**Patrick Taylor Smith**
**Curriculum Vitae**

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## Academic Employment

Assistant Professor, National University Singapore, Department of Political Science
and Global Studies Program (2015-present)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, Center for Ethics in Society (2013-2015)

## Education

University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2008-2013)
PhD in Philosophy, 2013
MA in Philosophy, 2010
Dissertation (Chair: Michael Blake): *A Leap Into Darkness: Domination and the Normative Structure of International Politics*

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL (2005-2008)
MA in Philosophy, 2007

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2000-2004)
A.B. (*magna cum laude*), 2004
Honors Thesis (Advisor: T.M. Scanlon): *Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere: A Qualified Defense of Rawls's Law of Peoples*

## Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy, Normative Ethics, Environmental Ethics (especially climate change and intergenerational justice)

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Law, Biomedical Ethics, History of Early Modern Philosophy
(especially moral and political)

## Publications

*Peer Reviewed Articles*
"Revolutionary Dirty Hands," *The Monist* 101, no. 2

"Cyberattacks as Casus Belli: A Sovereignty Based Account," *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (Early view, 2016)

"Redirecting Threats, the Doctrine of Doing and Allowing, and the Special

Wrongness of Solar Radiation Management," *Ethics, Policy, and the Environment* 17, no. 2, pp. 143-146 (2014)

"The Intergenerational Storm: Dilemma or Domination," *Philosophy and Public Issues* 3, no. 1, pp. 207-244 (2013)

"Constitutivism or Instrumentalism: A Dilemma for Accounts of Transnational Political Authority," *Transnational Legal Theory* 4, no. 3, pp. 374-395 (2013)

*Book Chapters*
"Why Bad Votes Can Nonetheless Be Cast and Why Bad Voters May Cast Them," *Political Ethics,* edited by Emily Crookston, David Killoren, and Jonathan Trerise, Routledge (2017)

"Towards a Richer Account of Cyberharm: The Value of Self-Determination in the Context of Cyberwarfare," in *Ethics and Policies for Cyber Operations*, edited by Mariarosaria Taddeo and Ludovica Glorioso, Philosophical Studies Series, Springer (2017)

"International Domination and a Global Climate Treaty" in *The Ethics of Climate Governance,* edited by Catriona McKinnon and Aaron Maltais, Rowman and Littlefield Press (2015)

"Domination and the Ethics of Solar Radiation Management" in *Engineering the Climate: The Ethics of Solar Radiation Management*, edited by Christopher Preston, Lexington Press (2012)

*Encyclopedia Article*
"International Distributive Justice," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, with Michael Blake (2013)

*Book Reviews*
Review of *Political Utopias: Contemporary Debates* edited by Michael Weber and Kevin Vallier in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Review of *Authorities: Conflicts, Cooperation, and Transnational Legal Theory* by Nicole Roughan in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2014)

Review of *Justice in a Globalized World: A Normative Framework* by Laura Valentini in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 17, no. 3 (2014)

## Works in Progress
"Legitimacy and Non-Domination in SRM Research," (under review)

"Who May Geoengineer: Domination, Revolution, and Solar Radiation Management" (under review)

"Just Research Killer Robots" (under review)

"Justice as Fairness, Political Liberalism, and Animals," (working title, under contract for *John Rawls: Debating the Major Questions,* OUP)

"A New Normative Foundation for Statism" (revise and resubmit)

"Human Rights and Geoengineering Governance" (under review, with Brian Citro)

"Constructing Intergenerational Justice as Intergenerational Non-Domination" (draft in progress)

## Grants and Honors

*Research*

Writing Semester Fellowship, National University Singapore, 2017

Research Grant, National University Singapore, 2016-2019

Graduate Fellowship, Stanford Center for International Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University, 2014-2015

Participant, Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Cornell University, Summer 2014

Participant, Fifth Interdisciplinary Summer School on Climate Engineering, Heidelberg University, Summer 2014

Participant, NEH Summer Seminar: *Liberty, Equality, and Justice: Philosophical Problems in Domestic and Global Contexts,* Christopher Wellman (Director), Washington University, St. Louis, Summer 2012

Research Assistantship, Program on Values in Society at the University of Washington, 2011-2012

Summer Research Fellowship, Nanotechnology and Society Research Group, Northeastern University, Summer 2011

Harvard College Research Project Grant, 2003

*Teaching*

Dean's List for Exceptional Instructors, University of Washington, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2012-2013

Teacher of the Year, Seattle Kaplan Center, 2010-2011

Teaching Award, Philosophy Department, University of Washington, 2009-2010

Elite Teacher Status, Seattle Kaplan Center, 2009 and 2010

List of those Teachers Ranked as Excellent, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Illinois, Fall 2005 and Fall 2006

