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University of North Texas
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Academic Employment and Affiliations

Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of North Texas (2018-)

Executive Director, Peace Science Society (International), (November 2019-)

Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas (2015- 2017)

Assistant/ Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of North Texas (2006-2015).

Co-Director, Social Conflict Analysis Database (www.scaddata.org)

Associate, Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin (2009-).

Associate, John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University (2007-)

Associate, Center for the Study of Civil War/International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (2005-)

Associate, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego. (Sept 2000 -)

Education

PhD, Political Science, University of California, San Diego (2006).

Dissertation: *Rebels Without Borders: State Boundaries, Transnational Opposition, and Civil Conflict*.

B.A., University of California, San Diego (2000).

Majors: Political Science & Third World Studies

Community college credit: Mesa College, 1996-1998.

Publications and Conference Papers

•Books & Monographs

2010. *Transnational Insurgencies and the Escalation of Regional Conflict: Lessons for Iraq and Afghanistan*. Carlisle, PA: U.S. Army War College.

2009. *Rebels Without Borders: Transnational Insurgencies in World Politics*. Cornell University Press.

- Winner of the 2010 Distinguished Book Award, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration (ENMISA) section of the International Studies Association.

2001. *The International Migration of the Highly Skilled: Demand, Supply, and Development Consequences in Sending and Receiving Countries*. (co-edited with Wayne A. Cornelius and Thomas J. Espenshade) La Jolla, CA: Center for Comparative Immigration Studies.

•Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

35) 2024. “Strategic Humanitarianism: Host States and Refugee Policy.” (with Burcu Savun). *Annual Review of Politics*. 27.

34) 2023. “Student Protest, Violent Interactions, and State Repression.” (with Ayal Feinberg) *Journal of Peace Research*. Forthcoming.

33) 2021. “Conflict Delegation in Civil Wars.” *International Studies Review* (forum). 23(4): 2048-2078

32) 2021. “Climate Variability and Irregular Migration to the European Union.” (with Fabien Cottier). *Global Environmental Change*. 69. 102275

31) 2020. “Electoral Integrity and Election-Related Conflict.” (with Christopher Linebarger). *Democracy and Security* 16(3): 260-280.

30) 2020. “Merging Actors with Events: Introducing the Social Conflict Analysis Dataset – Organizational Properties (SCAD-OPs).” (with Ayal Feinberg & Kelsey Ann Naughton). *International Interactions* 46(1): 133-149.

29) 2019. “Ethnicity, Nonviolent Protest, and Lethal Repression in Africa.” (with Cullen Hendrix). *Journal of Peace Research* 56(4): 469-484.

28) 2018. "Who is a Terrorist? Ethnicity, Group Affiliation, and Understandings of Political Violence." (with Vito D'Orazio). *International Interactions* 44(6): 1017-1039.

27) 2017. “Political Mobilization and Government Targeting: When do Dissidents Challenge the State?” (with Brandon Stewart). *Comparative Political Studies*. 50(7): 963-991

26) 2017. “A House Divided: Threat Perception, Military Factionalism, and Repression in Africa.” (with Cullen Hendrix). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 61(8): 1653-1681

25) 2017. “New Directions in the Study of Ethnopolitics.” *Ethnopolitics*. 16(1):60-65.

24) 2015. “No News is Good News? Mark and Recapture for Event Data when Reporting

Probabilities are Less than One.” (with Cullen Hendrix). *International Interactions*. 41(2): 392-406.

23) 2015. “Elections and Social Conflict in Africa: 1990-2009.” (with Christopher Linebarger). *Studies in Comparative and International Development*. 50(1): 23-29.

22) 2014. “Climate Shocks and Political Violence.” (with Cullen Hendrix). *Global Environmental Change*. 28: 239-250.

21) 2014. “External Rebel Sponsorship and Civilian Abuse: A Principal-Agent Analysis of Wartime Atrocities.” (with Reed Wood and David Siroky). *International Organization*. 98(3): 633-661.

20) 2013. “Non-State Actors in Civil Wars: a New Dataset.” (With David Cunningham and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 30(5): 516-531.

19) 2013. “Transborder Ethnic Kin and Civil War.” (with Lars-Erik Cederman, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, and Julian Wucherpfennig). *International Organization*, 67(2): 389-410

18) 2013. “Violence and Ethnic Segregation: A Computational Model Applied to Baghdad.” (with Nils Weidmann). *International Studies Quarterly*, 57(1): 52-64.

17) 2013. “No Good Deed Goes Unpunished: Refugees, Humanitarian Aid, and Terrorism.” (with Seung-Whan Choi). *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(1): 53-75.

