

Michael Mousseau

Curriculum Vitae
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- Fields:** Political Science; International Relations; Comparative Politics
- Teaching:** International Relations; American Foreign Policy; International Conflict and Security; International Relations Theory
- Education:** Ph.D.(Political Science) Binghamton University, New York, 1998
M.A. (International Studies), Josef Korbel School of International Studies University of Denver, 1991
B.A. (Political Science) State University of New York, 1986

Academic Experience

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| University of Central Florida | <i>Professor, 2014-; Associate Professor, 2013-2014</i> |
| Koç University | <i>Professor, 2010-2013; Associate Professor, 2002-2010; Assistant Professor, 1998-2002</i> |
| Columbia University | <i>Visiting Scholar, Saltzman Institute of War & Peace Studies, 2010-2011</i> |
| Harvard University | <i>Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 2005-2006</i> |
| Yale University | <i>Research Fellow, United Nations Studies. Summer 2003</i> |
| Harvard University | <i>Research Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Summers 2000, 2002, 2012</i> |

Professional Profile

ResearchGate	Research Interest Score (615). Described by RG as “higher than 96% of researchers with work related to [International Relations].” https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Michael-Mousseau/stats .
Google Scholar	Citations 2,361. H-Index 20. Since 2020: 12.

Publications (* = student co-authors)

Peer Reviewed

1. “Allocation of Public Health Services Across Urban and Rural Regions and Armed Conflicts in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with primary author: Demet Yalcin Mousseau), *Journal of Public Health Policy* (2024) 45(3): 460-470.
<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41271-024-00472-7>.
 - Journal Rank: 52/118 in field *Health Policy & Sciences* (in 2023).
 - Impact Factor: 2.3 (1yr), 2.9 (5yr).
2. “The Rise of Contract-intensive Economic Structures and Democratic Development: Are They Related?” (with secondary author: Demet Yalcin Mousseau), *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics* (2023) 65: 273-285.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.strueco.2023.02.017>.
 - Journal Rank: 36/603 in field *Economics* (in 2023). (Top-ten percentile journal.)
 - Impact Factor: 5 (1yr), 5.3 (5yr).
3. “Allocation of Public Goods and The Risk of Local Ethnic Wars in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with primary author: Demet Yalcin Mousseau), *Politikon*, (2023) 50(1): 41-60.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/02589346.2023.2171835>.
 - Journal Rank: 196/318 in field *Political Science* (in 2023).
 - Impact Factor: 0.9 (1yr), 1.2 (5yr).
4. “The Economic Origins of Democratic Civil Liberties: A Cross-Country Analysis” (with primary author: Demet Yalcin Mousseau) *Journal of Human Rights* (2022) 22(4): 487-505. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2022.2127311>.
 - Journal Rank: 43/96 in field *International Relations* (in 2022).

- Impact Factor: 1.9 (1yr), 1.6 (5yr).
5. “The End of War: How a Robust Marketplace and Liberal Hegemony Are Leading to Perpetual World Peace,” *International Security*, (2019) 44(1): 160-196.
https://doi.org/10.1162/ISEC_a_00352.
 - Journal Rank: 1/96 in field *International Relations* (in 2019).
 - Impact Factor: 5.4 (1yr), 5.7 (5yr)
 - Article is in the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric.
<https://mitpress.altmetric.com/details/64273823>.
 6. “Four Ways We Know the Democratic Peace Correlation Does Not Exist in the State of Knowledge,” *Peace Economics, Peace Science, and Public Policy* (2019) 25 (4).
 - Journal Rank: 116/318 in field *Political Science* (in 2023).
 - Impact Factor: 1.7 (1yr), 1.1 (5yr)
 7. “Grasping the Scientific Evidence: The Contractualist Peace Supersedes the Democratic Peace,” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Vol. 35, No. 2 (2018), pp. 175-192.
 - Journal Rank: 47/91 in field *International Relations* (in 2018).
 8. “Why Some Countries are Immune from the Resource Curse” (with Erdem Aytac [primary author] and Omer Orsun), *Democratization*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (2016), pp. 71-92.
 - Journal Rank: 55/165 in field *Political Science* (in 2016).
 9. “The Democratic Peace Unraveled: It’s the Economy,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 57, No. 1 (March 2013), pp. 186–197.
 - Journal Rank: 16/83 in field *International Relations* (in 2013).
 10. “Capitalist Development and Civil War,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 56, No. 3 (September 2012), pp. 470-483.
 - Journal Rank: 18/83 in field *International Relations* (in 2012).
 11. “Urban Poverty and Support for Islamist Terror: Survey Results from Muslims in Fourteen Countries,” *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (January 2011), pp. 35-47.
 - Journal Rank: 7/81 in field *International Relations* (in 2011).
 12. “The Social Market Roots of Democratic Peace,” *International Security*, Vol. 33, No. 44 (Spring 2009), pp. 52-86.

