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Qualifications

Advanced Diploma in Environmental Conservation, University of Oxford, 2012PhD in International Relations, University of Warwick, 2007Masters by Research in Politics, University of Edinburgh,2004 BA (Hons) International Relations and Politics, University of Portsmouth, 2003, 1st class

Biography

After obtaining PhD in International Relations from the University of Warwick (ESRC + 3 award PTA-030-2005-00283), I secured an ESRC post-doctoral fellowship (ESRC post-doctoral award (PTA-026-27-1675, grant amount £65,641.48). This award enabled me to rewrite my PhD thesis into a monograph for publication. The resulting book was published by Cambridge University Press in May 2010 under the title Security and the Environment: Securitisation Theory and US Environmental Security Policy.

In 2009 I was awarded a three year British Academy Post-doctoral fellowship (PDF/2008/103 grant amount £217,638.00) for my work on the ethics of securitization then under the title: 'Consequentialist evaluation of security for cooperative international society'. This work is still ongoing.

I continue to have an interest in environmental and climate security. Together with Professor Richard A. Matthew (University of Irvine, California) we have just published a book on environmental security that aims to offer a comprehensive overview of the most important theoretical approaches to environmental security as well as some of the most important issues.
In April 2012 I was appointed as a Birmingham Fellow in Conflict and Security.

Postgraduate supervision

I am second PhD supervisor to **Jonna Nyman (/schools/government-society/research/doctoral-researchers/profiles/nyman-jonna.aspx)** .

Research

My research on the ethics of securitization is concerned with two questions: (1) When, if ever, should we lift an issue out of normal/democratic politics, and treat it as a matter of emergency politics? (2) What exact form should such emergency politics ideally take? Despite the popularity of security studies, the ethics of securitisation - this move from normal/democratic to emergency politics- have thus far been ignored.

Parts of my PhD thesis and subsequent book considered the ethics of securitisation relating to the natural environment. I argued that because human well-being is closely connected to the natural environment, the survival of the environment is for that reason morally required. In order to ensure this survival, governments and other relevant actors (e.g. the UN) will sometimes need to take recourse to emergency politics.

With regards to the moral evaluation of security policies more generally, I am now working on developing a just securitization theory that would allow analysts and practitioners to morally evaluate securitizations both before and after they have occurred. Thus far my central idea has been to develop criteria that, provided they are fulfilled at the same time render a securitization morally right. For more detail on the criteria see my 'Can securitization theory be used in normative analysis? Towards a Just Securitization Theory' Security Dialogue,2011, 42 (4-5), 427-439

A first statement on just and unjust de-securitizations will form part of Contesting Security: Strategies and logics (edited by Thierry Balzacq) forthcoming 2013 with Routledge, PRIO series.

Other activities

- I am a Fellow of the Institute for Environmental Security (IES), (**www.envirosecurity.org/ (http://www.envirosecurity.org/)**).
- From July 2010 – July 2011 I was an independent consultant to the Climate Change and Energy Programme of the New Economics Foundation (http://www.neweconomics.org/) on a DFID sponsored systematic review.
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