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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental security, civil war, state violence, social movements, Latin American politics, political sociology, research ethics.

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**University of Warwick** **Coventry, UK**  
Department of Sociology December 2023 – present  
*Assistant Professor*

**Harvard Kennedy School** **Cambridge, USA**  
Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation August 2022 – September 2024  
*Democracy Postdoctoral Fellow*

**University of Oxford** **Oxford, UK**  
St. Hugh's College September 2021-August 2022  
*Stipendiary Lecturer, Politics*

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## EDUCATION

**University of Oxford, Department of Sociology** **Oxford, UK**  
Doctor of Philosophy October 2018-July 2022

**University of Oxford, Latin American Centre** **Oxford, UK**  
Master of Science, Latin American Studies October 2016 - July 2017

**Princeton University** **Princeton, USA**  
Bachelor of Arts, History, Summa Cum Laude September 2012- June 2016

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

Shenk, J. (2023) "Does Conflict Experience Affect Participatory Democracy After War? Evidence from Colombia." *Journal of Peace Research*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221105112>.

- Winner of Elise Boulding Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association's Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict.
- Runner-up for the Cedric Smith Prize, Conflict Research Society.

Shenk, J. (October 2022) "Consultations and Competing Claims: Implementing Participatory Institutions in Colombia's Extractive Industries." *Comparative Politics* 55(1): 1-22.  
<https://doi.org/10.5129/001041522X16358097946287>.

Shenk, J. (July 2015). "Ningún País Entrega a Sus Hijos: Extradition, Nationalism, and Political Legitimacy in Belisario Betancur's Colombia (1982-1984)" *Columbia University Journal of Politics and Society*.

### **Book Chapters**

Shenk, J. (2023) "Colombia: Progressive Extractivism and Contradictions in Territorial Peace" in *Extractive Bargains and the State-Society Nexus*, eds Paul Bowless and Nathan Andrews. Springer Nature.

Shenk, J. (2022) "Extractive Projects and Participatory Democracy: Lessons from the *Consulta Popular*" in *Environmental Governance for Peace in Colombia*, eds. Ángela María Amaya Arias, Kristine Perry, and Erika Weinthal. Bogotá D.C.: Universidad Externado de Colombia, the Environmental Law Institute, and Duke University Press.

### **Works in Progress**

- "Accidental Gatekeepers: NGOs and post-conflict participatory democracy", revise and resubmit.
- "Participatory Democracy from Below: Applying Archimedes' Lever", article in preparation.
- "Silent Signaling: Norm Diffusion and LGBTI Rights in Transitional Justice" with Jessica Anania (Georgetown University), article in preparation.
- "State-business contract: repression by other means in Colombia" with Shauna Gillooly (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Santiago de Chile), research in progress.
- *Water is War: Legacies of Conflict and Environmental Mobilization*, book project in preparation.

### **AWARDS & GRANTS**

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Associate Fellowship, UK Higher Education Academy (2022)

Weatherhead Center Business and Government Research Grant; for fieldwork (2023) (\$3000)

Malcom Deas Fund; grant for doctoral fieldwork (2020) (£800 – suspended due to COVID-19)

Clarendon Scholarship; for doctoral studies (2018 – 2021) (£44,332)

Latin America Fellowship, Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (2018)

Clarendon Scholarship; for master's studies (2016 – 2017) (£14,777)

Fulbright English Teaching Award, Spain (2016 – declined)

Princeton International and Regional Studies Undergraduate Fellowship (2015) (\$5,000)

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Department of Sociology**, Oxford, UK

May 2020 – June 2022

*Research Assistant to Prof. Leigh A. Payne*

Served as coordinator for Prof. Payne and academic and non-academic partners from six countries to prepare a major external grant application for a new research project. Provided IT support for project website on transitional justice and corporate accountability in Latin America.

**Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Oxford, UK** December 2020 – June 2021  
*Research Assistant to Dr. Annelen Micus*  
Researched and edited journal article drafts for UKRI-funded project “Legitimacy, accountability, victims’ participation and reparation in transitional justice settings – lessons from and for Colombia.” Project is designed to produce academic outputs and policy briefings for Colombia’s Special Jurisdiction for Peace and victims’ groups.

**Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia** September 2019– January 2020  
*Visiting Researcher (Pasantía de Investigación), Department of Political Science*  
Conducted in-depth qualitative research (interviews, archival research, content analysis of press) for doctoral thesis in Bogotá and nearby departments (Cundinamarca and Boyacá). Research stay was suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic.

