

Nikola Mirilovic

University of Central Florida
Howard Phillips Hall 311 D
Orlando, FL 32816

Telephone: (407) 823-2984
Email: nikola.mirilovic@ucf.edu
<https://sciences.ucf.edu/politics/person/nikola-mirilovic>

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago

Ph.D. in Political Science, March 2009

M.A. in International Relations with a
Specialization in International
Political Economy, Committee on
International Relations (CIR), June 2002

Hunter College, City University of New York

B.A. in Political Science and Special Honors
Curriculum, *summa cum laude*, May 2000

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2017-present

Associate Professor, University of Central Florida,
School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA)

2011-2017

Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida,
School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs

2009-2011

Research Associate and Professorial Lecturer, The George
Washington University, Sigur Center for Asian Studies,
The Elliott School of International Affairs

HONORS

2005-2006

Program on International Security Policy (PISP) Fellowship, the
University of Chicago

2002

Graduate Tuition Fellowship and Stipend, the University of Chicago

2000

Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Forthcoming Tatiana Haykin; Jonathan Fox & **Nikola Mirilovic**. “Religious Discrimination, Diaspora, and United Nations Voting on Israel.” Accepted for publication by *Foreign Policy Analysis*.
- 2020 David Siroky, Milos Popovic and **Nikola Mirilovic**. “Unilateral secession, international recognition, and great power contestation.” *Journal of Peace Research*. Available: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022343320963382>
- 2020 **Mirilovic, Nikola** & David Siroky. "International Recognition, Religion, and the Status of Western Sahara" *Acta Politica*. Available: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41269-020-00166-4>
- 2019 Kim, Myunghee, **Nikola Mirilovic** & Jonathan Knuckey. “Attitudes toward Homosexuality and Perceptions of the United States Abroad.” *Social Science Quarterly* 100(1): 123-139.
- 2018 **Mirilovic, Nikola** & Philip Pollock. “Latino Partisanship and Transnational Politics.” *Political Science Quarterly* 133(1): 127-149.
- 2017 **Mirilovic, Nikola** & David Siroky. "International Recognition and Religion: A Quantitative Analysis of Kosovo’s Contested Status.” *International Interactions* 43(4): 668-687.
- 2017 **Mirilovic, Nikola** & Myunghee Kim. “Ideology and Threat Perceptions: American Public Opinion toward China and Iran.” *Political Studies*. 65(1): 179-198. First published online April 12, 2016
- 2016 **Mirilovic, Nikola**. “Regime Type and Diaspora Politics: A Dyadic Approach.” *Foreign Policy Analysis*. First published online May 1, 2016.
- 2015 **Mirilovic, Nikola** & David Siroky. “Two States in the Holy Land? International Recognition and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.” *Politics and Religion*, 8(2): 263-285.
- 2015 **Mirilovic, Nikola**. “Regime Type, International Migration and the Politics of Dual Citizenship Toleration.” *International Political Science Review*, 36(5): 510–525. First published online May 29, 2014.
- 2010 **Mirilovic, Nikola**. “The Politics of Immigration: Dictatorship, Development, and Defense.” *Comparative Politics*, 42(3): 273-292.

Edited Book

- 2016 Freeman, Gary & **Nikola Mirilovic** (editors). *Handbook on Migration and Social Policy*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.

Book Chapters and Research Encyclopedia Entries

- 2019 **Mirilovic, Nikola**. "War and Religion: the Yugoslav Wars of the 1990s." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.679> (peer reviewed)
- 2016 Freeman, Gary & **Nikola Mirilovic**. "Introduction: Immigration and Social Policy: Key Trends and Debates," in *Handbook on Migration and Social Policy*, Gary Freeman and Nikola Mirilovic, eds. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.
- 2012 **Mirilovic, Nikola** & Deepa Ollapally. "Realists, Nationalists and Globalists and the Nature of Contemporary Rising Powers," in *Worldviews of Aspiring Powers: Exploring Foreign Policy Debates Abroad*, Henry Nau & Deepa Ollapally, eds. Oxford University Press, pp. 210-234 (peer reviewed)