16) 2012. “Social Conflict in Africa: A New Database.” (with Cullen Hendrix, Jesse Hamner, Christina Case, Chris Linebarger, Emily Stull, and Jennifer Williams). *International Interactions*, 38(4): 503-511.

15) 2012. “Climate Change, Rainfall, and Social Conflict in Africa.” (with Cullen Hendrix). *Journal of Peace Research*. 49(1): 35-40.

14) 2011. “Explaining External Support for Insurgent Groups.” (with David Cunningham and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). *International Organization*. 65(4): 709-744.

13) 2010. “The Delegation of War to Rebel Organizations.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 54(3):493-515.

12) 2009. “It Takes Two: A Dyadic Analysis of Civil War Duration and Outcome.” (with David Cunningham and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53(4): 570-597.

- Recipient of the International Association for Conflict Management, 2011 Outstanding Article Award.

11) 2008. “The Externalities of Civil Strife: Refugees as a Source of International Conflict.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 52(4): 787-801.

- 10) 2008. "Fighting at Home, Fighting Abroad: How Civil Wars Lead to International Disputes." (with Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Kenneth A. Schultz). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 52(4): 479-506.
- 9) 2008. "From Climate Change to Conflict?: No Consensus Yet." *Journal of Peace Research*. 45(3): 315-326.
- 8) 2008. "International Relations, Domestic Politics, and Asylum Admissions in the United States." (with Marc R. Rosenblum). *Political Research Quarterly*. 61(1):104-121.
- 7) 2008. "No Shelter Here: Rebel Sanctuaries and International Conflict." *Journal of Politics*. 70(1): 54-66.
- 6) 2007. "Transnational Rebels: Neighboring States as Sanctuary for Rebel Groups." *World Politics*. 59(2): 217-242.
- 5) 2007. "Ruthless Rulers: Coalition Size and the Severity of Civil Conflict." (with Lindsay Heger). *International Studies Quarterly*. 51(2): 385-403.
- 4) 2007. "Refugees and the Study of Civil War." *Civil Wars*. 9(2):127-141. Shortened version reprinted as: "Flüchtlinge und das Studium von Bürgerkrieg." *Wissenschaft und Frieden*, 2008. 2(May):35-39.
- 3) 2007. "Does Border Enforcement Deter Unauthorized Immigration?: the Case of Mexican Migration to the United States." (with Wayne A. Cornelius). *Regulation and Governance*. 1(2): 139-153.
- 2) 2006. "Refugees and the Spread of Civil War." (with Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). *International Organization*. 60(2):335-366.
- 1) 2004. "Norms and Interests in U.S. Asylum Enforcement." (with Marc R. Rosenblum). *Journal of Peace Research*. 41(6): 677-697.

•Book Chapters and Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

- 14) 2020. "Militias and the Iraqi State: Shifting Modes of Indirect Governance." In, *The Governor's Dilemma: Indirect Governance Beyond Principals and Agents*. London: Oxford University Press.
- 13)2019. "Conclusion: What Academia Can Contribute to Refugee Policy." *Journal of Peace Research*. 56(1): 146-151.
- 12) 2019. "Refugees, Forced Migration, and Conflict: Introduction to the Special Issue." *Journal of Peace Research* 56(1): 5-11.
- 11) 2016. "Non-State Actors in Civil War." (with David Cunningham and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). In, *Peace and Conflict 2016*. David Backer, Ravi Bhavnani, and Paul Huth, eds.

Boulder, Co: Paradigm.

10) 2016. "Trends in Civil War Data: Geography, Organizations, and Events." In, *What do We know About Civil Wars*. T. David Mason and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, eds. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

9) 2015. "Best Practices in the Collection of Conflict Data." *Journal of Peace Research*. 52(1): 105-109.

8) 2014. "Climate Change and Conflict: Making Sense of Disparate Findings." *Political Geography*. 43: 1-5

7) 2014. "The Political Geography of Climate Vulnerability, Conflict, and Aid in Africa." (with Joshua Busby and Clionadh Raleigh). In, *Peace and Conflict 2014*. David Backer, Johnathan Wilkenfeld, and Paul Huth, eds. Boulder, Co: Paradigm.

6) 2014. "Forced Migration as a Cause and Consequence of Civil War." In, *Handbook of Civil Wars*. Edward Newman and Karl DeRouen, eds. New York: Routledge.

5) 2012. "Civil Wars." (with Clayton Thyne). In, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Paul F. Diehl, and James D. Morrow, eds. *Guide to the Scientific Study of International Processes*. West Sussex, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.

4) 2010. "Science and the International Politics of Climate Change." (with Cullen Hendrix). *Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relation*. 11(2): 27-41.

