

# Gus Greenstein

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**Research focus** Policy implementation, bureaucratic structure, public management, institutional change, environmental governance, international development

**Academic Appointments** **Assistant Professor** 7/2023-  
Leiden University  
Institute of Public Administration  
Faculty of Governance & Global Affairs

**Education** **Stanford University**  
PhD, Public Admin., Environmental Governance 9/2018 – 4/2023  
Emmett Interdisciplinary Program in Environment & Resources (E-IPER)  
Committee: Francis Fukuyama, Dan Honig, Eric Lambin, Len Ortolano  
David and Lucile Packard Foundation Fellow

**University of Oxford**  
MPhil, International Development 10/2016 – 6/2018  
Rhodes Scholarship Finalist

**Amherst College**  
BA, Environmental Studies 8/2010 – 5/2014  
Magna Cum Laude with Distinction  
Thomas J. Watson Fellow (\$33,000 research grant)

**Journal articles** **Gus Greenstein.** Forthcoming. [Staff \(Mis\)allocation in Public Agencies: Evidence from Protected Area Management in Brazil.](#) *Public Management Review.*

ISA Environmental Studies Section Graduate Student Paper Award, 2023

**Gus Greenstein.** 2024. [How Personnel Allocation Affects Performance: Evidence from Brazil's Federal Protected Areas Agency.](#) *Public Administration* 102 (3): 860-896.

*LSE Business Review* op-ed

**Gus Greenstein.** 2022. [The Influence of Alternative Development Finance on the World Bank's Safeguards Regime.](#) *Global Environmental Politics* 22(3): 171–93.

Ryan Hledik and **Gus Greenstein**. 2016. [The Distributional Impacts of Residential Demand Charges](#). *The Electricity Journal* 29(6): 33–41.

**Book chapters** **Gus Greenstein** and Dan Honig. 2024. [Managing Aid Personnel](#). *The Elgar Handbook of Aid and Development*. Eds: Raj Desai, Shanta Devarajan, and Jennifer Tobin.

**Working papers** **Gus Greenstein** and Mirko Heinzl. Bureaucratic Politics and Aid Allocation: Evidence from USAID. (Revise & resubmit at *Regulation & Governance*.) [Draft available upon request.]

**Gus Greenstein**. Bureaucratic Autonomy in Environmental Governance: A Comparison of 42 National Environmental Agencies [Draft available upon request.]

**Selected projects in progress** Design Foundations of Environmental Policy Durability: Evidence From Forest Regulations in Australia, Brazil, British Columbia, Indonesia and New Zealand. *With Ben Cashore, Virgínia Totti Guimarães, Peter Kanowski, Paula Máximo, Harry Nelson, Levi Robson, Depi Susilawati, and Zou Yutong.*

Bureaucratic Quality and Environmental Outcomes: A Global Analysis. *With Diego Salazar Morales.*

**Selected policy reports and other writing** Gus Greenstein. 2025. Reallocating staff can help reduce Amazon deforestation in Brazil. *LSE Business Review*. [[Link](#)]

World Bank. 2022. [Enhancing the Effectiveness of the World Bank's Global Footprint](#). Independent Evaluation Group. Washington, DC: World Bank.

Austin Meyer and **Gus Greenstein**. 2017. [Fork in the River](#). *Roads and Kingdoms and Slate*.

**Teaching and supervision** Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs, Leiden University

**Governance of Biodiversity and Ecosystems**

- Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- Co-instructor of record.
- MSc, Governance of Sustainability.

### **International Environmental Governance**

- Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- Instructor of record.
- MSc, Public Administration.

### **International Governance**

- Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- Instructor of record.
- Bachelors minor, Public Administration.

### **Sustainability Challenge**

- Fall 2024
- Advisor for one group/challenge.
- MSc, Governance of Sustainability.

### **Thesis supervision**

- MSc, Governance of Sustainability 2023-2024: 5 first supervisor, 6 second.

Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University

### **International Environmental Governance**

Fall 2021

- Co-instructor of record.
- Cross-listed in: MA, International Policy and MS/PhD Environment and Resources. Open to all Stanford students.
- Overall instruction quality score: 4.92/5. (Department average: 4.42)

### **Policy Problem Solving in the Real World**

Spring 2021

- Teaching assistant for Francis Fukuyama.

