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Education

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

2025-pres **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, Middlebury College

2018-2025 **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

⁺ = graduate student or former advisee

PUBLISHED

Hanson, M. and Baltabayeva, G.⁺ 2024. Exit as voice, for the economically mobile: Explaining first-wave Russian migration to Central Asia & the Caucasus. *Journal of Ethnic & Migration Studies*.

Chapman, H., **Hanson, M.**, 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.

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

Hanson, M. and 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. and 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]. *Seeking a corruption equilibrium: Authoritarian legality in Central Asia*. Revise & resubmit at Cornell University Press.

Carcelli, S. and **Hanson, M.** [Article]. 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. Conditional acceptance, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Recent Awards

2025	Heinz I. Eulau Award for Best Article , American Political Science Association	
2024	Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Mentor , Faculty Women's Association, ASU	
2023	Seed Grant , Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict	\$ 10,000
2023	Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Mentor , Faculty Women's Association, ASU Online Undergraduate Research Scholars Seed Grant (Renewal) , ASU Knowledge Enterprise	\$ 10,000
2022	Discourse Initiative Grant , Institute for Humane Studies	\$ 12,500
	Grant for Collaborative Research on Asia (Migration) , Social Science Research Council	\$ 10,000
	Faculty Research Grant , Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, & E. European Studies	\$ 2,600
	Dean's Research Initiative Grant (with Shannon Carcelli) , University of Maryland	\$ 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	\$ 8,000
	Faculty Research Grant , Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, & E. European Studies	\$ 1,300

Mentoring & Advising ---

GRADUATE ADVISING

PhD Advising: Seven dissertation committees total; two students have graduated. One of them directs a public digital humanities program, and the other is completing a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University.

MA Advising: Four M.A. thesis committees, as well as an average of one 4+1 M.A. advisee per year.

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORSHIP & ADVISING

Junior Fellows Program: I have mentored sixteen students through this semester-long research program.

Honors Thesis Chair or Committee Member: I have chaired seven undergraduate honors theses and served on two additional committees.

Barrett Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellows Program: I have mentored four students through this 1-2 semester-long research program.

Melikian Center Undergraduate Research Fellows Program: I have mentored three students through this semester-long research fellowship.

Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict Undergraduate Research Fellows Program: I have mentored one student through this semester-long research fellowship.

Online Undergraduate Research Scholars Program: I have worked with six students through two pilots of this semester-long research experience.

Field Research ---

Portugal (January 2025)

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)