- Journal Rank: 1/59 in field International Relations (in 2009).
13. "The Contracting Roots of Human Rights" (with secondary author Demet Yalcin Mousseau), *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (May 2008), pp. 327-344.
 - Journal Rank: 13/55 in field International Relations (in 2008).
 14. "Comparing New Theory with Prior Beliefs: Market Civilization and the Democratic Peace," *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Spring 2005), pp. 63-77.
 - Journal Rank: 10/50 in field International Relations (in 2005).
 15. "The Nexus of Market Society, Liberal Preferences, and Democratic Peace: Interdisciplinary Theory and Evidence," *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 47, No. 3 (September 2003), pp. 483-510.
 - Journal Rank: 8/52 in field International Relations (in 2003).
 16. "How the Wealth of Nations Conditions the Liberal Peace" (with John R. Oneal and Håvard Hegre), *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 9, No. 2 (June 2003), pp. 277-314.
 - Journal Rank: 16/52 in field International Relations (in 2003).
 17. "Market Civilization and its Clash with Terror," *International Security*, Vol. 27, No. 3 (Winter 2002-03), pp. 5-29.
 - Journal Rank: 2/53 in field *International Relations* (in 2002).
 18. "An Economic Limitation to the Zone of Democratic Peace and Cooperation," *International Interactions*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (April 2002), pp. 137-164.
 - Journal Rank: 21/53 in field *International Relations* (in 2002).
 19. "Market Prosperity, Democratic Consolidation, and Democratic Peace," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 44, No. 4 (August 2000), pp. 472-507.
 - Journal Rank: 17/52 in field *International Relations* (in 2000).
 20. "A Test for Reverse Causality in the Democratic Peace Relationship" (with secondary author Yuhang Shi), *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 36, No. 6 (November 1999), pp. 639-663.
 - Journal Rank: 15/52 in field *International Relations* (in 1999).

21. "Democracy and Compromise in Militarized Interstate Conflicts, 1816–1992," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 42, No. 2 (April 1998), pp. 210-230.
 - Journal Rank: 9/52 in field *International Relations* (in 1998).
22. "Democracy and Militarized Interstate Collaboration," *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (February 1997), pp. 73-87.
 - Journal Rank: 7/50 in field *International Relations* (in 1997).

Editorially Reviewed Articles, Commentaries & Book Chapters

1. "Is the Decline of War a Delusion? An Exchange Between Researchers" (with Azar Gat, Aaron Clauset, Michael Cohen, Dale Copeland, Paul Diehl, Erik Gartke, Zeev Maoz, Michael Mousseau, John Mueller, John Oneal, John Owen, Norrin Ripsman, Meredith Sarkees, Randy Schwaller, Jack Snyder, Michael Spagat, and Bill Thompson), *Journal of Strategic Studies* (forthcoming).
2. "The Liberal Peace," in John Vasquez and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell (editors), *What Do We Know About War?* 3rd Edition, Rowman and Littlefield, 2021.
3. "How the Contractualist Peace Overtook the Democratic Peace" (with Xiongwei Cao*), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2017.
4. "Does the Market-Capitalist Peace Supersede the Democratic Peace? The Evidence Still Says Yes" (with Omer Orsun* and Jameson Ungerer*) in Gerald Schneider and Nils Petter Gleditsch (editors), *Assessing the Capitalist Peace*, Routledge, 2013.
5. "Capitalism and Peace: It's Keynes, not Hayek" (with Omer Orsun*, Jameson Ungerer*, and Demet Yalcin Mousseau) in Gerald Schneider and Nils Petter Gleditsch (editors), *Assessing the Capitalist Peace*, Routledge, 2013.
6. "A Market-Capitalist or a Democratic Peace?" in John Vasquez, *What Do We Know About War?* 2nd Edition, Rowman and Littlefield, 2012.
7. "Commentaries: The Capitalist Peace" (with Richard Rosecrance, Bruce Russett and Erich Weede), *International Interactions*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (2010), pp. 185-192.

