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### EDUCATION

#### **Florida International University**

Ph.D. in International Relations 2012-2018  
Defended, with distinction, a dissertation titled:  
“China’s Eurasian Foreign Policy:  
Region-Building through State-Building since 1991”  
  
Major Field: Foreign Policy and Security Studies  
Minor Field: Comparative Area Studies  
Graduate Certificate in Middle East and Central Asian Studies

M.A. in Asian Studies 2014  
Defended, with distinction, an M.A. Thesis: “China’s Military  
Modernization, Japan’s Normalization and its Effects on the  
South China Sea Territorial Disputes”  
  
Major: Politics of East Asia  
Graduate Certificate in Asian Globalization  
Graduate Certificate in Japanese Studies

B.A. in International Relations and Asian Studies 2010  
Certificate in Asian Studies  
Certificate in Chinese Studies

#### **Zhejiang University**

Summer Chinese Language Program Certificate 2013

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

Garcia, Zenel, "Strategic Stability in the 21st Century: The Challenge of the Second Nuclear Age and the Logic of Strategic Interdependence," *Comparative Strategy* 36(4), 2017, pp. 354-365

Garcia, Zenel & Chand, Bibek, "Power Politics and Securitization: The Emerging Indo-Japanese Nexus in Southeast Asia," *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies* 4(2), 2017, pp. 310-324

Garcia, Zenel & Breslin, Thomas A., "Biting the Cow's Tongue: Securitization and Capacity Building in the South China Sea," *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* 3(3), 2016, pp. 269-290

Garcia, Zenel, "Power Cycles and Security Complexes: Evolution of the East Asian Supercomplex," *Asia Politics & Policy* 8(4), 2016, pp. 538-558

Garcia, Zenel, "A 'Normal' Japan and the Externalization of China's Securitization," *Japan Studies Review* Vol. XX, 2016, pp. 157-178

Garcia, Zenel, "Resistance and Assimilation: Transforming Security Roles of China's Largest Muslim Minorities," *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* 36(2), 2016, pp. 282-293

### **Book Reviews**

Review of James Manicom: *Bridging Troubled Waters: China, Japan and Maritime Order in the East China Sea*, *Asia Politics & Policy* 8(3), 2016, pp. 502-504

Review of Christopher Davidson: *The Persian Gulf and Pacific Asia: From Indifference to Interdependence*, *Journal of Global South Studies* 32(2), 2015, pp. 267-269

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Garcia, Zenel, *China's Military Modernization, Japan's Normalization and its Effects on the South China Sea Territorial Disputes*, Palgrave MacMillan (manuscript in preparation)

Garcia, Zenel, Chand, Bibek, and Modlin, Kevin, "Southeast Asian Hedging and Indo-Pacific Strategies for Regional Balance: Managing China's Rise," *The Air Force Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs* (under review)

Garcia, Zenel, "Remaking Southeast Asia: The Belt-Road Initiative and China's Region-Building Efforts," *Routledge edited volume* (under review)

Garcia, Zenel, "Securitization, Identity, and Role Dynamics: The South China Sea Territorial Disputes and the Struggle for Recognition," *Peter Lang edited volume* (under review)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **St Lawrence University**

#### **Visiting Assistant Professor**

- International Security Fall 2018
- International Relations Research Seminar (Strategic Studies) Fall 2018
- Introduction to International Politics Fall 2018

### **Florida International University**

#### **Adjunct Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations**

- Contemporary International Problems (hybrid course) Summer 2018
- Strategic Studies and National Security Spring 2018
- Introduction to Comparative Politics Fall 2017
- International Relations of Central Asia and the Caucasus (online course) Spring 2017
- Topics in International Relations: IR of Southeast Asia Fall 2016

#### **Faculty Fellow, Honors College**

- Inhabiting Other Lives (Simulation) Spring 2018
- Ideas of Origin and Origin of Ideas (Epistemology) Fall 2017

#### **Instructor of Record, Department of Politics and International Relations**

- Strategic Studies and National Security Spring 2016
- Politics of the Far East Fall 2015
- International Relations of East Asia (online course) Spring 2015
- International Relations of East Asia Fall 2014

#### **Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics and International Relations**

- The Political Economy of China Summer 2016, Spring 2014
- International Political Economy (online course) Summer 2015, Summer 2014
- International Relations of China Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012
- Judicial Process Fall 2013
- Conflict Security and Peace Studies Fall 2013
- Theories of International Relations Summer 2013

#### **Academic Coach, Center for Women's and Gender Studies**

- LGBT and Beyond Spring 2017, Summer 2018

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Garcia, Zenel, “The Security-Development Nexus and the Chinese Communist Party: Narratives on State and Region-Building,” to be presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2018, November 2-3, to be held in Baltimore, Maryland

Garcia, Zenel, “The South China Sea and the Struggle for Regional Order,” presented at the Association for Asian Studies AAS-in-Asia Conference 2018, July 5-8, held in Delhi, Republic of India

