

# Lachlan McNamee

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023– **Monash University**  
Senior Lecturer of Politics
- 2020–2023 **University of California Los Angeles**  
Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 2019-20 **European University Institute**  
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow

## EDUCATION

- 2014-2019 **Stanford University**  
PhD in Political Science  
  
Committee: David Laitin (Chair), Jean Oi, Jonathan Rodden, Aliya Saperstein, Jeremy Weinstein
- 2013-2014 **University of Cambridge**  
MPhil in Economics
- 2010-2013 **University of Oxford**  
BA Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (First class)

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 “Authoritarian Persuasion at Home and Abroad: The Partial Effectiveness of Foreign Influencers in Propaganda Work”. With Siyu Liang. *Comparative Political Studies*
- 2024 “Settler Colonialism in New Guinea: Or Why Australia, Not Indonesia, Set Papuans Free”. *In Brief*, Department of Pacific Affairs, Australia
- 2023 *Settling for Less: Why States Colonize and Why They Stop*. Princeton University Press
- 2020 “Colonial Legacies and Comparative Racial Identification in the Americas”. *American Journal of Sociology*

- 2019 “Demographic Engineering and International Conflict: Evidence from China and the Former USSR”. With Anna Zhang. *International Organization*
- “Indirect Colonial Rule and the Salience of Ethnicity”. *World Development*
- 2018 “Mass Resettlement and Political Violence: Evidence from Rwanda”. *World Politics*
- “Indirect Colonial Rule Undermines Support for Democracy: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Namibia” with Marie Lechler. *Comparative Political Studies*
- 2012 “China: Prospects for Export-Driven Growth”. With Brendan Coates and Dougal Horton. *Australian Treasury Economic Roundup*, Issue 4 2012

#### GRANTS

- 2025 ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA): “Empire’s Edge: Migration, Conflict, and the Politics of Decolonization” (\$500,355 AUD)

#### AWARDS

- 2024 President’s Book Award, Social Science History Association
- Best book award, Migration and Citizenship, American Political Science Association
- Hedley Bull Prize, Best book in International Relations, European Consortium for Political Research
- Visiting Fellowship, European University Institute
- 2023 UCLA competitive Dean’s research fund award
- 2020 Nuffield College Oxford Prize fellowship (declined)
- 2019 Robert O. Keohane award for best article by junior faculty in *International Organization* in 2019, with Anna Zhang
- 2018 Peace Science Society (International) award for best paper by a student at the Pacific International Politics Conference
- Graduate student travel award, Australasian Political

Science Association)

Reinhard Selten award for best paper by a young author at the German Economic Association Annual Meeting (with Marie Lechler)

2017 Pre-doc at the Stanford Center in Peking University

Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation fellowship

2016 Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship

## TEACHING

*Instructor (Unit Coordinator)*

2024-2025 Big Ideas in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (Monash University undergraduate)  
The Rise of China in the Asia-Pacific (Monash University undergraduate)

2023 Big Ideas in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (Monash University undergraduate)  
Foundations of Modern Politics (Monash University undergraduate)

2022 Comparative Politics (UCLA postgraduate) with Dan Posner  
Contentious Issues in Contemporary China (UCLA undergraduate)

2021 Comparative Politics (UCLA postgraduate) with Michael Theis and Michael Ross  
Contentious Issues in Contemporary China (UCLA undergraduate)  
Contemporary Chinese Politics (UCLA postgraduate)  
Contemporary Chinese Politics (UCLA postgraduate)

2020

*Teaching Assistant (tutor)*

2018 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Stanford University)  
Instructor: Jeremy Weinstein

2017 Chinese Politics (Stanford University) Instructor: Jean Oi  
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Stanford University)  
Instructor: Jeremy Weinstein

## LANGUAGES

English (native), Mandarin (advanced), French (intermediate)

## SKILLS

R, Stata, LaTeX, ArcGIS, QGIS

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association  
European Political Science Association  
Association for the Study of Nationalities  
International Studies Association  
American Political Science Association  
Social Science History Association

## REFERENCES

### **David Laitin**

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