

# Gus Greenstein

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**Research focus** Policy implementation, institutional change, environmental governance, international development, deforestation, climate finance, development finance safeguards, Brazil, World Bank

**Academic Appointments** **(Incoming) 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.** 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.

**Under review** **Gus Greenstein.** How Personnel Allocation Affects Performance: Evidence from Brazil’s Federal Protected Areas Agency. (Revised and resubmitted to *Public Administration*.)

**Gus Greenstein** and Mirko Heinzl. Bureaucratic Politics and Aid Allocation: Evidence from USAID.

**Working papers** **Gus Greenstein**. Barriers to Effective Spatial Assignment of Bureaucrats: The Case of Protected Area Management in Brazil.

ISA Environmental Studies Section Graduate Student Paper Award, 2023

**Gus Greenstein** and Dan Honig. [Managing Aid Personnel](#). Chapter in preparation for the *The Elgar Handbook of Aid and Development*. Eds: Raj Desai, Shanta Devarajan, and Jennifer Tobin.

**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.*

Foundations of Institutional Resilience: Brazil’s Protected Areas Agency Under Jair Bolsonaro

Bureaucratic Structure and Climate Flows in the World Bank. *With Ricky Clark and Noah Zucker.*

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

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

**Governance of Biodiversity and Ecosystems** Fall 2023-Winter 2024  
– Co-instructor of record.

**International Environmental Governance** Fall 2023  
– Instructor of record.

**International Regulatory Governance** Fall 2023  
– Instructor of record.

Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University

**International Environmental Governance** Fall 2021  
–Fully designed and co-taught the course with Gemma Smith.

–Course cross-listed in Stanford’s International Policy MA program and PhD/joint-MS Environment and Resources programs.  
 –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.

<b>Invited talks</b>	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>	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

**Experience and skills**

**Fieldwork experience**

India (2019, 2014), Mexico (2017, 2015), Cambodia (2016, 2015), Thailand (2015), Vietnam (2016), Lesotho (2015), Mozambique (2015), Brazil (2012)

**Languages**

English (Native), Spanish (Intermed-Advanced), Portuguese (Intermed), German (Beginner. Currently competing full first-year course at Stanford)

**Programming**

R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Memberships**

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Public Management Research Association

**Affiliations**

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

**Other employment and experience**

World Bank Environment Practice <i>Consultant</i>	2/2022-6/2022
World Bank Independent Evaluation Group <i>Consultant</i>	1/2020-5/2021
Saïd Business School, University of Oxford <i>Research assistant to Dr. Atif Ansar</i>	1/2017-6/2018
Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford <i>Research assistant to Professor Tom Hale</i>	11/2017-2/2018

The Brattle Group 7/2015-8/2016  
*Research analyst*

International Rivers 1/2015-5/2015  
*Researcher*

Conservation Strategy Fund 5/2012-9/2012  
*Researcher*

Department of Political Science, Amherst College 1/2012-5/2012  
*Research Assistant to Professor Javier Corrales.*

**Reviewer service** *Forest Policy and Economics, Governance, Journal of Environment and Development, PLOS One*

**Other service** Stanford Graduate Student Advisory Council (2019-2021)