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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science

Central European University
Thesis: *Brussels's burden: (Un)making the global souths in the European Union's preferential trade policy*
Graduated with distinction • GPA: 3.93 / 4.0

Vienna, Austria
2019–24

MA in International Relations

Central European University
Thesis: *Diffusing EU commercial policy preferences through transnational networks in Southeast Asia*
Graduated with distinction • GPA: 3.9 / 4.0

Budapest, Hungary
2015–16

BA in International Studies, major in European Studies

De La Salle University
Thesis: *Normative legitimacy and the EU rule-of-law mission in Kosovo*
Graduated magna cum laude • GPA: 3.65 / 4.0

Manila, the Philippines
2009–12

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Decolonial theory and praxis; politics of knowledge; trade policy; EU in the world; Critical International Relations; Critical European Studies; global political economy; interpretive methodologies and methods; Southeast Asia–EU relations; norms and global governance; (post)development.

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025

First Book Fellow

Independent Social Research Foundation

- Writing a book on the coloniality of the European Union as a global trade power

Teaching Assistant

Parami University • Yangon, Myanmar • February–May

- Supported an online course on *The Art of Argument* with James Batcho

2024

Global Teaching Fellow

Universidad de los Andes • Bogotá, Colombia • August–December

- Course taught: *The Politics of Global Commerce and the Global South*

2022

Mentor

Invisible University for Ukraine, Central European University • April–August

- Mentored Ukrainian BA politics and law students whose education has been disrupted by Russia's war against Ukraine

Project Assistant for the 'Decolonizing the Curriculum?' Project

Yehuda Elkana Center for Teaching, Learning & Higher Education Research, Central European University • March–September

- Interviewed doctoral students to understand their perspectives on the need to question and work towards overcoming Western-centrism at CEU, especially in public policy, political science, and international relations
- Co-wrote a project report on concrete strategies that rethink syllabus-building and modes of teaching and learning through decolonial thinking and praxis, as part of the Open Society University Network's 'Developing Teaching Professionals' programme

2021–25

Visiting Research Fellow

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals · Barcelona, Spain

- Research on the EU's pursuit of norms in global governance through trade
- Funded through the CEU Doctoral Research Support Grant between September 2021 and February 2022

2021

Teaching Assistant

School of Public Policy, Central European University · spring term

- Course taught: *The EU's Role in Global Governance* (with Thilo Bodenstein)
- Designed the course syllabus with an emphasis on juxtaposing both standard and critical writings

2020

Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, Central European University · fall term

- Course taught: *Comparative Case Study Research* (with Carsten Q. Schneider)

Researcher

Department of Economics & Business, Central European University · winter term

- Coded more than 120 European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) policy documents in support of the Horizon 2020 RESPECT project: *Realising Europe's Soft Power in External Cooperation and Trade*

POLICY & PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

2015–18

EU Project Consultant

EU–Philippines Business Network · Budapest, Hungary (overseas post)

- Represented the network in the EU, especially Central and Eastern Europe, in the framework of the Support to European Business in Southeast Asian Markets (SEBSEAM) project co-funded by the European Commission
- Organised outreach missions across Europe and delivered business support inquiries, as part of the network's strategy to promote the Philippines as a trade and investment destination for EU SMEs
- Developed strategic partnerships with EU chambers of commerce, trade agencies, and industry clusters

2013–15

Policy, Advocacy & Research Officer

European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines · Makati City, the Philippines

- Wrote trade policy briefs, position papers, and other advocacy publications
- Represented the chamber in congressional hearings and external relations with government offices and domestic/foreign business groups
- Organised committee meetings and high-level advocacy events

