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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Lecturer in International Relations, Department of Politics and International Studies, SOAS University of London, 2025-present

Specialisation in International Security; Border, Migration, and Refugee Studies; International Relations Theory; War, Conflict, and Political Violence; Race, Empire, and Colonialism; Qualitative Methods; and Global History. Current research examines the relationship between border security, colonialism, and race. Seminar Leader and Lecturer for undergraduates and graduates (currently ‘Introduction to International Relations’, ‘Introduction to Global History’, and ‘Globalisation and Global Governance’). Dissertation supervisor for MA and BA students.

Postdoctoral Fellow in International Relations, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics (LSE), 2023-25

EDUCATION

London School of Economics (LSE), London, United Kingdom

PhD in International Relations, 2023

Viva Examiners: Nivi Manchanda, Dr and Vicki Squire, Professor

Dissertation Supervisors: Katharine Millar, Dr and Mark Hoffman, Professor

Thesis: ‘Bordering Humanity, Securing Whiteness: Race, Colonialism, and Violence at the European Borders’ (passed with no corrections)

- Awarded the Brett William Campbell Dissertation Prize in International Studies (*Winner*)
- Awarded European International Studies Association (EISA) Best Dissertation Prize 2024 (*Honourable Mention*)

London School of Economics (LSE), London, United Kingdom

MSc in International Relations Theory, 2018

Result: Distinction

Thesis Supervisor: Katharine Millar, Dr

Thesis: ‘Between matter and language: International Relations, ghosts, and the politics of *différance*’ (High Distinction – 80)

- Awarded Fred Halliday Dissertation Prize for best MSc dissertation in International Relations Theory (*Winner*)
- Awarded Best Academic Performance

University of Brasilia (UnB), Brasilia, Brazil

BA (Hons) in International Relations, 2017

Result: 95% (equivalent of Distinction)

Dissertation: ‘Brexit, between hospitality and sovereignty: for an ethical horizon to International Relations’

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Security; War, Military, and Strategic Studies; Border, Migration, and Refugee Studies; Critical Security Studies; International Relations Theory; Race and Empire in Global Politics; Global Governance; Global History; Post- and De-colonial Theory; International Political Economy; Political and Social Theory; Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Book Monographs

(Forthcoming with *Oxford University Press*) Brito, Tarsis. *(Un)settling Whiteness: Colonialism, Race, and Violence at the European Borders*.

- (2024) Brett William Campbell Dissertation Prize in International Studies (*Winner*)
- (2024) European International Studies Association (EISA) Best Dissertation Prize (*Honourable Mention*)

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

(Forthcoming) Brito, Tarsis; Perez, Jose. 'Rethinking Migration Securitization: Bureaucratic Militarization and Racial Capitalism within "Operation Welcome."' *European Journal of International Relations*.

(2025) Brito, Tarsis. 'New Materialism, Whiteness, and the Politics of Vitality: Rethinking Activity/Passivity in Critical Security Studies'. *Security Dialogue*. Volume 56, Issue 2, pp. 133-151.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/09670106241306967>

- (2023/24) Best Theory Pre-PhD Paper Award – International Studies Association/ISA Theory Section (*Winner*)
- (2023/24) ISA-IPS Section Best Graduate Paper—International Studies Association/ISA International Political Sociology Section (*Honourable Mention*)

(2024) Brito, Tarsis. 'Between race and animality: European borders, 'colonial dogs' and the policing of humanity'. *Review of International Studies*. First View. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0260210524000032>

- EISA Best Graduate Paper 2023 (*Shortlisted*)

(2023) Brito, Tarsis. '(Dis)possessive Borders, (Dis)possessed Bodies: Race and Property at the Postcolonial European Borders'. *International Political Sociology*. Volume 17, Issue 2, pp. 1-18.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/ips/olad009>

(2022) Brito, Tarsis; Balaji, Shruti; Nantermoz, Olivia. '(Re)writing the International: Interrogating Histories, Imagining Futurities'. *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*. Volume 51, No. 1, pp. 3-7. <https://doi-org.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/10.1177/03058298231176664>

(2018) Brito, Tarsis. 'Global Feminism and *undecidabilites*: Beijing' 95 and beyond'. *Politikon: the IAPSS Journal of Political Science*. Volume 37, 19-38.

Journal Articles Under Review

(Minor Revisions) Brito, Tarsis; Schlebruegge, Silvester. 'Stop the Boat! The (racial) spectre of the 'migrant boat' in contemporary migration policy.' *Political Geography*.

Peer-reviewed Contributions to Edited Volumes

(Forthcoming) Brito, Tarsis. ‘Imperialism, animality, and the policing of racial hierarchies’. In: Salter, Mark (ed). *Making Things International IV: Failures, Accidents and Surprises*.