Garcia, Zenel, “The South China Sea as the Pivot: Competing Visions of Regional Order,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention 2018, April 4-7, held in San Francisco, California

Garcia, Zenel, Roundtable: “China in the Post American World,” presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2018, March 24, held in Ft. Myers, Florida

Garcia, Zenel, Roundtable: “Intersections of Political Theory and International Relations,” presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2018, March 24, held in Ft. Myers, Florida

Garcia, Zenel, “Development and Securitization of Transboundary Rivers: A Case Study of Central Eurasia,” presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2018, March 24, held in Ft. Myers, Florida

Garcia, Zenel, “Re-connecting the Sub-Regions: China’s Eurasian Foreign Policy,” presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2017, November 3-4, held in Providence, Rhode Island

Garcia, Zenel, “People’s War at Sea and China’s Maritime Militia: From Strategy to Practice,” presented at the International Studies Association South Annual Conference 2017, October 20-21, held in Orlando, Florida

Garcia, Zenel, Roundtable: “Researching and Teaching International Relations during Politically Disruptive Times,” presented at the International Studies Association South Annual Conference 2017, October 20-21, held in Orlando, Florida

Garcia, Zenel, “Securitization and the Changing Dynamics of Strategic Stability in the Indo-Pacific Region,” presented at the Association for Asian Studies AAS-in-Asia Conference 2017, June 24-27, held in Seoul, Republic of Korea

Garcia, Zenel, “People’s War and China’s Maritime Peripheries: The Evolution of the Strategy and its Modern Application” presented at the International Studies Association International Conference 2017, June 15-18, held in Hong Kong

Garcia, Zenel, "Speech Acts and Securitization: Illocutionary and Perlocutionary Acts in the Study of Security," presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2017, April 1, held in Orlando, Florida

Garcia, Zenel, "China and Eurasia: Evolving Policy and Regional Transformation," presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention 2017, February 22-25, held in Baltimore, Maryland

Garcia, Zenel, "Securitization, Identity, and Role Dynamics: The South China Sea Territorial Disputes and the Struggle for Recognition," presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention 2017, February 22-25, held in Baltimore, Maryland

Garcia, Zenel, "Strategic Stability in the 21st Century: The Challenge of the Second Nuclear Age and the Logic of Dilemma Interdependence," presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2016, November 4-5, held in Baltimore, Maryland

Garcia, Zenel, "Strategic (in)Stability in the Pacific: U.S.-Japan's BMD Deployments and China's Conventional Ballistic Missile Programs," presented at the International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Conference 2016, June 25-27, held in Hong Kong

Garcia, Zenel & Chand, Bibek, "Power Politics and Securitization: The Indo-Japanese Nexus in Southeast Asia," presented at the Mid-West Political Science Association Annual Conference 2016, April 7-10, held in Chicago, Illinois

Garcia, Zenel, "Asia-Pacific Security and the Changing Nature of Strategic Stability in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2016, March 28, held in Lakeland, Florida

Garcia, Zenel & Breslin, Thomas A., "Biting the Cows Tongue: Strategic Options in the South China Sea," presented at the International Studies Association South Annual Conference 2015, October 23-25, held in Tampa, Florida

Garcia, Zenel & Mousavi, Seyed Saeed, "The Eurasian Colosseum: The Sino-Russian Strategic Rivalry in the Caspian Region," presented at the International Studies Association South Annual Conference 2015, October 23-25, held in Tampa, Florida

Garcia, Zenel, "Japan and the Republic of Korea: The Evolving East Asian Supercomplex," presented at the ISSS-ISAC Joint Annual Conference 2015, October 8-10, held in Springfield, Massachusetts

Garcia, Zenel, "The Developmental State in East Asia and the Challenge of Globalization," presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2015, March 28, held in Orlando, Florida

Garcia, Zenel, “Regional Security Complex Theory (RSCT) and the South China Sea Territorial Disputes: Evolution of the East Asian Supercomplex,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention 2015, February 18-21, held in New Orleans, Louisiana

Garcia, Zenel, “Japan and the Republic of Korea: The Role of Great Powers in Securing the East Asian Supercomplex,” presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2014, November 7-8, held in Baltimore, Maryland

Garcia, Zenel, “China’s Military Modernization and Japan’s Normalization: The Effects on the South China Sea Territorial Disputes,” presented at the Western Conference for the Association for Asian Studies 2014, October 2-4, held in Tempe, Arizona

Garcia, Zenel, “China’s Military Modernization and Japan’s Normalization: The Effects on the South China Sea Territorial Disputes,” presented at the Asian Studies Association of Australia Biennial conference 2014, July 8-10, held in Perth, Australia

Garcia, Zenel, “Modernization of The People’s Liberation Army and Sino-Japanese Security Relations,” presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2013, November 7-8, held in Providence, Rhode Island

