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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– Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister 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)

## **NON-ACADEMIC 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