8. "Terrorism and Export Economies: The Dark Side of Free Trade", in *The Making of a Terrorist: Recruitment, Training, and Root Causes, Volume III*, edited by James Forest. Praeger Publishers (November 2005).
9. "The Sources of Terrorism" (correspondence with Charles Knight and Melissa Murphy), *International Security*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (Fall 2003), pp. 192-198.
10. "Globalization, Markets, and Democracy: An Anthropological Linkage", in *Globalization and Civilizations*, edited by Mehdi Mozaffari. London: Routledge (August 2002), pp. 97-124.

Book Reviews

1. Beatrice Heuser, *Evolution of Strategy: Thinking War from Antiquity to the Present* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 10 (2012), pp. 1117-1118.
2. Douglass C. North, John Joseph Wallis and Barry R. Weingast, *Violence and Social Orders: A Conceptual Framework for Interpreting Recorded Human History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (January 2011).
3. Karen Rasler & William Thompson, *Puzzles of the Democratic Peace: Theory, Geopolitics and the Transformation of World Politics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005), "Some Systemic Roots of the Democratic Peace," *International Studies Review*, Vol. 9, No. 1 (Spring 2007), pp. 93-95.
4. Hooman Peimani, *Falling Terrorism and Rising Conflicts: The Afghan Contribution to Polarization and Confrontation in West and South Asia* (Westport: Praeger 2003). *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 38, No. 3 (April 2005), pp. 327-329.

Reprints

1. "Commentaries: The Capitalist Peace" (with Richard Rosecrance, Bruce Russett and Erich Weede), *International Interactions*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (2010), pp. 185-192. Reprinted in *Assessing the Capitalist Peace*, edited by Gerald Schneider and Nils Petter Gleditsch (Routledge, 2012).

2. "Market Civilization and its Clash with Terror," *International Security*, Vol. 27, No. 3 (Winter 2002-03), pp. 5-29. Reprints:
 - a. *Contending with Terrorism: Roots, Strategies, and Responses*, edited by Michael E. Brown, Owen R. Coté Jr., Sean M. Lynn-Jones and Steven E. Miller (MIT Press, 2010).
 - b. *Twentieth Century International Relations*, Vol. 8: *Beyond the 20th Century*, edited by Michael Cox (SAGE, 2007).
 - c. *New Global Dangers: Changing Dimensions of International Security*, edited by Michael E. Brown, Owen R. Coté Jr., Sean M. Lynn-Jones and Steven E. Miller (MIT Press, 2004).
3. "Comparing New Theory with Prior Beliefs: Market Civilization and the Democratic Peace," *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Spring 2005), pp. 63-77. Reprinted in *The Causes of International Conflict: Data, Methods and Theory*, edited by Glenn Palmer (Taylor and Francis, 2007).

Works in Progress

1. "The False Promise of Survey Experimental Support for Democracy as a Cause of the Democratic Peace: It's the Economy" (with Zlatin Mitkov* and Michael Yekple*). Under review.
2. "The Spontaneous Origins of Property Rights, Money, and States." Under review.
3. *Money, States, and War: The Origins of the Rules-based World Order and the Prospects for Peace*. Book in progress.

Invited Podcasts, Workshops, and Talks

1. Debating 'The End of War' December 20th, 2019 | 42:22 | E3. Podcast Debate with Graham Allison, Douglas Dillon Professor of Government at Harvard University, and former Dean of the Harvard Kennedy School.
 - <https://music.amazon.com/podcasts/afa20419-9635-4da5-8f45-0905255d4ca3/episodes/3137d2c5-92da-41e9-a06a-2770eb52f637/the-international-security-podcast-03-debating-%E2%80%99the-end-of-war%E2%80%99>

2. "What Do We Know About War?" Workshop sponsored by the Benjamin F. Shambaugh Memorial Fund and the Department of Political Science, International Programs, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa. December 5-7, 2019.
3. "The Capitalist Origins of Global Inequality." Innovations in Comparative Capitalism: The State of the Field. A Joint Conference by the University of Utah and the University of Sydney, Sponsored by the Betty Glad Foundation and the Scholars Strategy Network. University of Utah. September 27-29, 2017.
4. "The Political Economy of Power Projection." University of Southern California Center for International Studies Annual Symposium, November 2016, Los Angeles, California.
5. "Critiquing the Democratic Peace: Nails in the Coffin of a Dying Research Agenda?" Roundtable participant (with Miriam Elman, Michal Hass, Piki Ish-Shalom, Margaret Hermann, John Mearsheimer, and Brian Rathbun), Annual meeting of the *International Studies Association*, 2014, Toronto, Canada
6. "Capitalism, Democracy, and War: A Liberal Theory of International Relations?" University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, October 15, 2010.
7. "Does the Capitalist Peace Trump the Democratic Peace? Yes it Does." Rutgers University, October 4, 2010.
8. "The Economic Peace." Presentation before the Storting (Norwegian Parliament) Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence, sponsored by Civita (a Norwegian think-tank), Oslo, Norway, March 3, 2010.
9. "Social Markets versus Free Markets in the Capitalist Peace." Civita (a Norwegian think-tank), Oslo, Norway, March 3, 2010.
10. "The Sources of Terrorism." Turkish Euro Atlantic Youth Committee (NATO related), Istanbul, 2006.
11. "Political Strategy in the War on Terror: Some Common Roots of Sectarianism and Democratic Peace." Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Oct 14, 2005.