School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

### **International Development Proseminar**

Fall 2020

- Teaching assistant for Dan Honig.

Department of Economics, Amherst College

### **Intermediate Econometrics**

Spring 2014

- Teaching assistant for Katharine Sims.

### **Invited talks**

Hertie School of Governance (Berlin)

3/2024

	Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (Virtual)	11/2023
	Penn State School of Public Policy (Virtual)	4/2021
	Center for Policy Research (New Delhi, India)	8/2019
	ENVRES 280: Environment and Resources Topics (Stanford)	5/2019
	CEE 265: Sust. Water Resources Development (Stanford)	2/2019
	Marabá City Council (Marabá, Brazil)	8/2017
	Center for Research and Advocacy (Imphal, India)	9/2015
<b>Conference talks</b>	Workshop for Junior Scholars in IOs and Dev. (Amsterdam)	2/2025
	ECPR General Conference (Dublin)	8/2024
	Conference on Earth Systems Governance (Nijmegen)	10/2023
	ECPR General Conference (Prague)	9/2023
	Conference on Earth Systems Governance (Toronto)	10/2022
	ECPR General Conference (Innsbruck)	8/2022
	Environ. Politics and Governance Conference (Penn State)	6/2022
	Georgetown SFS Workshop on Aid & Development (Virtual)	6/2022
	Public Management Research Conference (Phoenix)	6/2022
	International Studies Association Annual Meeting (Nashville)	3/2022
	International Studies Association Annual Meeting (Virtual)	4/2021
	Sustainability and Development Conference (Ann Arbor)	8/2018
	Conf. on Latin America in the Era of Sustainability (Oxford)	5/2017
	Federal University of Pará (Belém, Brazil)	6/2013
<b>Honors and grants</b>	ISA Environmental Studies Section Graduate Student Paper Award	2023
	EIPER research funds (\$2,910), Stanford	2022
	McGee-Levorsen research funds (\$3,200), Stanford	2021
	EIPER research funds (\$4,000), Stanford	2020
	McGee-Levorsen summer research funds (\$2,000), Stanford	2019
	EIPER summer research funds (\$4,000), Stanford	2019
	Stanford Graduate Fellowship (replaces E-IPER funding)	2019
	Stanford E-IPER PhD Fellowship (5 yrs full funding)	2018
	Evan Carroll Commager Fellowship (\$10,000)	2016
	Rhodes Scholarship Finalist (Northern California)	2015
	Thomas J. Watson Fellowship (\$33,000)	2014
	Amherst College Dept. of Economics Fellowship (\$4,000)	2012
<b>Experience and skills</b>	<b>Fieldwork experience</b>	
	India (2019, 2014), Mexico (2017, 2015), Cambodia (2016, 2015), Thailand (2015), Vietnam (2016), Lesotho (2015), Mozambique (2015), Brazil (2012)	
	<b>Languages</b>	

English (Native), Spanish (Intermed-Advanced), Portuguese (Intermed), German (Beginner-plus), Dutch (A1)

### **Programming**

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<b>Memberships</b>	American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Public Management Research Association	
<b>Affiliations</b>	Research Fellow, Earth Systems Governance Project	1/2023-
	Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS	4/2022-
	Department of Political Science, University of Brasilia	7/2020-
	SAIS, Johns Hopkins University	8/2020-12/2020
	Center for Policy Research (Delhi)	6/2019-8/2019
<b>Other employment and experience</b>	World Bank Environment Practice	2/2022-6/2022
	<i>Consultant</i>	
	World Bank Independent Evaluation Group	1/2020-5/2021
	<i>Consultant</i>	
	The Brattle Group	7/2015-8/2016
	<i>Research analyst</i>	
	International Rivers	1/2015-5/2015
	<i>Researcher</i>	
	Conservation Strategy Fund	5/2012-9/2012
	<i>Researcher</i>	
<b>Reviewer service</b>	<i>American Political Science Review, Forest Policy and Economics, Governance, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Environment and Development, PLOS One, Policy Design and Practice, Policy Sciences</i>	
<b>Other service</b>	Steering Committee, Environmental Politics Standing Group, European Consortium for Political Research	9/2024-
	Board of Examiners, Governance of Sustainability MSc program, Leiden University	9/2024-
	Graduate Student Advisory Council, Stanford University	2019-2021