PRESENTATIONS**Invited and Fully Funded Presentations**

- 2012 Summer International Symposium. Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan. "A Preliminary Theory of Contested International Recognition of New States: The Case of Kosovo"
- 2012 International Seminar: States, Nations and Secessionist Movements in Slavic Eurasia. Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan. "Institutions, Security, and the Politics of Immigration"
- 2010 Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, India. "Democracy and Great Power Politics: The Domestic Sources of U.S. Foreign Policy towards China and India"
- 2010 The Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi, India. "Democracy and Great Power Politics: The Domestic Sources of U.S. Foreign Policy towards China and India"
- 2010 MacArthur Asia Security Initiative (MASI) 2010 Annual Meeting. The East Asia Institute, Seoul, Republic of Korea. "Past and Present of East Asian Community" (memo)

2007 Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT. “A Theory of Conscription: Loyalty, Threats, and Labor Markets”

International Conferences

International Studies Association (ISA) annual meetings:

2019 Toronto, Canada. Mirilovic, Nikola and Samuel Schiffer. “Political Parties and the Status of Refugees in South Asia and the Middle East”

Andrew Boutton and Nikola Mirilovic. “Religious Discrimination and Foreign Aid”

2017 Baltimore, MD: “Regime Type and Emigration”

“No Exit? Religion and the Politics of Emigration?”

2016 Atlanta, GA: “Public Opinion and Immigration Federalism: Comparing the European Union and the United States”

Mirilovic, Nikola & Philip Pollock. “Latino Partisanship and Transnational Politics”

2015 New Orleans, LA: “Ideology, Federalism and Immigration: Comparing the US and the EU”

Mirilovic, Nikola & Myunghee Kim. “Global Citizens’ Perceptions of Obama and Putin”

2014 Toronto, Canada: Mirilovic, Nikola & Philip Pollock. “Latino Partisanship and Transnational Politics”

2013 San Francisco, CA: “Explaining Dual Citizenship Recognition”

Mirilovic, Nikola, David Siroky & Joshua Caron. “Contested Recognition: Evidence from Kosovo and Western Sahara”

2012 San Diego, CA: “A Theory of Diaspora Engagement Policymaking”

2009 New York, NY: “Explaining Emigration Restrictions”

2007 Chicago, IL: “Regime Type and Immigration”

2006 San Diego, CA: “Regime Type and Immigration”

American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meetings:

- 2020 Online. Mirilovic, Nikola and Myunghee Kim. "Social Conservatism and International Relations: Perceptions of Putin Abroad."
- 2017 San Francisco, CA: "Regime Type and Emigration"
- 2016 Philadelphia, PA" Mirilovic, Nikola & David Siroky. "International Recognition, Religion and the Status of Western Sahara"
- 2015 San Francisco, CA: Mirilovic, Nikola & David Siroky. "Contested Recognition: The Case of Kosovo"
- Kim, Myunghee & Nikola Mirilovic. "Attitudes toward Homosexuality and Perceptions of the United States Abroad"
- 2011 Seattle, WA: "Comparative Diaspora Politics: The Cases of China and India"
- 2008 Boston, MA: "Explaining Emigration Restrictions"
- 2007 Chicago, IL: "Regime Type and Immigration"
- 2006 Philadelphia, PA: "Immigration, Nationalism, and Military Power"
- 2005 Washington, DC: "Regime Type and Immigration"

Other Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL

- 2018 "No Exit? Religion and the Politics of Emigration"
- 2015 Mirilovic, Nikola & Myunghee Kim. "Global Citizens' Perceptions of Obama and Putin"
- 2014 Mirilovic, Nikola & Philip Pollock. "Latino Partisanship and Transnational Politics"
- 2012 "Comparative Diaspora Politics: The Cases of China and India"
- 2011 "Comparative Diaspora Politics in Asia: Non-Resident Indians and the Overseas Chinese"
- 2010 "Regime Type, Urban Bias, and Internal Migration Restrictions"
- 2009 "A Theory of Internal Migration Restrictions"

