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## Education

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### The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE

2011-2017

- Political Economy, Comparative Politics

### European University at St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg, RF

MA EURASIAN STUDIES, WITH DISTINCTION

2005-2006

- Political Economy, International Relations

### Grinnell College

Grinnell, IA

BA HISTORY, WITH HONORS

2001-2005

- Soviet History

## Academic Employment

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2018-pres **Assistant Professor**, School of Politics & Global Studies, Arizona State University

2017-2018 **Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

## Publications

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\* = first/corresponding author; + = graduate student or former advisee

### PUBLISHED

**Hanson, M.**, with Chapman, H.\* , Dzutsati, V., DeBell, P. 2023. Under the veil of democracy: What do people mean when they say they support democracy? *Perspectives on Politics*, 1-19.

**Hanson, M.**, with Webb Williams, N.\* 2022. Captured courts and legitimized autocrats: Kazakhstan's Constitutional Council. *Law and Social Inquiry*, 1-33.

**Hanson, M.\***, with Thompson-Brusstar, M.+ 2022. Building socialist legality: Political order and institutional development in the Soviet and Chinese procuracies. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 73(1), 157-177.

**Hanson, M.\***, with Sokhey, S. 2021. Higher education as an authoritarian tool for regime survival: Evidence from Kazakhstan and around the world. *Problems of Post-Communism*, 68(3), 231-246.

**Hanson, M.** 2017. Legalized rent-seeking: Eminent domain in Kazakhstan. *Cornell International Law Journal*, 50(1), 15-46.

### UNDER REVIEW

**Hanson, M. [Book Manuscript]**. *Authoritarian legality in globalizing autocracies*. Revise & resubmit at Cornell University Press; anticipated publication date in Summer 2025.

**Hanson, M.\* [Article]** with Baltabayeva, G.+ Exit as voice, for the economically mobile: Explaining first-wave Russian migration to Central Asia & the Caucasus. Under review.

**Hanson, M. [Article]** with Shannon Carcelli.\* The political geography of sanctions support: Evidence from Kazakhstan . Presented Fall 2023 at Association for the Slavic, Eurasian, & E. European Studies Annual Meeting and ASU International Law Workshop in January 2024. Under review.

### WORKING PAPERS

**Hanson, M.\* [Article]** with Luengas de Silva, D.+ Close to the crime: A new approach to assessing judicial corruption. Revised copy to be presented at Spring 2024 Law & Society Annual Meeting; presented at Fall 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; anticipated submission in August 2024.

**Hanson, M. [Article]** with Baltabayeva, G.<sup>+</sup>\* & Elisashvili, S.<sup>+</sup> Adaptation without integration: Russian migrants in Georgia and Kazakhstan. *Presented at Spring 2024 (In)Visible Russian (Anti-)War Migration Conference; presenting revised version at Scholars without borders: Research on the new Russian diaspora event hosted by Harvard University in March 2024.*

**Hanson, M. [Article].** Explaining ‘Bloody January’: Corruption & popular grievances in Kazakhstan’s mass uprising. *Presented at Fall 2022 Association for the Slavic, Eurasian, & E. European Studies Annual Meeting.*

#### IN PREP

**Hanson, M. [Article].** Property seizure & security in Tashkent’s urban boom. *To be presented Spring 2024 at Kopf Conference on Globalizing Autocracy.*

**Hanson, M.\* [Article]** with Asadzadehmamaghani, P.,<sup>+</sup> and Izadi, Roya. Democratization versus economic liberalization in return migration to Iran: Evidence from a survey experiment. *Status- pretesting revised survey instrument.*

**Hanson, M.\* [Article]** with Chapman, H., Dzutsati, V., & DeBell, P. Defining democracy: What drives differences in conceptualization? *Status- conducting quantitative analysis.*

#### PUBLIC MEDIA

**Hanson, M.** with Chapman, H., Dzutsati, V., & DeBell, P. March 2023. What do people mean when they say they support democracy – and why should we care? *The Loop: The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Blog.*

**Hanson, M.** Perspectives: The limits of reform in Uzbekistan. July 2022. *Eurasianet.*

**Hanson, M.** with Chapman, H., Dzutsati, V., & DeBell, P. Feb 2022. Under the veil of democracy: What do people mean when they say they support democracy? *Center for the Study of Economic Liberty Research Notes.* .