3) 2008. "US Asylum and Refugee Policy towards Muslim Nations Since 9/11." In, Terri Givens, Gary P. Freeman, and David L. Leal, eds. *Immigration Policy and Security: U.S., European, and Commonwealth Perspectives*. London, UK: Routledge

2) 2007. "Civil War and Interstate Disputes." (with Kristian Skrede Gledistch). In, Kaare Strøm and Magnus Öberg, eds. *Resources, Governance and Civil Conflict*. London, UK: Routledge.

1) 2007. "Zimbabwe." (with Cullen Hendrix). In, Uk Heo and Karl DeRouen, eds. *Civil Wars of the World: Major Conflicts Since World War II*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

•Policy Reports, Blog Posts, and Popular Press

30) 2024. Assisting Afghan Refugees Must be a Priority for Congress. *Niskanen Center*, April 24, 2024.

29) 2023. Accepting Chinese Asylum Seekers is Moral and Strategic: Congress can Make the Process Safer. *Niskanen Center*. September 11, 2023

- 28) 2022. Let's Support Ukrainian Refugees but not Ignore the Plight of Others. *Niskanen Center*. March 31, 2022
- 27) 2021. The US Can Promote Democracy and Religious Freedom in Asia Through Migration Policy. *Niskanen Center*, April 1, 2021.
- 26) 2020. "Why We Shouldn't Call Militias, 'Militias.'" *Political Violence at a Glance*. October 19, 2020.
- 25) 2020. Restoring the United States' Refugee Resettlement Program. (with Larry Yungk) Washington, DC. *Niskanen Center*, September 22, 2020.
- 24) 2019. *Science of Resistance*. Contributing Author. *Assessing Revolutionary and Insurgent Strategies Series*. Fort Bragg, NC: United States Army Special Operations Command.
- 23) 2019. Insiders Perspectives: The Forgotten Refugee Resettlement Consensus and Motivation. Washington, DC. *Niskanen Center*. September 17, 2019.
- 22) 2019. "Congress Should Push President Trump to Help Venezuelan Refugees" (with Matthew La Corte). *Niskanen Center*, February 20, 2019.
- 21) 2018. "Should Robert Bowers, the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting Suspect, Be Called a Terrorist?" *Monkey Cage*. *Washington Post*. November 1, 2018.
- 20) 2018. "We Need a Global Framework to Address Climate Migration." *Exodus: The Climate Migration Crisis*. The Weather Channel. October 19, 2018.
- 19) 2018. *The Strategic Case for Refugee Resettlement*. Washington, DC. Niskanen Center
- 18) 2017. "Trump Reminded me Why I'm an Academic." *Duck of Minerva*. February 28, 2017.
- 17) 2016. "What the Iranian Revolution can Teach us About the US Presidential Election." *Political Violence at a Glance*. November 25, 2016.
- 16) 2016. "After Paris, What's the Status of Environmental Refugees?" (with James Hollifield). *New Security Beat*. January 7, 2016.
- 15) 2015. "Joe Public v. Sue Scholar: Support for the Use of Force." (with Michael Horowitz). *Political Violence at a Glance*. July 27, 2015.
- 14) 2015. "Data Challenges in Conflict Research." (with Henrik Urdal). *Political Violence at a Glance*. February 6, 2015.
- 13) 2014. "The Syrian Refugee Crisis and Conflict Spillover." (with Kristian Gleditsch). *Political Violence at a Glance*. February 11, 2014.

- 12) 2014. "Of Polls and Public Engagement in International Relations." *Duck of Minerva*. March 8, 2014.
- 11) 2014. "Understanding the Targets of Social Conflict." (with Brandon Stewart). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy Brief no. 23.
- 10) 2013. "Can Forecasting Conflict Help to Make Better Foreign Policy Decisions?" *The Monkey Cage*. July 28, 2013.
- 9) 2013. "Explaining Government Repression in Africa." (with Cullen Hendrix). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy brief no. 19.
- 8) 2013. "Elections and Social Conflict in Africa." (with Christopher Linebarger). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy brief no. 6.
- 7) 2012. "Refugees, Transnational Rebels, and the Syrian Civil War." *Political Violence at a Glance*. October 4, 2012.
- 6) 2012. "Climate Shocks and Political Violence: Beyond Scarcity, Beyond Africa." (with Cullen Hendrix). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy brief no. 3.
- 5) 2011. "Arming Syria's Rebels." *Duck of Minerva*. November 16, 2011.
- 4) 2011. "The Brewing Storm? Climate Change, Rainfall, and Social Conflict in Africa" (with Cullen Hendrix). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy brief no. 2.
- 3) 2008. "Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on Migration and Conflict." (with Clionadh Raleigh and Lisa Jordan). *Social Dimensions of Climate Change*. Washington, DC: World Bank working paper.
- 2) 2007. "The New Myth About Climate Change." *Foreign Policy*. Web Exclusive. August 17.
- 1) 2007. "Climate Change and Conflict: the Migration Link." (with Nils Petter Gleditsch and Ragnhild Nordås). *International Peace Academy: Coping with Crisis Working Paper Series*. New York: International Peace Academy. Reprinted in part under as 'Climate Change May Not Cause War', in Lauri S. Freeman, ed., *Introducing Issues with Opposing Viewpoints: War*. Farmington Hills: MI: Greenhaven (24-1), 2009.