Garcia, Zenel, “Modernization of The People’s Liberation Army and Sino-Japanese Security Relations,” presented at the International Studies Association West Annual Conference 2013, September 27-28, held in Pasadena, California

### **GUEST LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

“Publishing Your Graduate Research,” presented at Florida International University for a “Publishing Workshop” hosted by the Asian Studies Graduate Student Association, April 9, 2018

“Security and Development in 21<sup>st</sup> Century China,” presented at Florida International University for an introductory class on International Relations, January 29, 2018, Miami, Florida

“Sino-Indian Relations: Competing for Strategic Space,” presented at Florida International University for a class on the International Relations of South Asia, April 19, 2017, Miami, Florida

“The South China Sea Territorial Disputes: The Players and their Maritime Strategies,” presented at Florida International University for a class on Strategic Studies and National Security, March 8, 2017, Miami, Florida

“China: A Century of Revolution,” presented at Florida International University for a class on Political Violence and Revolution, February 28, 2017, Miami, Florida

“History of Revolution in China,” presented at Florida International University for a class on Political Violence and Revolution, November 2, 2016, Miami, Florida

“The Chinese Revolution: Causes and Effects,” presented at Florida International University for a class on Political Violence and Revolution, March 2, 2016, Miami, Florida

“Political Economy of China 1949-Present,” presented at Florida International University for a class on Political Violence and Revolution, November 20, 2015, Miami, Florida

“Political Transitions in China 1644-Present,” presented at Florida International University for a class on Political Violence and Revolution, November 18, 2015, Miami, Florida

“Regional Frameworks: Theory and Methodology” presented at Florida International University for a “Theory and Methodology” workshop hosted by the FIU Asian Studies Alumni & Friends Association, October 15, 2015, Miami, Florida

➤ Organizer and Presenter at this event

“The Chinese Civil War,” presented at Florida International University for a class on Political Violence and Revolution, November 21, 2014, Miami, Florida

“Sino-Japanese Strategic Competition in Southeast Asia,” presented at Florida International University for a class on Modern Asia, March 24, 2014, Miami, Florida

“Theory and China’s Grand Strategy,” presented at Florida International University for a class on Theory in International Relations, June 12, 2013, held in Miami, Florida

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

World Ahead Graduate 2018 (highest honor given by Florida International University)  
Department of Politics & International Relations Award for Best Dissertation 2018  
Department of Politics & International Relations Award for Best Graduate Paper 2017  
Department of Politics & International Relations Award for Best Graduate Instructor 2015  
Asian Studies Award for Best M.A. Thesis 2014  
Asian Studies Award for Academic Achievement 2014

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Association for Asian Studies Travel Award 2018 (\$1200)  
Fu Foundation Scholarship Award 2017 (\$500)  
Asian Studies Graduate Scholarship 2017 (\$500)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Position in Professional Associations**

International Studies Association: Northeast Region Governing Council 2017-Present

### **Conference Service**

Discussant, "Japan and Islam in Asia: Discovery Identity, and Perceptions" at the Southern Japan Seminar 2018, March 2, held in Miami, Florida

Discussant, "Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference and Alumni Reception" at the Florida International University Asian Studies Graduate Student Graduate Student Organization Research Conference 2017, November 6, held in Miami, Florida

Chair, "The Asia-Pacific Region and the Transnational Implications of Changing Security Dynamics" at the Association for Asian Studies AAS-in-Asia Conference 2017, June 24-27, held in Seoul, Republic of Korea

Discussant, "Re-conceptualizing 'Securitization': Theory and Its Applications" at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2017, April 1, held in Orlando

Discussant, "Understanding and Engaging China's Rise in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: China's Military Expansion and Security Dilemma in the Asia-Pacific Region" at the International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Conference 2016, June 25-27, held in Hong Kong

Chair, "The Indo-Pacific Region and the Changing Nature of Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2016, March 28, held in Lakeland, Florida

Discussant, "Power and Security: The Role of Great Powers in the Indo-Pacific Region" at the ISSS-ISAC Joint Annual Conference 2015, October 8-10, held in Springfield, Massachusetts

Chair and Discussant, "China as a Global Player" at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2014, November 7-8, held in Baltimore, Maryland

### **Peer Review**

*Asia and the Pacific Policies Studies*

*Asia Politics & Policy*

*Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

Association for Asian Studies (Member) 2010-Present

International Studies Association (Member) 2013-Present

Florida Political Science Association (Member) 2014-Present

American Political Science Association (member) 2016-Present

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## **LANGUAGE AND TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Fluent in English and Spanish (speaking, reading, and writing)

Basic proficiency in Mandarin and Japanese (speaking, reading, and writing)

Proficient in Blackboard Virtual Classroom Software

Proficient in Canvas Virtual Classroom Software

Proficient in Adobe Connect Virtual Classroom Software

Proficient in Sakai Virtual Classroom Software

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite

Proficient in Turn-It-In Originality Software

## **REFERENCES**

### **Thomas A. Breslin**

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Florida International University  
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