**Hanson, M.** Jan 2022. Kazakhstan’s protesters weren’t happy about government corruption. Will anything change? *Washington Post Monkey Cage.*

**Hanson, M.** Jan 2022. ASU professor addresses the mass unrest in Kazakhstan. *ASU News.*

#### Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

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2023	<b>Seed Grant</b> , Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict	\$ 10,000
	<b>Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Mentor</b> , Faculty Women’s Association, ASU	
	<b>Online Undergraduate Research Scholars Seed Grant (Renewal)</b> , ASU Knowledge Enterprise	\$ 10,000
2022	<b>Discourse Initiative Grant</b> , Institute for Humane Studies	\$ 12,500
	<b>Grant for Collaborative Research on Asia (Migration)</b> , Social Science Research Council	\$ 10,000
	<b>Faculty Research Grant</b> , Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, & E. European Studies	\$ 2,600
	<b>Dean’s Research Initiative Grant (with Shannon Carcelli)</b> , University of Maryland	\$ 6,600
2020	<b>Faculty Research Grant</b> , Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, & E. European Studies	\$ 1,350
2019	<b>Seed Grant for Research on Democracy</b> , ASU Institute for Social Science Research	\$ 8,000
	<b>Faculty Research Grant</b> , Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, & E. European Studies	\$ 1,300
2016	<b>Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant</b> , National Science Foundation	\$ 15,000
2015	<b>International Dissertation Research Fellowship</b> , Social Science Research Council	\$ 20,000
	<b>Title VIII Research Fellowship</b> , American Councils for International Education	\$ 7,200
2013	<b>Student Research Grant</b> , Mershon Center for Security Studies, OSU	\$ 5,600
	<b>International Affairs Pre-Doctoral Grant</b> , OSU Office of International Affairs	Honorary
	<b>Pre-Dissertation Award</b> , Social Science Research Council	\$ 2,940
	<b>Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship (Farsi/Tajik)</b> , OSU	

- 2012 **Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship (Farsi)**, OSU  
**Title VIII Summer Language Training Award (Kazakh)**, American Councils
- 2011 **University Graduate Fellowship**, OSU
- 2009-2010 **Fulbright U.S. Student Research Grant (Kazakhstan)**, American Councils  
**Critical Language Enhancement Grant (Russian/Kazakh)**, American Councils
- 2004 **Charles E. Payne Memorial Scholarship in History**, Grinnell College
- 2001-2004 **Trustee Honors Scholarship**, Grinnell College

## Presentations

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\* *presenting author*, + *graduate student*

### INVITED TALKS

- Feb 2024. *What's religion got to do with it?* Invited panel discussant: Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict.
- Feb 2023. *The current state of our global (in)stability*. Invited roundtable: Arizona State University Knowledge Enterprise.
- Sept 2022. *Judicial corruption and rule of law in Uzbekistan*. Invited presentation: Briefing the incoming U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- May 2021. *Building socialist legality*. Invited presentation: Harvard University Ash Center for Governance & Innovation. With M. Thompson-Brusstar\*.
- Feb 2020. *Anti-corruption efforts and legitimation in Kazakhstan*. Invited presentation: University of Wisconsin, Madison Center for Russia, E. Europe, & Central Asia.
- Mar 2019. *Law & legitimacy in authoritarian regimes*. Invited presentation: Fort Lewis College, Department of Political Science.

### RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Hanson, M.**, with Baltabayeva, G.<sup>+</sup>\* and Elisashvili, S.<sup>+</sup> Spring 2024. Adaptation without integration: Russian migrants in Georgia & Kazakhstan. *(In)Visible Russian (Anti-)War Migration Conference*, Virtual Conference.
- Hanson, M.**,\* with Baltabayeva, G.<sup>+</sup> Fall 2023. Exit as voice, for the economically mobile: Explaining first-wave Russian migration to Central Asia & the Caucasus. *Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Hanson, M.**,\* with Carcelli, S. Fall 2023. The political geography of sanctions support: Evidence from Kazakhstan. *Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Hanson, M.**, with Baltabayeva, G.<sup>+</sup>\* Spring 2023. Quiet opposition? Russian migration to Central Asia & the Caucasus. *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Hanson, M.**, Fall 2022. Explaining 'Qandy Qantar': Corruption & mass grievances in Kazakhstan's January uprising. *Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL.
- Hanson, M.**,\* with Luengas de Silva, D.<sup>+</sup> Fall 2022. Close to the crime: A new approach to assessing judicial corruption. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, QC.
- Hanson, M.** Spring 2022. Legitimation & rule of law in Kazakhstan. *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting - Mini-Conference on Authoritarianism*, Portland, OR.
- Hanson, M.** Fall 2021. Courts & control: Demobilizing citizen grievances in Kazakhstan. *Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference*, Virtual Conference.
- Hanson, M.** Summer 2021. Signalling & selective sanctions: The Law on State Property. *Havighurst Center for Russian & Post-Soviet Studies International Young Researcher's Conference*, Virtual Conference.
- Hanson, M.** Spring 2021. Macro-level implications of personalist rule for rule of law & corruption. *Junior Women's Workshop in Law & Courts*, Virtual Conference.