Teacher of the Year, Champaign Kaplan Center, 2006

## Courses Taught
*Instructor*
> Climate Change Justice, Spring 2018
> Introduction to Global Issues, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, and Spring 2018
> Debates on Human Rights, Fall 2016
> Global Governance, Spring 2016
> Justice and Emerging Technology, Spring 2016
> Politics of Non-violence, Fall 2015
> Social Entrepreneurship for Climate Justice, Spring 2015 (Santa Clara University)
> Global Justice, Spring 2014 and Spring 2015 (with Alex Levitov)
> Medical Ethics, Summer 2013
> Environmental Ethics, Spring 2013
> The Ethics of War and Peace, Summer 2012
> Introduction to Moral Problems, Summer 2011 and Fall 2012
> Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy, Winter 2011

## Other Teaching Experience
*Ethics Consultant for course instructor at Stanford*
> Computer Science, Ethics, and Public Policy, Winter 2014

*Grader*
> Philosophy of Law and the State, 2005
> Ethical Theories, 2006 and 2007

*Secondary Education*
> Harvard Graduate School of Education Undergraduate Teacher Education Program, Secondary Certification in Social Studies, Massachusetts and Illinois

> Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Palos Hills, IL, American Government and American Government ESL, 2004-2005

*Kaplan Test Prep*
> Solo Instructor, LSAT, ACT, SAT, GRE, 2006-2012

## Select Presentations
"Constructing Intergenerational Justice as Intergenerational Non-Domination," Political Theory Workshop Humboldt University, Berlin (Invited, May 2018); Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm (December 2017); Poster Session, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder (August 2017)

"The Distribution of Responsibility for Jus in Bello Across the Defense-Industrial Complex: The Case of Computer Simulations in Military Procurement," Asia-Pacific Chapter of the International Society for Military Ethics, Canberra (Invited, November 2017)

"Legitimacy and Non-Domination in SRM Research," Conference on Legitimacy and Geoengineering, University of Washington, Seattle (November 2017)

"Social Movements and Climate Justice from the Periphery," convener and chair, Climate Engineering Conference 2017, Berlin (October 2017)

"Between Realism and Moralism: the Ethics of Revolution," Conference on Philosophy and Social Science, Institute of Philosophy, Prague (Invited, May 2017)

"Climate Refugees and Disaster Justice," Conference on Disaster Justice, Asia Research Institute, National University Singapore (November 2016)

"Our Duties to Climate Refugees," 10th Annual Conference on Applied Ethics, Hokkaido University (October 2016)

"Who May Geoengineer: Global Domination, Revolution, and Solar Radiation Management," 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado-Boulder (August 2016)

"Moral Risk, Dirty Hands, and International Revolution: The Cases of Nuremberg, the Comintern, and Kosovo," North American Society for Social Philosophy, Carleton University (July 2016)

"Just Killer Robots," Conference on Moral Technologies, Zurich University (July 2016)

"Moral Risk, Dirty Hands, and International Revolution: The Cases of Nuremberg, the Comintern, and Kosovo," Association for Social and Political Philosophy, London School of Economics (June 2016)

"Who May Geoengineer: Global Domination, Revolution, and Solar Radiation Management," Rabinowitz Symposium on Climate Ethics, University of Washington-Seattle (May 2016)

"A Theory of Revolutionary Law-Breaking in International Politics: the Cases of Nuremberg and Kosovo," Political Theory Workshop, Griffith University-NUS (February 2016)

"The Role of Human Rights in Considering Climate Change Research," Climate Engineering Research Symposium-Berlin (Summer 2015, with Brian Citro)

"A Genuine (and Genuinely Kantian) Objection to the World State," Stanford Political Theory Symposium, (Spring 2015)

"A New Normative Foundation for Statism," Department of Political Science and Global Studies Program, National University Singapore (Winter 2015 Invited)

"The Relational Microfoundations of the Right to Exclude: Resolving Two Problems for the Immigration Restrictionist," Philosophy Department, Stanford University, (Winter 2015, Invited)

"International Domination and a Global Climate Treaty," Environmental Studies Program, University of Colorado at Boulder, (Winter 2015, Invited)

"The Relational Microfoundations of the Right to Exclude: Resolving Two Problems for the Immigration Restrictionist," Philosophy Department, Bentley University (Winter 2015, Invited)

"Cyberattacks as Casus Belli: A Sovereignty Based Account," at the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Center of Excellence Workshop on the Ethics and Policies for Cyber Warfare, Oxford University (Fall 2014)