In Preparation

Brito, Tarsis. “Property and the Making of International Order” (Target Journal: *International Organization*).

Brito, Tarsis; Manchanda, Nivi. “Settler Coloniality beyond the Settler Colony? Towards a Global Settler Studies in IR.” (Target Journal: *International Studies Quarterly*).

Public Scholarship and Blog Posts

(Forthcoming) Brito, Tarsis. ‘Border Violence in Plain Sight?’ *Security in Context*.

(2025) Brito, Tarsis. ‘Is migration an invasion? How whiteness, borders, and colonialism shape Europe’s migration discourse’. *European Politics and Policy (EUROPP)*
(<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2025/10/02/is-migration-an-invasion-whiteness-borders-colonialism-europe/>)

(2018) Brito, Tarsis. ‘Sovereignty and Absence in International Relations: Hauntological Performativity’. *E-International Relations* (<https://www.eir.info/2018/10/01/sovereignty-and-absence-in-internationalrelations-hauntologicalperformativity/>).

AWARDS

(2025) Winner of Brett William Campbell Dissertation Prize in International Studies – Awarded by the School of International Studies at the University of Trento (€ 1,200)

(2024) Honourable Mention Recipient of EISA Best Dissertation Prize – Awarded by European International Studies Association

(2023/24) Winner of ISA Theory Section Best Pre-PhD Paper Award – Awarded by International Studies Association (ISA) Theory Section (\$500)

(2023/24) Honourable Mention Recipient of ISA-IPS Section Best Graduate Paper – Awarded by International Studies Association (ISA) International Political Sociology Section

(2023) Shortlisted for the EISA Best Graduate Paper – Awarded by the European International Studies Association (EISA)

(2019) Shortlisted for the 2019 Northedge Essay Competition Prize – Awarded by *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*

(2018) Winner of Fred Halliday Best MSc Dissertation Prize in International Relations Theory – Awarded by the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics – £250

(2018) Best academic performance in the MSc International Relations Theory – Awarded by the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Research Fellowships

(2023-25) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, London School of Economics (£85,000)

Grants

(2025) European International Studies Association Workshop Grant (€ 4,000)

(2024-25) International Studies Association Travel Grant (\$500)

(2023-24) International Studies Association/ISA Theory Section (\$500)

(2023-25) Fellowship Research Grant, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics (£6,000)

(2019-2023) LSE PhD Studentship (fully funded: tuition and stipend), London School of Economics (ca. £76,000)

(2023) Fieldwork Grant, London School of Economics (£1,760)

(2019-2023) Research Grant, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics (£3,500)

(2019-2023) Conference Grant, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics (£3,500)

(2020) Research Grant, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Summer School (500£)

(2018) Millennium Conference Travel Grant (£500)

(2014) Scholarship *Jovens Talentos*, Brazilian Ministry of Education: (ca. \$1,500)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SOAS, University of London

(153400070) Globalisation and Global Governance – BA, 2025/26

- Co-convener, co-lecturer, and seminar leader
- Curriculum Design (including module on border and migration security)

(153400084) Introduction to International Relations – BA, 2025/26

- Co-lecturer and seminar leader

(153400084) Introduction to Global History – BA, 2025/26

- Seminar leader

MA and BA Supervision

London School of Economics

(IR4A1) International Relations: Core Theories and Debates – MSc, 2024/25

- Seminar leader

(IR305) Strategic Aspects of International Relations – BSc, 2024/25

- Seminar leader

(IR200) International Political Theory – BSc, 2024/25

- Guest Lecturer and seminar leader

- Curriculum Design

(IR487) International Relations: Critical Perspectives – MSc, 2023/24

- Guest Lecturer and seminar leader
- Curriculum Design

(IR4A2) International Relations: Global Applications – MSc, 2023/24

- Seminar leader

(IR205) International Security – BSc, 2021/22

- Seminar leader

(IR499) MSc Supervision, 2023-25

(IR398) BSc Supervision, 2023-25

University of Brasilia (UnB),

(TRI 2) International Relations Theory – BSc, 2019-20

- Convener and Lecturer
- Curriculum Design

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Editorship

Editor and Associate Editor, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* Vols 50-51, 2020 – 2022

Overseeing the daily and overall operation of the journal; reading, discussing, and deciding which manuscripts would be sent for peer review; making decisions regarding which manuscripts would be published; overseeing a team of deputy editors; liaising with authors and the journal's publisher.

Deputy Editor, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* Vol. 49, 2019 – 2020

Finding peer reviewers for submitted manuscripts; managing correspondence with peer reviewers; attending Editorial Board meetings; and providing editors with feedback on the manuscripts.

Commissioning Editor, E-International Relations, 2018 – 2019.

Commissioning articles by leading experts in International Relations; selecting and editing manuscripts to be published on the blog.