- Hanson, M.,\*** with Chapman, H. and Dzutsati, V. Spring 2020. Contingent support for democracy. *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference*, San Juan, PR.
- Hanson, M.** Fall 2019. Parliamentary reform and authoritarian consolidation in post-Soviet Central Asia. *Workshop on Parliamentary Closure in Non-Democracies*, London, GB.
- Hanson, M.** Spring 2019. Signals from above: law in personalist dictatorships. *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL.
- Hanson, M.** Fall 2018. Judicial corruption in Kazakhstan. *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Boston, MA.
- Hanson, M.** Spring 2018. ‘Justice’ for sale? Investigating corruption in Kazakhstan’s civil courts *Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference*, New York, NY.
- Hanson, M.** Spring 2018. Solving the ‘Dictators’ Dilemma(s): Courts and governance in personalist dictatorships. *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference*, New Orleans, LA.

## Teaching Experience

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Date listed is the semester last taught; times taught in parentheses.

- Fall 2023 **Qualitative Methods & Field Research**, Graduate Seminar (1x)
- Spr 2024 **Comparative Government**, Undergraduate Course, Political Science (7x)
- Spr 2024 **Comparative Core**, Graduate Seminar (2x)
- Spr 2023 **Economic Development & Globalization**, Undergraduate Course, Global Studies (4x)
- Fall 2022 **Empirical Political Inquiry**, Undergraduate Course, Global Studies/Political Science (4x)
- Spr 2021 **Sp. Topics: How Dictators Rule**, Undergraduate Course, Political Science (2x)
- Fall 2019 **Sp. Topics: Authoritarian Politics**, Graduate Seminar (1x)
- Spr 2017 **Introduction to Comparative Politics**, Undergraduate Course (6x)

## Service & Professional Development

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### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2023-pres **School of Politics & Global Studies**, Strategy Committee
- 2022-pres **Melikian Center**, Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship Review Committee
- 2021-2023 **School of Politics & Global Studies**, Colloquium Committee
- 2019-2022 **Melikian Center**, Faculty Advisory Committee
- 2019-2021 **School of Politics & Global Studies**, Graduate Committee
- 2020-2021 **School of Politics & Global Studies**, Director Search Committee
- 2019-2020 **School of Politics & Global Studies**, Human Rights Assistant Professor Search Committee
- 2018-2019 **School of Politics & Global Studies**, Colloquium Committee

### SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- 2023-2024 **School of Politics & Global Studies**, Piloting Seminar Series – “Getting to Grad School” *POS150/350*
- 2023-2024 **Kopf Conference on Globalizing Autocracy, School of Politics & Global Studies**, Organizing Committee
- 2021-2023 **IIE/Fulbright Program**, Pre-Departure Orientation for Central & South Asia
- 2019, 2021 **Arizona National Guard**, Pre-Departure Briefing on Central Asian politics
- 2019, 2022 **WPSA Mini-Conference on Authoritarian Politics**, Organizing Committee

### DEVELOPMENT

- International Law Working Group.** 2022-pres. Inter-campus, interdisciplinary working group focused on issues related to international law. *Arizona State Multi-Campus Initiative*.
- Collaborative Research Development Workshop on Migration in Asia.** 2022. Participants collaborated on projects that examined transnational flows of people into and out of the region and the comparative experiences of migration and migrants. *Social Science Research Council*.

**Jr. Women's Workshop & Writing Group on Law & Courts.** 2021-2023. Participants presented and provided feedback on each other's ongoing work in the area of law and courts. *Funding through American Political Science Association.*

## PEER REVIEW

International Studies Quarterly  
Post-Soviet Affairs  
Perspectives on Politics  
Comparative Politics  
Journal of Politics  
Communist & Post-Communist Studies  
Government & Opposition  
Eastern European Politics & Society

## AFFILIATIONS

Sr. Global Futures Scholar, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory  
Faculty Affiliate, Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, & East European Studies, Arizona State University  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University  
Faculty Affiliate, Future Security Initiative, Arizona State University

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association  
Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies  
Western Political Science Association  
Law & Society Association

## FIELD RESEARCH

Georgia (May 2023, July 2019)  
Uzbekistan (May-June 2022, July 2019)  
Kazakhstan (June 2019, Sept 2016, Spring 2015-Fall 2015, Nov-Dec 2014, Summer 2012, Fall 2009-Fall 2010)  
Russian Federation (June 2015, May 2014)  
Tajikistan (June-July 2014, Sept-Nov 2014)

## LANGUAGES

Russian (Advanced)  
Spanish (Advanced)  
Kazakh (Intermediate Low/Ongoing)  
Persian (Farsi/Tajik - Advanced Beginner)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

LaTeX  
STATA  
MaxQDA