Grants & Awards

1. Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award. College of Science, University of Central Florida, 2025.
2. Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University. PI \$17,100. Research project: *Cross-national Survey Experiment of the Commercial Norms of Contract*. 2023.
3. Intelligence-Related Research Assistance Grant, University Central Florida Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence. 2021.
4. Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award. College of Science, University of Central Florida, 2020.
5. Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Columbus, Ohio, 1995.
6. Dissertation Year Fellowship (university wide competition), Binghamton University, 1995-1996.

Mentoring

Dissertation Committees

Role	Student	Title	Year
Chair	Gus Larmin	Violence Against Civilians in sub-Saharan Africa, UCF	2023
Chair	Ozgur Kayalp	International and Regional Cooperation, UCF	2023
Chair	Tad Schnaufer	Free Riding in Alliances, UCF	2022
Chair	Xiongwei Cao	Market Economy and China's Peaceful Rise, UCF	2020
Member	Marcos Degaut	Ideas, Strategic Culture, and Foreign Policy, UCF	2015

Master's Committees

Role	Student	Title	Year
Chair	Anders Choez	Contract Intensity as a Cross-National Correlate of Inflation, UCF	2025
Member	Jacob Fuentes	Evaluating the Israel Lobby's Influence on 2024 Congressional Elections, UCF	2025
Member	Divya Kapoor	Girl Child Marriage and Governing Party Ideology: Evidence From India, UCF	2024
Member	Sarah Holland	Understanding How Small Non-Political Groups Discuss Politics on Social Media, UCF	2024
Chair	Brandon Franketti	Examining U.S. and China's Divergent Goals and the Prospects for Peace, UCF	2023
Member	Michael Ebert	Assessing the Effectiveness of Russian Disinformation on Americans, UCF	2022
Member	Zachary Schverak	Money and Conflict: How the IMF Influences International Aggression, UCF	2021
Chair	Nyerere J. Hodge	A Regression Analysis of the Effect of Imports on Employment Across G12 Countries, 1960-2017, UCF	2019
Chair	Spencer Miller	Does War Pay?, UCF	2015
Member	Matthew Benchimal	A Look at The Effectiveness Of Third-Party Diplomatic Interventions In Civil Wars, UCF	2015
Member	Clayton Besaw	Deadly Premonition: Does Terrorist-Leader Psychology Influence Violence Lethality?, UCF	2014
Chair	Cem Birol	Correlates of Anti-Americanism, KU	2012
Chair	Jameson Ungerer	Lakatosian Analysis and Evolving Conceptions of Peace, KU	2011
Chair	Erdem Aytaç	Why are Some Countries Immune to the Negative Political Effects of Natural Resource Wealth, KU	2009
Chair	Nail Tanrıöven	Factors Affecting Approval of Islamist Terror in Predominantly Muslim Countries, KU	2009
Chair	Özgen Yıldız	The Political Economy of Extremism: Comparing the Historical Records of Turkey and Germany, KU	2009
Chair	Hande Ögütçü	Tracing the Roots of Modernity: Ancient Greece, the Golden Age of Islam and Renaissance Italy, KU	2006

*KU = Koç University

Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committees

Role	Student	Title	Year
Chair	Farah Shaw	In progress.	2025
Member	Tyler Rapisarda	Contemporary Populism and Immigration Control in Net Migration Countries, UCF	2024
Chair	Nina Neto	An Application of Economic Norms Theory to Brazilian Corruption, UCF	2021

