC

Co-organizer, Junior Scholars in International Security, Etc. (JSISE) Virtual Workshop

2020-2022 Member, UCSD Political Science Department Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
Co-organizer, Graduate Students in International Security, Etc. (GSISE) Virtual Workshop

2017-2019 Treasurer, UCSD Political Science Graduate Council

2015-2017 Graduate Student Association representative, UCSD Political Science Graduate Council

Reviewer: *International Studies Quarterly, International Organization, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions, International Studies Perspectives, British Journal of Politics and International Relations*

INVITED, CONFERENCE, AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 International Studies Association Annual Conference
Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR)
- 2022 National Endowment for Democracy Workshop
American Political Science Association Annual Conference
International Studies Association Annual Conference
“Authoritarian Regimes, Democratic Backsliding, and International Organizations” Workshop at UC San Diego (Co-organizer and presenter)
“The Authoritarian Turn in International Institutions” Workshop at UC San Diego (Co-organizer and presenter)
- 2021 University of Texas, El Paso Dean’s Speaker Series
American Political Science Association Annual Conference
International Studies Association Annual Conference
- 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Conference
Western Political Science Association Annual Conference
Notre Dame Kellogg Institute Democracy Cluster Workshop (*canceled because of Covid-19*)
International Studies Association Annual Conference (*canceled because of Covid-19*)
Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Annual Conference
- 2019 American Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 2018 International Studies Association Annual Conference

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Graduate student researcher in the UC San Diego Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, San Diego, CA
- 2014-2015 Researcher in the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, The Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University, Washington, DC
- 2013 Public Affairs Intern, The Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington, DC
Intern, The Office of Congressman James Langevin, Washington, DC

SKILLS AND TRAINING

R, Markdown, LaTeX, JAGS, Stata, Spanish (Advanced), French (Basic)

REFERENCES

Dr. Stephan Haggard

Lawrence and Sallye Krause Professor of Korea-Pacific Studies and Distinguished Professor of Political Science, School of Global Policy and Strategy
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Dr. Christina Schneider

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