2012 **Bill Drafting Trainee**
Philippine Senate · Pasay City, the Philippines

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

- **Alcazar III, Antonio Salvador M.** “‘Not a gift for the Third World’”: How the European Economic Community’s generosity as a global trade power kept coloniality alive’. In: *Thinking EUropean Studies Otherwise: Empire, Colonialism and Race*, edited by Rosalba Icaza, Beste İşleyen, Jan Orbie, and Siddharth Tripathi.
- **Alcazar III, Antonio Salvador M.** Maria Khristine Alvarez, Joshua Miguel Makalintal, and Andya Paz. ‘Pilipiniana as anticolonial theorising from-us-for-us’. In: *Decolonial Theories and Pedagogies of Liberation: Resistance and Re-Existence*, edited by Jairo I. Fúnez-Flores, Ana Carolina Díaz Beltrán, and Nathalia E. Jaramillo.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- **Alcazar III, Antonio Salvador M.**, Camille Nessel, and Jan Orbie. 2023. ‘Decolonising EU trade relations with the global souths?’. *Journal of Contemporary European Research* 19, no. 2: 181–206.
- Orbie, Jan, **Antonio Salvador M. Alcazar III**, and Tinus Sioen. 2022. ‘A Post-Development Perspective on the EU’s Generalized Scheme of Preferences’. *Politics and Governance* 10, no. 1: 68–78.
- **Alcazar III, Antonio Salvador M.** 2019. ‘Subverting the idea(l) of equal opportunity in global trade: The paradoxes of differentiation for peripheral states’. *Polish Political Science Yearbook* 48, no. 2: 245–66.
- **Alcazar III, Antonio Salvador M.** 2019. ‘EU as principal-orchestrator: Horizontal policy externalisation through intermediaries’. *Global Politics Review* 5, no. 1 & 2: 67–91.

Book chapter

- **Alcazar III, Antonio Salvador M.** 2023. ‘Everything but Arms: The European Commission and its geopolitical discourse on preferential trade for “the most in need”’. In: *The EU in a globalized world*, edited by Thomas Hoerber, Alexandre Bohas, and Stefano Valdemarin, 41–56. London: Routledge.

Editorial

- **Alcazar III, Antonio Salvador M.** ‘Culture of (dis)remembrance: Colonial amnesia in the Europe Union’s trade encounters with the Third World’. *Educational Briefing: How to remember Europe? Contested European remembrance culture(s)*. Schwarzkopf-Stiftung Junges Europa.
- Orbie, Jan, **Antonio Salvador M. Alcazar III**, Anissa Bougrea, Szilvia Nagy, Alvaro Oleart, Jonalyn C. Paz, Rahel W. Sebhatu, Tiffany G. Williams, and Izabella Wódzka. 2023. ‘Editorial: Decolonizing rather than Decentering “Europe”’, *European Foreign Affairs Review* 28, no. 1: 1–8.

Book reviews

- Dani Rodrik, *Straight Talk on Trade: Ideas for a Sane World Economy*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2018, 316 pp., *World Trade Review* 19, no. 3 (2020), 485–88.
- Erik Martinez Kuhonta, *The Institutional Imperative: The Politics of Equitable Development in Southeast Asia*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011, 368 pp., *Romanian Journal of Sociological Studies*, no. 1 (2016), 93–5.

Guest editing

- **Antonio Salvador M. Alcazar III**, Joshua Babcock, Freya Cumberlidge, Taraf Abu Hamdan, Szilvia Nagy, and Izabella Wódzka. 2023. *Beyond the colonial vortex of the 'West': Subverting non-western imperialisms before and after 24 February 2022*. South/South Movement.

INVITED LECTURES & TALKS

- 2025 **Decolonising EU Law Conference** · University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 13–14 July · invited speaker on the EU as a colonial/modern trade power in external relations
- Coloniality, not benevolence: Myanmar and the European Union's trade partnerships with the global souths** · Parami University, Myanmar, 22 April (online)
- 2023 **Roundtable: Teaching and learning in the decolonial future?** · Open Society University Network and LSE Eden Centre for Education Enhancement, 16 May (online)
- Smashing the ivory tower? A workshop on decolonising initiatives in European universities** · EUI Decolonising Initiative, Decolonial Europe Day, 9 May (online)
- Collective keynote by South/South Movement: In and out of the ivory tower: The struggles and silver linings of solidarity-building** · 14th European Graduate Network Conference, Central European University, Austria, 30 March
- Field research methods** · *Gender, the global political economy, and environmental violence* course, CEU Department of Gender Studies, 27 February (online)
- 2022 **Roundtable: Disruption: What, Where, When?** · Diversity, Inclusion & Multi-disciplinarity in European Studies (DIMES) Project, UACES Annual Conference, European School of Political & Social Sciences, France, 5–7 September
- Keynote lecture: Decolonising EU trade relations with the global souths?** Institute for History, Jean Monnet Module, Student Conference: From Multi-Disciplinarity to Inter-Disciplinarity – Opportunities and Limitations, Leiden University, 13 May (online)
- 2020 **Roundtable: Research Ethics, Approaches, and Contingencies in light of COVID-19** · Middle East and North Africa Space, Central European University, 4 December (online)