"Two Worries about Indirect Reciprocity Accounts of Intergenerational Cooperation," Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VII, 2014 and at the 5th Interdisciplinary Summer School on Climate Engineering, Summer 2014 (poster)

"Resolving Theoretical Schizophrenia in the Ethics of SRM Research and Deployment," 5th Interdisciplinary Summer School on Climate Engineering (Summer 2014)

"Constitutivism, not Instrumentalism: Coercion, Political Authority, and Transnational Institutions," Third AUSTAT Workshop on Authority Beyond States (Spring 2012) and at a workshop at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Fall 2013)

## Service

Member, Global Studies Committee and Global Studies Search Committee, National University Singapore

Member, North American Society for Social Philosophy Book Award Committee (2016-2017) and Graduate Essay Award Committee (2017-2018)

Conference co-Chair, "Global Rule of Law," with the NUS School of Law and Yale-NUS, February 2017

Referee, *American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Philosophical Studies, European Journal of Political Theory, Journal of Politics. Diametros, Journal of Practical*

*Ethics, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Social Justice Research, Environmental Values, Ethical Perspectives, Ethics, Policy, and the Environment,* and *Environmental Ethics*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Bloomsburg/Continuum*

Graduate Representative, Philosophy Department, University of Washington, 2010-2012

Conference Chairperson, Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, University of Washington, Fall 2009

Moderator, New Materialisms Conference, University of Illinois, Spring 2007

Pedagogy Chairperson, Philosophy Department, University of Illinois, 2005-2007

Graduate Representative, Philosophy Department, University of Illinois, 2005-2006

**Dissertation Abstract:**

**Dissertation Title:** *A Leap into Darkness: Domination and the Normative Structure of International Politics*

My dissertation shows that creating a non-dominating global order both ought to be an urgent political priority and is made much more difficult by the semi-anarchic nature of the international system. I call this the *problem of international domination.* One is dominated when one is subject to the arbitrary—and thereby unaccountable and unchecked—superior power of another. Being so subjected seriously undermines one's freedom and equality. Yet, despite the obvious truth that the international arena is characterized by large differences in power and capabilities, domination has not played a major role in theories of international and global justice. I show that resolving international domination will require revolutionary reform and a radical restructuring of global governance.

In Chapter One, I argue that non-arbitrary deployments of power (i.e., its non-dominating exercise) must be public, transparent, open to contestation, and designed to provide individuals with a minimal amount of social and economic independence. These requirements ultimately demand that one's status as free and equal be assured by a constitutionally ordered, public, and corporate agent, structured by a separation of powers. I then show that the international order is extensively characterized by dominating exercises of power by the powerful against the weak. Chapter Two evaluates the desirability of the world state, considering whether we ought to simply scale domestic institutions up to span the entire globe. The world state could solve the problem of international domination, but all means of creating it would be dominating. Chapter Three evaluates the promise of democratic peace theory, arguing that the internal legitimacy of democratic states does not provide the right kind of public accountability when it comes to foreign policy. Chapter Four explores the ways in which sub-, supra-, and transnational agents have altered the international landscape. I show that these agents lack rightful mechanisms for resolving disputes amongst different governance regimes and lack a rightful means of gaining final decision-making authority. In each case, the proposed institutional reforms fail to resolve the problem of domination *or* would problematically require domination in order to move from the current world to a better one.

Chapter Five discusses the implications and consequences of the failures in previous chapters. I reject both the 'moral nihilism' of the realist tradition that argues that international politics is unconstrained by morality and the complacent view that international justice is achievable with a bit of technocratic tampering. We ought to accept that the achievement of international justice requires a revolutionary 'leap into darkness'; agents of global change must take a 'moral risk' where they perform a dominating action with the hope that reform will come. Yet, such revolutionary action ought not to be considered a moral free-for-all. Borrowing from accounts of civil disobedience, I develop a two-part account of justified revolution. First, revolutionary movements need to model legitimate political authority in their own internal structure. Second and more controversially, revolutionary movements are justified when they *succeed* in bringing about genuine moral improvements in their target polities. I show that this account best expresses the nature of the moral risk revolutionaries take on when they reject even the legitimate entitlements of those in the

unjust system. This is the sense in which reforming the international system is a 'leap into darkness': the system is unjust, it can only be repaired through revolution, and yet revolutions require that revolutionaries take a moral risk, making the moral justification of their behavior dependent on their success.

**Dissertation Committee:** Michael Blake (Chair), Bill Talbott, Steve Gardiner, and Jamie Mayerfeld

## References

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