Conferences and Roundtables

1. "International Affairs Through the Lens of Political Theory." Panel Chair, *Annual Meeting of the Southern International Studies Association* (online due to hurricane Ian), October 5, 2024.
2. "The False Promise of Survey Experimental Support for Democracy as a Cause of the Democratic Peace." Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern International Studies Association* (online due to hurricane Ian), October 5, 2024.
3. "How Commerce Makes States." Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference* (online), April 13-16, 2023.
4. "The Study of War and Peace -- Theoretical Approaches." Panel Discussant, *Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association* (online), March 28-April 2, 2022.
5. "International Relations: National Security, International Conflicts, and Theory." Poster Panel Discussant, *Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association* (online), March 28-April 2, 2022.
6. "Building Peace: Terrorism, Violence, and Conflict Management." Poster Panel Discussant, *Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association* (online), March 28-April 2, 2022.

7. "Why the World is Getting Smaller: The Interdisciplinary Microfoundations of Peace and Democracy." Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association* (online), March 28-April 2, 2022.
8. "Goals of U.S. Involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria." Panel Chair, The American Foreign Policy and Intelligence Conference, University Central Florida, April 21, 2022
9. "Forum on Ukraine." Roundtable, University Central Florida Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (online). February 25, 2022.
10. "The Commercial Origins of Civil Liberties" (with Demet Mousseau). Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference* (online), April 14-18, 2021.
11. "Four Ways We Know the Democratic Peace Correlation Does Not Exist in the State of Knowledge." Presented at the *20th Annual Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference*, June 22-24, 2019.

Professional Activities

Editorial Board Memberships: *International Studies Quarterly*, 2010-2014.

Organized Panels & Conferences:

- *Eurasian Peace Science Conference* annual meetings 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013. Affiliated with the *Peace Science Society*. Meetings continue to be convened annually, now having been held in four different countries in the Eurasian region.
- "The Emerging Capitalist Peace," panel organized for the *Conflict Processes* section of the Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, Washington DC, September 2010.

Grant Reviewer: *National Science Foundation*; *Israel Science Foundation*; *Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences*.

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Civil Wars*;

Conflict Management and Peace Science; European Journal of International Relations; Foreign Policy Analyses; International Area Studies Review; International Interactions; International Journal of Disaster Relief; International Organization; International Security; International Studies Quarterly; International Studies Review; International Theory; Journal of Conflict Resolution; The Journal of Global Security Studies; Journal of International Relations and Development; Journal of Inter-Cultural Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Oxford University Press; Review of International Studies; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; Security Journal; Social Science; Studies in Comparative International Development; Terrorism and Political Violence; University of Pennsylvania Press; World Development; Security Studies.

Conference Paper, Discussant & Panel Chair Participations: *American Political Science Association* (various years), *Association for the Study of Nationalities* (2007), *European Peace Science Conference* (2002), *European Consortium for Political Research* (2005, 2007, 2009), *International Political Science Association* (2000), *International Studies Association* (various years), *International Association for Conflict Management* (2001, 2005), *Peace Science Society (International)* (various years).

Professional Affiliations: *American Political Science Association, Eurasian Peace Science Network, International Studies Association, International Association for Conflict Management, Network of European Peace Scientists, Peace Science Society (International), Standing Group on International Relations of the European Consortium for Political Research.*

Courses Taught

University of Central Florida: *The Scientific Study of Security* (PhD); *Theoretical Approaches in Security Studies* (PhD); *American Foreign Policy* (BA, MA & PhD); *International Politics* (MA & PhD); *International Relations Theory* (BA); *Global Political Issues* (BA); *Global Perspectives* (BA); *The Cold War* (BA)

Koç University: *International Relations Pro-seminar* (PhD); *International Conflict and Security* (MA); *International Conflict and Security* (BA); *Introduction to International Relations* (BA); *Research Methods* (BA); *American Politics and Foreign Policy* (BA); *Globalization and International Relations* (BA).

Administrative Positions

Graduate Coordinator (PhD and MA), Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, 2014 – 2017

Coordinator, Department of International Relations (Koc University, 2000-2002)

Service (various years)

Departmental UCF: PhD Committee (chair); MA Committee (chair); PhD Assessment (chair); MA Assessment (chair); Promotion & Tenure Committee; Promotion (3); SPCIS small grant comm (chair); PhD Curricula; Policies and Procedures; Workload; Unit Bylaws; Personal; Dean's Advisory; Personnel; 7-Year Assessment; Journal List; Strategic Planning; Job Search (3); Annual Evaluation Standards and Procedures (chair)

College of Sciences UCF: Promotion; Curriculum; Research; Sabbatical

Community. Interviews Gulan Magazine (various years).