

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

Gus Greenstein. 2022. The Influence of Alternative Development Finance on the World Bank’s Safeguards Regime. *Global Environmental Politics* 22(3): 171–93. [Gated publisher’s version [here](#). Freely available author’s final version [here](#).]

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

- 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. [Gated publisher’s version [here](#). Freely available author’s final version [here](#).]
- Working papers** **Gus Greenstein**. Barriers to Effective Spatial Assignment of Bureaucrats: The Case of Protected Area Management in Brazil. (Revise & resubmit at *Public Management Review*.)
- ISA Environmental Studies Section Graduate Student Paper Award, 2023
- Gus Greenstein** and Mirko Heinzl. Bureaucratic Politics and Aid Allocation: Evidence from USAID. (Revise & resubmit at *Regulation & Governance*.)
- Gus Greenstein**. Bureaucratic Autonomy in Environmental Governance: A Comparison of 42 National Environmental Agencies
- 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.*
- Policy reports** World Bank (2022). Enhancing the Effectiveness of the World Bank’s Global Footprint. Independent Evaluation Group. Washington, DC: World Bank. [[Open access](#).]
- 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
Conference talks	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
Honors and grants	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-plus), Dutch (A1)	
	Programming	
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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 <i>Research analyst</i>	7/2015-8/2016
	International Rivers <i>Researcher</i>	1/2015-5/2015
	Conservation Strategy Fund <i>Researcher</i>	5/2012-9/2012
	Department of Political Science, Amherst College <i>Research Assistant to Professor Javier Corrales.</i>	1/2012-5/2012
Reviewer service	<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>	
Other service	Steering Committee, Environmental Politics Standing Group, European Consortium for Political Research	9/2024-

Board of Examiners, Governance of Sustainability MSc program, 9/2024-
Leiden University

Graduate Student Advisory Council, Stanford University 2019-2021