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Education

The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE

2011-2017

- Comparative Politics, Political Economy

European University at St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg, RF

MA EURASIAN STUDIES, WITH DISTINCTION

2005-2006

- Political Economy

Grinnell College

Grinnell, IA

BA HISTORY, WITH HONORS

2001-2005

- Soviet History

Academic Employment

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

* = first or 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]. *Managing the predatory state: Law, corruption, & governance in post-independence Kazakhstan.* Under review at Cornell University Press.

Hanson, M. [Article] with Baltabayeva, G.*,+ Exit as voice: First-wave Russian migration to Central Asia & the Caucasus.

WORKING PAPERS

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.*

Hanson, M.* [Article] with Luengas de Silva, D.+ Close to the crime: A new approach to assessing judicial corruption. *Presented at Fall 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.*

IN PREP

Hanson, M.* [Article] with Baltabayeva, G.+ & Elisashvili, S.+ What does it mean to be Russian?: Citizenship and identity among Russian *relokanty* in Georgia. *To be presented Fall 2023 at Association for the Slavic, Eurasian, & E. European Studies Annual Meeting.*

Hanson, M. [Article] with Shannon Carcelli.* Russian Sanctions, Migration, & Public Opinion in Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan. *To be presented Fall 2023 at Association for the Slavic, Eurasian, & E. European Studies Annual Meeting.*

Hanson, M.* [Article] with Asadzadehmamaghani, P.+ , & Baltabayeva, G.+ Democratization & return migration to Iran: Evidence from a survey experiment. *Status- revising & retesting 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

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

* *presenting author, + graduate student*

INVITED TALKS

Apr 2023. *Quiet opposition: First-wave Russian migration to Central Asia & the Caucasus.**. With G. Baltabayeva. Invited presentation: Center on the Future of War Spring Speak Series.

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.^{+,*} 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.⁺ 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

Date listed is the semester last taught; I have taught most courses multiple times.

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

Mentoring

Two-thirds of mentees have been women, students of color, or members of other under-represented populations.

GRADUATE ADVISING

Fall 2021-present. Gaukhar Baltabayeva. PhD, Comparative Politics.

- *Role:* Dissertation Co-Chair; Co-Author/Co-Principal Investigator; Graduate Instructor; Former Research Supervisor (Spring 2019-Spring 2021).

Fall 2019-Fall 2022 (defended Dec 2022). Namig Abassov PhD, Comparative Politics.

- *Role:* Dissertation Committee Member; Graduate Instructor
- *Student's Honors:* Visiting Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University

Fall 2019-Spring 2022 (defended May 2022). Peyman Asadzadehmamghani. PhD, Comparative Politics/International Relations.

- *Role:* Dissertation Committee Member; Co-Author; Graduate Instructor
- *Student's Honors:* Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University Belfer Center; Peace Scholar Fellowship, U.S. Institute for Peace (2021-2022)

Fall 2019-present (prospectus defended Oct 2020). Will Rector. PhD, International Relations/Comparative Politics.

- *Role:* Dissertation Committee Member

Fall 2019-present (prospectus defended Feb 2020). Richie Romero. PhD, International Relations/Comparative Politics.

- *Role:* Dissertation Committee Member

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORSHIP (INDIVIDUAL)

Fall 2022-present. Claire Mullings. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Advisor, SPGS Jr. Fellows Program (incoming semester); Instructor-Fall 2022
- *Student's Honors* Arizona Legislative Internship Program (Spring 2023)

Fall 2022-present. Julian Klein. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Advisor, SPGS Jr. Fellows Program (incoming semester); Instructor-Fall 2022

Fall 2022-Spring 2023. Dolores Deal. School of Politics and Global Studies.