- 2008 “Explaining Emigration Restrictions: Authoritarianism, Threats, and Large Militaries”
- 2007 “A Theory of Conscription: Loyalty, Threats, and Labor Markets”
- 2006 “International Security and Immigration Policy”
- 2005 “International Inequality and Integration and Regime Type Variation in Eastern Europe”
- 2004 “European Union Expansion and Democratization in Central and Eastern Europe”
- 2019 CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference. Mirilovic, Nikola & Jennifer Hudson. “Emigration and Dimensions of Authoritarianism: A Quantitative Analysis” Belgrade, Serbia.
- 2019 University of Birmingham. The International Politics of Middle East Migration – Problems, Policy, Practice. Mirilovic, Nikola & Jennifer Hudson. “Authoritarianism, Migration Policy and Political Protest.” Birmingham, UK.
- 2019 Arizona State University. “Internationalizing Kosovo 1989-2019: Intervention, Recognition and the Politics of Sovereign Statehood in Comparative Perspective.” Mirilovic, Nikola, David Siroky and Milos Popovic. “The Kosovo Clock: Accounting for the Timing of International Recognition.” Tempe, AZ.
- 2017 International Studies Association – South annual meeting. “Regime Type and Emigration.” Orlando, FL.
- 2016 Warwick University “Unpacking the Sending State: Regimes, Institutions, and non-State Actors in Diaspora & Emigration Politics” Workshop. Coventry, United Kingdom. “Emigration and Criminalization of Homosexuality”
- 2015 Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA. Mirilovic, Nikola & Myunghee Kim. “Global Citizens’ Perceptions of Obama and Putin”
- 2014 Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA. Mirilovic, Nikola & Myunghee Kim. “Ideology and Threat Perceptions: The Views of Americans on China and Iran”
- 2012 Ethnic Politics Workshop IV, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ. Nikola Mirilovic, David Siroky & Joshua Caron. “A Theory of Contested International Recognition”
- 2012 Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, India. “Comparative Diaspora Politics: The Cases of China and India”

- 2012 Political Science Department Colloquium, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. Nikola Mirilovic, David Siroky, & Joshua Caron. "A Theory of Contested International Recognition"
- 2011 43rd Annual Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention, Washington, DC. "A Theory of Diaspora Engagement: The Cases of China, India and Russia"
- 2011 Ethnic Politics Workshop II, The George Washington University, Washington, DC. "A Theory of Diaspora Engagement: Democracy, Nationalism, and International Economic Strategy"
- 2011 Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. "Comparative Diaspora Politics in Asia: Non-Resident Indians and the Overseas Chinese"
- 2011 Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament seminar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. "Comparative Diaspora Politics: The Cases of China and India"
- 2006 Program on International Security Policy workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. "Immigration, Nationalism, and Security"
- 2006 Political Economy Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. "Regime Type and Immigration"
- 2005 The Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. "Institutions and Immigration: Why Dictatorship, Federalism, and National Constituencies Lead to More Immigration"
- 2004 Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. "Regime Type and Population Growth"

GRANTS AWARDED

- 2015 Mirilovic, Nikola & Barbara Kinsey. "The Impact of Diaspora Transnationalism: Migration from India to the United States." **UCF Department of Political Science internal research grant** (\$2,000); additional funding from UCF's College of Sciences (\$1,000) and India Center (\$500)
- 2010 **Sigur Center for Asian Studies Faculty Research Grant, The George Washington University**, (\$3,750)

GRANT ACTIVITY

2017 Listed as Co-PI with 7.00% of C&G External at UCF Academic Research and Grant Information System (ARGIS). PI: Ivan Garibay. Submitted to the National Science Foundation (NSF). Spokes: MEDIUM: SOUTH: Collaborative: Data Observatory for Innovation and Economic Prosperity: A data-intensive initiative in support of science and innovation policy. Funds requested: \$584,894.00. The proposal was declined.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SPSIA, University of Central Florida

Comparative Rising Powers (CPO 6776), Fall 2014

Global Perspectives (INR 4008), Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Immigration Policy (INR 4074), Spring 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020