Peer-review

European Journal of International Relations, 2026; *Globalizations*, 2026; *Review of International Studies*, 2025; *International Political Sociology*, 2025; *Antipode*, 2024; *Review of International Studies*, 2024; *Security Dialogue*, 2024; *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 2023; *European Journal of International Relations*, 2023

Convenorship

Co-founder and Member, *SOAS Migration and (Im)mobility Research Network*

Organising monthly seminars; liaising with monthly presenters and discussants; and handling administrative and logistical work; grant applications.

Coordinator, *Doing International Political Sociology Seminar Series*, 2022 – 2023

Organising monthly seminars where PhD scholars working on International Political Sociology present their work; liaising with monthly presenters and discussants.; handling Doing IPS social media on Twitter and Facebook; and handling administrative and logistical work.

Millennium Annual Conference, *Millennium Journal of International Studies*, October 2021

Liaising with international speakers; organising panels, roundtables, and keynote events; handling administrative and logistical work; reviewing and selecting abstract, panel, and roundtable submissions.

Prize Committees

ISA Theory Pre-PhD Best Paper Prize, *International Studies Association, Theory Section*, 2024-2025.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Public Talk: ‘(Un)settling whiteness: European border security and the persistence of race.’ University of Warwick (Coventry, January 2026)

Public Talk: ‘Not just lines on a map: borders in a changing world.’ LSE (London, October 2025)

Public Talk: ‘(Un)settling whiteness: European border security and the persistence of race.’ University of Trento (Trento, May 2026)

Public Talk: ‘The Cost of Borders’. LSE (London, January 2025)

Public Talk: ‘Race, Empire, and Capitalism’. EAEPE Conference (Bilbao, September 2024)

Public Talk: ‘Race, Colonialism, and Security at the European Borders’. Race and Empire in Europe’s Borders (LSE, European Institute, London, May 2024)

Public Talk: ‘Between race and animality: European borders, colonial dogs, and the policing of humanity’. Organising (Around) Borders Seminar Series (Paris, May 2024)

Public Talk: ‘Dispossessive borders, dispossessed bodies: race and property at Europe’s postcolonial borders’. (Royal Holloway, University of London, April 2023)

SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

EISA 2025 Annual Conference; BISA 2025 Annual Conference; ISA 2025 Annual Conference; BISA 2024 Conference; ISA 2024 Annual Convention; BISA 2023 Conference; ISA 2023 Annual Convention; EISA 2025 Annual Conference; BISA 2022 Conference; ISA 2022 Annual Convention; EISA 2021 Conference; EISA 2019 Annual Conference; 2018 Millennium Annual Conference

WORKSHOPS

EISA Early Career Workshop – Dangerous Intimacies: Race, Colonialism, and the Posthuman in International Relations (Bologna University, August 2025)

‘Race and International Relations Workshop’. Notre Dame University (Notre Dame, March 2025)

‘(Un)settling Europe: settler colonialism, racial capitalism, and Europe’s migrant crisis’. Race, Migration and Trajectories of Knowledge: Governance and Practices of Securitisation, EWIS, (University of Amsterdam, July 2023)

Gregynog Ideas Lab in Critical International Relations Theory (University of Wales, July 2022)

Doing International Political Sociology Seminars (Queen Mary University of London, 2022).

Doing International Political Sociology Seminars (King’s College, University of London, 2021).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Videos

Brito, Tarsis. Presenter. ‘Not just lines on a map: borders in a changing world.’ *LSE*. 10 October 2025. [Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-50FAH2EnRE>]

Brito, Tarsis. Presenter. ‘Between race and animality: European borders, ‘colonial dogs’, and the policing of humanity’. *MY BISA (British International Studies Association)*. 14 February 2024 [Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8oWRWNKAKo&t=1s>]

Podcasts

(2025) Brito, Tarsis. Presenter. ‘Not just lines on a map: borders in a changing world.’ *LSE*.

(2024) Brito, Tarsis. Presenter. ‘Bordering Humanity, Securing Whiteness: Race, Colonialism, and Violence at the European Borders’. Race and Empire in Europe’s Borders. *European Institute LSE and ENAR*.

(2025) Brito, Tarsis. Presenter. ‘The Cost of Borders’. *LSE* (London, January 2025)

MEMBERSHIPS

International Studies Association
American Political Science Association
British International Studies Association
European International Studies Association

SKILLS AND TRAINING

Language Skills

English (Fully Proficient); French (Fully Proficient); Portuguese (Native); Spanish (Advanced); German (Intermediate); Hindi (Beginner)

Fieldwork Experience

Calais, France (2022)

Qualitative and Multi-Methods Training

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research – IQMR (University of Syracuse, June 2021)

GENERAL REFERENCES

Reference 1

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School of Politics and International Relations
Queen Mary University of London
Reader in International Politics
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