- *Roles:* Advisor, SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor-Fall 2022
- *Student's Honors:* Arizona National Guard, Intelligence Analyst

Fall 2021-present. Sophia Rojo. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Honors Thesis Committee Chair; Supervisor; Advisor for Barrett Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Melikian Center Undergraduate Research Fellowship, and SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor-Fall 2021
- *Student's Honors:* American Political Science Association 2023 Ralph Bunch Summer Institute (national competition); Teaching Assistant (Online Undergraduate Research Scholars Program)

Fall 2021-present. Alona Dzon. W.P. Carey School of Business, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Honors Thesis Committee Chair; Advisor for Barrett Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Melikian Center Undergraduate Research Fellowship, and SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor-Fall 2021

Fall 2021-present. Jordan Haarb. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Honors Thesis Chair; Instructor-Fall 2021
- *Student's Honors:* Truman Scholarship Finalist (national competition)

Spring 2021-present. Travis Hueber. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Research Supervisor; Instructor-Spring 2021
- *Student's Honors:* Law Student (JD, University of Texas-Austin); Rhodes Scholarship nominee (ASU)

Fall 2020-Spring 2023. Isabelle Kinney. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Honors Thesis Chair; Advisor for Melikian Center Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Barrett Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship, and SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor-Spring 2021
- *Student's Honors:* Graduate Student, University of Michigan; Dean's Medal Recipient for top graduating senior SPGS; Title VIII Summer Fellow (Uzbek); Eldersfeld Emerging Scholars Workshop (national competition), University of Michigan; Russian and East European Studies Undergraduate Fellows Think Tank (national competition)

Fall 2021-Spring 2023. Hannah Mangold. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Supervisor; Advisor for Barrett Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship and SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor
- *Student's Honors:* Graduate Student, Chapman University (M.Ed/Social Sciences); Teaching Assistant (Online Undergraduate Research Scholars Program)

Spring 2022-Spring 2023. Collin Frank. School of Politics and Global Studies (4+1 B.A./M.A. Program).

- *Roles:* Honors Thesis Committee, Graduate Instructor.
- *Student's Honors:* Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship

Spring 2021-Spring 2023. Juan Lopez Henao. W.P. Carey School of Business, School of Politics and Global Studies (4+1 B.A./M.A. Program).

- *Roles:* Advisor for SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor (2x); Nominator
- *Student's Honors:* 2023 ASU MLK Jr. Student Servant-Leadership Award; Nominee, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award, W.P. Carey School; Sarah Anne McNeil Memorial Scholar (SPGS); McCord Scholar (W.P. Carey)

Spring 2021-Fall 2022. Garrett Niles. School of Politics and Global Studies, School of Biological and Health System Engineering (4+1 B.A./M.A. Program).

- *Roles:* Advisor for SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor (2x)

Fall 2021-Spring 2022. Kate Salazar-Duran. School of Politics and Global Studies, School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Advisor for SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor
- *Student's Honors:* Undergraduate Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)

Spring 2021. Alana Ramirez. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Honors Thesis Chair; Instructor
- *Student's Honors:* M.A., Thunderbird School of Global Management

Spring 2020. Gage Plumber. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Honors Thesis Chair; Instructor

Spring 2020. Will Ottenheimer. School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Honors Thesis Committee; Instructor

Fall 2019. Frida Castro. School of Politics and Global Studies.

- *Roles:* Advisor, SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor

Fall 2019. Neel Hunter-Patel. School of Politics and Global Studies.

- *Roles:* Advisor, SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor

Spring 2019. John Kirchner School of Politics and Global Studies, Barrett Honors College.

- *Roles:* Advisor, SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor
- *Student's Honors:* Graduate Student, Geneva Graduate Institute (M.A., International Relations & Political Science); Former Legislative Assistant, Wisconsin State Legislature; Former Analyst, Media Matters

Spring 2019. Meg (Mary) Williams). School of Politics and Global Studies.

- *Roles:* Advisor, SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor

Spring 2019. Josh Wattay. School of Politics and Global Studies.

- *Roles:* Advisor, SPGS Jr. Fellows Program; Instructor

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORSHIP (GROUP)

Spring 2023. J.R. Sodano, Julien Goodman, and Oscar Buffardi. School of Politics and Global Studies (Online) and ASU Knowledge Enterprise.

- *Roles:* Research Experience Advisor, Online Undergraduate Research Scholars Pilot Program

Service & Professional Development

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2022-pres **Melikian Center**, Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship Review Committee
- 2021-pres **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

- 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

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

Comparative Politics
Journal of Politics
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 on the Future of War, 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 (Advanced Beginner/Ongoing)
Farsi/Tajik (Advanced Beginner)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

LaTeX
STATA
MaxQDA