Introduction to International Relations (INR 2002), Spring 2012

Issues in Domestic Security (INR 7139), Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2021

Political Economy (CPO 4074), Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2016

Politics of Civil Wars (INR6068), Fall 2013, Spring 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2020

Politics of Globalization, (INR 4011), Fall 2011, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

Scope and Methods of Political Science (POS3703), Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2017, Fall 2019

Professorial Lecturer, The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University

Rising Powers: Rivals or Allies (IA 218), Fall 2010 (M.A. class)

STUDENT THESIS SUPERVISION

PhD Thesis Committee Chair

2018-present Jennifer Hudson. "The Dynamics of Territorial Control Shifts in Civil War"

2018-present Davide Dell'isola. "Discrimination, terrorist violence and hostile public opinion: challenges for the integration of Muslim minorities in Western Europe"

PhD Thesis Committee Member

- 2020-present Tad A. Schnaufer II. "The Future of Burden-Sharing in NATO"
- 2019-present Santosh Sapkota. Title TBA
- 2018-2020 Sandor Fabian. "Improving Foreign Militaries -The Effects of U.S. Military Aid in the Form of Education and Training"
- 2018-present Karthikeyan Thiagarajan. "Territorial Salience as a Source of Inter-State Rivalry, War, and Peace"
- 2018-present Miroslav Shapovalov. "Identities, Emotions, and Socioeconomic Conditions: Why Ordinary People Volunteer to the Frontlines"
- 2014-2020 Xiongwei Cao. "Economic Norms Theory and the Rise of China"
- 2014-2016 Marcos Degaut. "Ideas, Beliefs, Strategic Culture, and Foreign Policy: Understanding Brazil's Geopolitical Thought"

M.A. Thesis Chair

- 2013-2015 Melinda Mellott. "Foreign Intervention and Civil War in the Middle East"

M.A. Thesis Committee Member

- 2019 Salah Benhammou. "More Guns, Less Butter, and Officers at the Table: Understanding the Nexus between Military Integration into Politics and Resource Allocations in Authoritarian Regimes"
- 2018-2019 Grayson Lanza. "Comparative Analysis of the Relationship between State Security and Ethnic Minority Oppression."
- 2018-2019 Alanna Fulk. "How Political Violence Helps Explain Organized Crime: A Case Study of Mexico's 'War on Drugs'"
- 2013-2014 Ashley Timmerman. "When do State Leaders Engage in State-Sponsored Repression?"
- 2012-2013 Juliana Velasco. "Regional Organizations and the Durability of Peace"
- 2012-2013 Kenneth Klose. "State Responses to Terrorism within Economic/Political Context"
- 2012-2013 Jonathan Williams. "Incumbent Violence and Insurgent Tactics"

Non-Thesis M.A. Paper Reader

- 2021 Daryl Urbina. "Constructing Peace: Autonomy and Civil War."
- 2017 Robert Hypes. "The Long-Term Effect of Civil War on Income Inequality in Latin America"
- 2016 Victoria Augspurger. "When Leaders Make It Personal: The Consequences of Malignant Narcissistic Individuals in Authoritarian Leadership"
- 2016 Brandon Burmeister. "Proportional Representation in Civil Wars: Challenging the Consociational Model"

Honors Undergraduate Thesis Chair

- 2020 Bryan Cruz. "Más Que Cubano: Linked Fate, Transnationalism, and Generational Differences among Cuban Immigrants."
- 2019-2020 Suhan Rosario. "How Great Power Politics Influences Refugee Policy: Assessing how the US has influenced Responses to the Venezuelan Migration Crisis in Colombia, Peru, and Brazil."
- 2017-2018 Samuel Schiffer. "The Implications of Domestic Party Ideologies on Refugee Policy: a Case Study of Bangladesh and the Rohingya"
- Winner: UCF's May 2018 Distinguished Undergraduate Researcher Award (DURA)
- 2016-2017 Steven Zuardo. "Determinants of Cross-National Trends in Immigrant Integration Policy: A Comparative Case Study of Four Countries in Western Europe"
- 2013 Ratna Okhai. "Muslim Immigration: Assessing the Relationship Between Terrorist Attacks and the Limiting of Muslim Immigration Due to Anti-Islamic Sentiments"

Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member

- 2020-2021 Benjamin Giltner. "The Failure of Third Party Intervention in Civil Wars"
- 2015-2016 Manuel Antonio Serrano. "Iranian Nuclear Program: Domestic Implications"

FIELDWORK

India

- 2012 New Delhi, Ahmedabad, and Thiruvananthapuram; Conducted research interviews on state-level diaspora engagement policymaking within India.
- 2011 New Delhi; Conducted research interviews on the determinants of India's diaspora engagement policymaking.

China

- 2012 Guangzhou; Conducted research interviews on the determinants of China's diaspora engagement policymaking.
- 2010 Beijing and Shanghai; Conducted research on two migration politics issues in China: internal migration regulations and diaspora politics, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Book Reviews

- 2017 *At Home at Two Countries: The Past and Future of Dual Citizenship* by Peter J. Spiro. *International Migration Review* 51(1): e3–e4.
- 2013 *Politics from Afar: Transnational Diasporas and Networks*, edited by Terrence Lyons and Peter Mandaville. *H-Diplo*
- 2010 *The Politics of Citizenship in Europe* by Marc Morjé Howard. *Comparative Political Studies* 43(11): 1535-1539

Reviewer: Journals, Books and Book Proposals

American Political Science Review; *Chinese Journal of Communication*; *Comparative Politics*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *International Interactions*; *International Migration Review*; *International Political Science Review*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Nationalities Papers*; *Politics, Groups and Identities*; Edward Elgar; Guilford Press; Routledge; State University of New York (SUNY) Press

External Reviewer: Grant Proposal

“Transitional Justice in the Aftermath of Violent Conflict,” by Prakash Adhikari, University of Central Michigan (2014)

External Reviewer: Promotion and Tenure Process

Western Galilee College, Israel

Panel Chair or Discussant:

- 2020 Diasporas (APSA annual meeting)
- 2019 The New Role of China in the International System (CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference)
- Cyber, Nuclear and Deterrence (CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference)
- 2019 Quantitative Studies in Religion and International Studies 2: Policy (ISA Annual Meeting)
- 2017 Transnational Diaspora Mobilizations (APSA annual meeting)
- 2017 Migration (ISA-South annual meeting)
- 2016 Unpacking the Sending State: Regimes, Institutions and Non-State Actors in Diaspora and Emigration Politics workshop (ISA annual meeting)
- 2015 Religion and the State (MPSA annual meeting)
- 2013 Diffusion Patterns in Transnational Diaspora Politics (ISA annual meeting)
- 2012 U.S. Foreign Policy (MPSA annual meeting)
- 2012 Transnational Connections (ISA annual meeting)

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2020-2021 Senior Participant. Soran University (Kurdistan-Iraq) and University of Central Florida (UCF) Model United Nations Partnership
- 2020 Facilitated (initiated in 2019 the agreement request) the General Agreement for Collaboration between UCF and the University of Belgrade (Serbia) Faculty of Political Sciences (FPN). The General Agreement was executed on 9/17/2020
- 2019-2021 Member of the University Honors Committee, appointed by the UCF Faculty Senate

SERVICE TO SPSIA

SPSIA Coordinator

2014-present SPSIA Coordinator, Honors Undergraduate Thesis (HUT) Program

SPSIA Committees

Ph.D. Core Exam Committee; Search Committee: Assistant Professor – Methods; Graduate Committee; Undergraduate Committee; Methods Committee; Ph.D. Committee; Ph.D. Program & Planning subcommittee; Ph.D. Student Success subcommittee; Computers and Technology Committee; Outstanding M.A. Thesis Award Committee; Peer Evaluation Advisory Committee; Policy and Procedures Committee; M.A. Committee

SPSIA Ph.D. Summer Methodology Workshop Instructor

2017-2020 Descriptive Statistics, Probability, Inference, Hypothesis Testing