•Book Reviews

Manuel Vogt. 2020. *Mobilization and Conflict in Multiethnic States*. New York: Oxford University Press. *Perspectives on Politics*. 18(3): 971-972.

Simon Dalby. 2011. *Security and Environmental Change*. Cambridge, UK: Polity; reviewed together with, Richard A. Matthew, Jon Barnett, Bryan McDonald, and Karen L. O'Brien, eds. *Global Environmental Change and Human Security*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. *Perspectives on Politics*. 9(1): 125-127.

Kelly Greenhill. 2011. *Weapons of Mass Migration*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. *International Studies Review*. 12(4): 640-642.

Yossi Shain. 2008. *Kinship and Diasporas in International Affairs*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press. *Political Science Quarterly*. 124(2): 383-384.

Erin K. Jenne. 2007. *Ethnic Bargaining: the Paradox of Minority Empowerment*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. *Comparative Political Studies* 41(6): 886-889.

Journal of Peace Research, book notes: Michael Mann, *The Dark Side of Democracy*; Sarah Kenyon Lischer, *Dangerous Sanctuaries*; Raimo Väyrynen, ed. *The Waning of Major War*. Boaz Atzili, *Good Fences, Bad Neighbors*.

•Undergraduate Thesis

2000. “The Domestic Uses of International Law: Refugee Policy in the United States and Canada.” Department of Political Science, UC San Diego. *Recipient of Sanford Lakoff Award for Most Outstanding Honors Thesis in Political Science*.

Other Academic Employment and Service

•Visiting Scholar

Center for International Conflict Resolution, Columbia University (February-May 2012).
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich (January-July 2008).
University of Essex, British Academy Fellow (summer 2007).
Centre for the Study of Civil War/International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (summer 2005).

•Other Employment & Service

Advisory Board Member, Refugee Services of Texas. (2021-2023)
Guest Editor, *Journal of Peace Research*, Special Issue on Refugees and Conflict (Jan 2019)
Editor, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, (2016-2018)
Archer Fellowship Selection Committee, UT Dallas (2016).
Program Committee, UT Dallas, Political Science (2015-2016).
Advisory Board, Teaching & Research in International Politics (TRIP) (2014-)
Council Member, American Political Science Association – Conflict Processes (2014-2015)
Program Organizer, American Political Science Association – Conflict Processes (2014)
Research and Workshop Grants Committee, International Studies Association (2014-2016)
Council Member, Peace Science Society (2013-2016)
Program Organizer, American Political Science Association – International Security. (2013)
Director, Peace Research Laboratory, University of North Texas.
Coordinator, Human Security, Democracy, and Development Research Cluster, University of North Texas (2011-2014).
Local Organizer, Peace Science Society (International), 2010 Annual Meeting; Ft. Worth, TX.
Graduate studies committee, UNT, Political Science Dept (2006-2008; 2010-2013).
Member at large, Ethnicity, Nationalism, Migration Section of the International Studies Assoc. (2008-2010).
Martin colloquium committee, UNT, Political Science Dept (2007-2010).

Executive committee, UNT, Political Science Department (2008-2009; 2012-2014; 2018-2020).
Political economy faculty search committee chair, UNT, Political Science Dept (2007).
Guest editor, Civil Wars. Special issue on Refugees and Civil War (Vol. 9 Issue 2)
Visiting instructor, Dept. of Political Science, UC San Diego (Spring quarter 2006).
Conference organizer, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, Annual Undergraduate Research Conference (2001, 2002, 2003).
Conference organizer, Forced Migration, Global Security, and Humanitarian Assistance, UC San Diego (12/03/2002).
Research assistant, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego (9/2000-6/2003)
Manuscript/ grant reviewer: American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Cambridge University Press; Chicago University Press; Cornell University Press; Civil Wars; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Ecological Economics; Environment and Development Economics; Environmental Letters; Ethics and Global Politics; Ethics and International Affairs; Ethnopolitics; European Journal of International Relations; European Union Politics; Global Environmental Change; Global Environmental Politics; International Interactions; International Migration Review; International Organization; International Security; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of International Relations and Development; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Lexington Books; National Science Foundation; Palgrave MacMillan; Penn State University Press; Political Geography; Political Research Quarterly; Security Studies; Terrorism and Political Violence; University of Pennsylvania Press; World Politics.