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Pilipiniana as anticolonial (re)theorising from-us-for-us** · Conference on Resisting Intellectual Imperialism and Epistemic Violence: Towards Autonomous Knowledge Production, University of the Philippines, 9 November (online)
- 2023 **Coloniality and the EU's preferential trade relations with the global souths** · 53rd European Studies Conference, 11 September (online)
- Not a gift for the Third World: Re-historicising the European Economic Community's discourse on generalised trade preferences** · 10th European Workshop in International Studies, Workshop: Post-colonial Hierarchies in World Politics: A Research Agenda, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 12–14 July

Coloniality and the (geo)politics of monitoring missions in EU trade policy discourse · Future of Trade Conference, Österreichische Forschungsförderung für Internationale Entwicklung, Austria, 24 June

Brussels's burden: The coloniality of monitoring missions in EU trade policy discourse · UACES Graduate Forum Research Conference, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Barcelona, Spain, 8 June

Coloniality of power and EU trade policy towards the global souths · 8th EU in International Affairs Conference, Royal Academy of Belgium, Belgium, 4 May

Re-historicising the European Economic Community's generalised tariff preferences · 14th European Graduate Network Conference, Central European University, Austria, 30 March

2022 **Decolonising Public Policy** · Symposium: Small Grants to Promote Inclusive Education Democratic Classrooms and Discipline-Specific Pedagogies, Open Society University Network and Central European University, with Sanat Sogani and Thilo Bodenstein, 22 September (online)

Disruption as dialogue: Decolonising the EU's trade relations with the global souths? · Paper with Camille Nessel and Jan Orbie, 11th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, Section: The Politics of Trade, Panel: Post-colonial perspectives on EU trade politics, Luiss University, Italy, 8–10 June. Also presented at the 17th CEU Annual Doctoral Conference: Politics of uncertainties, 6–8 April (online) and at the 52nd UACES Annual Conference, Panel: Overcoming Post-colonial Eurocentrism in EU trade, European School of Political and Social Sciences, France, 5–8 September

Ruling the unruly?: A critique of EU trade policy as global governance · 15th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Section: Political Economy Beyond Boundaries, Panel: Convulsions of European Capitalism, Panteion University, Greece, 1–4 September. Also presented at the 17th CEU Annual Doctoral Conference: Politics of uncertainties, 6–8 April (online)

2021 **Made in Myanmar: EU preferential trade and transnational market-making** · 5th International Conference on Public Policy, Panel: Producing markets, producing administrations: Theorizing contemporary marketization, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Spain, 5–9 July

Here be dragons: Interpreting EU preferential trade policy · 13th Interpretive Policy Analysis Conference 2021, Panel: The Spatial Politics of Governance, 28 June–2 July (online). Also presented at the 16th CEU Annual Doctoral Conference: Politics in the 21st century, 7–9 April (online)

A Tale of Carrots and Sticks: A Post-Development Perspective on the EU's Generalized System of Preferences · ECPR Joint Sessions, Panel: Designing Sanctions: The European Union in Regional and International Affairs, 17–28 May (online)

2020 **The European Commission and its (de)politicised discourse on trade and peripherality** · Workshop: The EU in a Globalised World, Europe-Asia Institute, École supérieure des sciences commerciales d'Angers, 1 December (online)

AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2025	Independent Social Research Foundation's First Book Fellowship
2024	Open Society University Network's Global Teaching Fellowship ≈ €10.000
2023	CEU PhD Write-up Grant €20.160 CEU Award for Advanced Doctoral Studies €800 European International Studies Association (EISA) Mobility Fund €300
2022	CEU Fieldwork and Archival Research Grant €2.146 UACES/DIMES conference participation funding ≈ €850 CEU Summer School Grant €1.200 CEU PhD Conference Travel Grants €987
2021	CEU Presidential Scholar Award €1.000 CEU Doctoral Research Support Grant €5.000 UACES Scholarship for 'doing essential fieldwork' in European Studies £1.500 CEU PhD Conference Travel Grants €502
2019–22	CEU Doctoral Scholarship (fully funded) ≈ €75.030
2016	CEU MA fieldwork travel grant €442
2015–16	CEU Master's Excellence Scholarship (fully funded) ≈ €18.600
2009–12	Dean's List Award (all trimesters), DLSU College of Liberal Arts

FIELDWORK

2021–22	<p>Brussels, Belgium · fall term 2021 and spring & fall terms 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 65 semi-structured interviews on the EU's generalised scheme of preferences with trade policy elites from the European Commission, European External Action Service, European Parliament, Permanent Representations of EU Member States, and various industry and civil society organisations — Non-participant observation at meetings of the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights, 16 and 17 April
2021	<p>Budapest, Hungary · winter term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Collaborative multi-sited ethnography on the spatiality of 'migrant' marketplaces in Vienna's Brunnenmarkt and Budapest's Józsefvárosi piac — Conversational walking interviews with market visitors and participant observation at Józsefvárosi piac
2016	<p>Brussels, Belgium · spring term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 8 semi-structured interviews on the role of chambers of commerce in EU external trade relations with policy elites from the European Commission, European External Action Service, European Parliament, and various European business organisations

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

2022	<p>Historical Archives of the European Union · Florence, Italy · June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Research on the European Economic Community's trade policy discourse towards the 'Third World' in the sixties and seventies
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- 2021 **Historical Archives of the European Commission** · Brussels, Belgium · October & November
- Research on the European Economic Community's trade policy discourse towards the 'Third World' in the sixties and seventies
 - Co-funded by the University Association for Contemporary European Studies

FURTHER TRAINING

- 2022 **Social Research Methods: Interpretive Research Methods** · Radboud Summer School, Radboud University, the Netherlands, 20–24 June
- 2021 **Ethnographic Methods** · online course elective, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University, winter term
- Issues in Interpretive Research / Field research, COVID, and social media / Interviewing / Documents and Beyond** · Virtual Methods Clinics, Women's Caucus for Political Science and Interpretive Methodologies & Methods Conference Group @ APSA, 22 January, 19 February, 16 April and 21 May
- Ethical Research** · online professionalisation workshop, Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations, Central European University, 15 January
- Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans: Course on Research Ethics (TCPS 2: CORE)** · Panel on Research Ethics, Canada, 11 January
- 2020–21 **Research Ethics for the CIVICA Network** · online training series, Hertie School, Berlin, Germany, 9 & 16 December 2020 and 21 & 28 January 2021
- 2020 **Writing Your Teaching Philosophy Statement** · online workshop, Center for Teaching and Learning, Central European University, 20 November
- Synchronous and blended synchronous online teaching and Asynchronous online course design and facilitation** · webinars, Center for Teaching and Learning, Central European University, 6–7 July

SERVICE (TO PROFESSION, UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY)

Reviewed for *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Politique Européenne*, *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*, and *Global Politics Review*.

- 2024 **Convenor** · Workshop Series: Interpretive Research in Political and Global Studies, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia, 5, 12, 18 and 25 November
- 2023 **Co-convenor** · Themed Track: (En)countering Europe as Global, Othered and Transperipheral Voices, 53rd European Studies Conference, Queen's University Belfast, United Kingdom
- 2021 **Organising committee member** · 16th CEU Annual Doctoral Conference: Dis/continuities: Politics in the 21st century, 7–9 April (online)
- Chair** · Thesis Writing Workshop: Politics in the Global South, Department of Political Science, Central European University, winter 2021
- 2021–now **Co-founder and co-organiser** · South/South Movement (southsouthmovement.org)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

University Association for Contemporary European Studies • International Public Policy Association

LANGUAGES

Buhi'nən (mother tongue) • Tagalog (fluent) • English (fluent) • French (B1) • Castellano (B1)