Honors, Awards, and Grants

•Grants

International Studies Association, Workshop Grant (\$8,887) (April 2018). *Refugees, Forced Migration, and Conflict*.
 International Studies Association, Workshop Grant (\$9,166) (April 2013). *Best Practices in the Collection of Conflict Data*.
 U of North Texas, Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000) (Summer 2010).
 Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund, UNT. (\$4,000) (2010).
 U.S. Department of Defense, *Climate Change and African Political Stability*. Sub-contract with LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin. (\$780,520) (2009-2013).
 Swiss Network for International Studies, *Refugee Flows and Transnational Ethnic Linkages* (CHF180,000; approx. \$172,000USD).
 U of North Texas, Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000) (Summer 2009).
 U.S. Army War College (\$10,357) (September 2008-September 2009).
 Simmons Foundation Grant; Stephen C. Poe Memorial Scholarship. (\$30,000) (2007).
 British Academy Fellowship, University of Essex (\$10,000) (Summer 2007).
 University of North Texas, Faculty Research Grant (\$5,000) (Fall 2007).
 Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, Dissertation Fellowship (AY 2005-2006).
 California Cultures Research Fellowship, UC San Diego (Summer 2005).
 Earl Warren Fellowship, UC San Diego (2001-2004).

•Honors and Awards

J. David Singer Data Innovation Award, 2017. “Social Conflict Analysis Dataset.” Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association.
International Association of Conflict Management, 2011 Outstanding Article Award.
ENMISA 2010 Distinguished Book Award, International Studies Association organized section on Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration.
Carl Beck Paper Award; best graduate student paper presented at the 2005 International Studies Association meeting (2006).
Martin O. Heisler Paper Award, runner up; International Studies Association section on Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration (2006).
Dina Zinnes Paper Award; best graduate student paper, International Studies Association section on the Scientific Study of International Processes (2004).
Sanford Lakoff Award; Best Senior Honors Thesis in Political Science (2000).
Phi Beta Kappa (2000).
Golden Key National Honor Society (1998).
Stout Scholarship (1998-1999).

Teaching

University of North Texas: Introduction to International Relations (PSCI 3810); Conflict and Peace-building in Africa (PSCI 4700); Civil Wars (graduate) (PSCI 5650); Introduction to Peace Studies (PSCI 3500); Introduction to Comparative Politics (PSCI 3600); Ethnic Politics (graduate) (PSCI 5650); Politics of Immigration (PSCI 4700); Protest and Social Movements (PSCI 4700); Scope and Methods (PSCI 5350)

University of Texas at Dallas. Civil Conflict in Africa (PSCI 4315). Proseminar in Comparative Politics and International Relations (PSCI 6315). Introduction to Comparative Politics (PSCI 3350); Civil Conflict (PSCI 6361)

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology: Political Order and Conflict (graduate seminar; co-taught with Lars-Erik Cederman).

UC, San Diego: Insurgency and Terrorism (PS 142J) (co-taught with Cullen Hendrix).

Graduate Student Advising

PhD Students

Anna Batta (Chair, completed degree in 2013)
Emily Stull (Chair, completed degree in 2013)
Jeremy Backstrom (Chair, completed degree in 2016)
Brandon Stewart (Chair, Completed degree in 2017)
Kelsey Naughton (Chair, left program)
Michael Widmeier (Chair, Completed degree in 2020)
Jason Quinn (Committee member, completed degree in 2010)
Madhav Joshi (Committee member, completed degree in 2010)
Eric Keels (Committee member, completed degree in 2016)
Christopher MacCauley (Committee member, completed degree in 2017)
Meredith Winn (Committee Member, completed degree in 2020)

Christopher Linebarger (Committee member, completed degree in 2013)
Seraina Ruegger (ETH Zürich, committee member, completed degree in 2013)
Fabien Cottier (University of Geneva, committee member, completed degree in 2020)

MA Students

Kyle Allen (Committee member)
Alexander Wilson (Committee member)
Eliza Kelly (Committee member, completed degree in 2013)
Attaphorn Samphansakul (Committee member, completed degree in 2008)
Ashley Townsend (Committee member, Completed Degree in 2008)

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Peace Science Society