## **TEACHING**

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### **University of Warwick**

Instructor, Environmental Sociology (undergraduate), Spring 2023

### **University of Oxford**

Instructor, Introduction to the Practice of Politics (undergraduate), Fall 2021

Instructor, Comparative Government (undergraduate), Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Tutor, Politics of Latin America (undergraduate), Winter 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2021

Tutor, Advanced Paper in Theories of Justice (undergraduate), Winter 2021

Teaching Assistant, Qualitative Methods for Sociology (graduate), Fall 2020, Fall 2021

### **Stanford University** (Exchange program in Oxford)

Instructor and course designer, Conflict, Contention and Climate Change (undergraduate), Winter 2022

## **NON-ACADEMIC/POLICY WORK**

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**Agora Think Tank, Oxford, UK** June 2021—June 2022  
*Head, Oxford Group*

Coordinated research program and activities of Oxford branch of Agora, a British foreign policy think tank based in London. Managed a team of five undergraduates and masters’ students planning public events around UK policy issues.

**Social Sciences Researcher Development, Oxford, UK** December 2020 – June 2021  
*Researcher Development Facilitator*

Designed curriculum and moderated weekly seminars for doctoral and early career researchers to discuss personal and professional research challenges. Average weekly attendance estimated around 10 participants. Wrote blog posts for publication on social sciences website to accompany weekly seminars.

**Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington D.C.** October 2017-June 2018  
*Research Intern, Latin American Program*

Researched and drafted articles and op-eds on Colombian politics and peace process. Conducted background research and edited public documents, including congressional testimony and official reports. Represented the Wilson Center at public events and private roundtables related to Latin American politics and the Colombian peace process.

## **WRITING FOR PUBLIC AUDIENCES (selected)**

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Shenk, J. (3 November 2022) How the Moderation of Petro Strengthens Colombian Democracy. *Democracy Paradox*.

Shenk, J. (6 June 2022) Elections in Colombia: Triumph of Outsider Politics is not solving low turnout. *The Loop*.

Shenk, J. (5 November 2020) What Will a Post-Trump America Look Like? *Fair Observer*.

Shenk, J. (11 February 2019) Why a Car Bomb in Northern Ireland Should Worry Colombia. *Fair Observer*.

Shenk, J. (28 December 2018) What Drives Latin America's Lynch Mobs? *Foreign Policy News*.

Arnson, C., and Shenk, J. (24 May 2018) A Puzzle Awaits Colombia's Next President - And Washington. *Americas Quarterly*.

Shenk, J., and Kugelman, M. (22 December 2017) What Peace in Colombia Teaches Us About War in Afghanistan. *The Diplomat*.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited Talks**

"A Conversation on the Role of Conflict in the Upcoming 2023 Local Elections in Colombia"; New York University Colombian Studies Initiative (April 2023).

"Accidental Gatekeepers: NGOs and Post-Conflict Participation"; International Republican Institute (March 2023)

"Does Conflict Experience Affect Participatory Democracy After War? Evidence from Colombia's Environmental Movements"; Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University (November 2022)

"Post-conflict Participation: Civil Society Democratic Reactivation in Colombia"; Harvard University Political Violence Workshop (March 2021)

### **Conference Presentations**

"Transformative Participation in Colombia's Extractive Industries: Applying Archimedes' Lever"; Law and Society Annual Meeting (June 2023)

"*Convenios de fuerza* as parastatal formations in Colombia"; International Studies Association Annual Meeting (March 2023)

"Extractive Technology and Community Resistance"; Workshop on Business, Human Rights, Technology, and Transitional Justice, University of Oxford (February 2023)

“Pacts and protest: State-business contracts and environmental conflict in Colombia”; Conflict Research Society (September 2022)

“Pacts and protest: State-business contracts and environmental conflict in Colombia”, American Political Science Association (September 2022)

“Unexpected Inclusion in Transitional Justice: Explaining LGBTBI Inclusion in Ecuador’s Truth Commission”; Latin American Studies Association (May 2022)

“Allies or gatekeepers? NGOs and post-conflict participatory democracy, evidence from Colombia”; International Studies Association (March 2022)

“Allies or gatekeepers? NGOs and post-conflict participatory democracy, evidence from Colombia”; Latin American Peace Science Society (January 2022)

“Allies or gatekeepers? NGOs and post-conflict participatory democracy, evidence from Colombia”; Conflict Research Society (September 2021)

“Allies or gatekeepers? NGOs and post-conflict participatory democracy, evidence from Colombia”; Workshop on Conflict Dynamics, Universität Mannheim (September 2021)

“Participatory Mechanisms in Transition: Subnational Variation in Colombia”; American Political Science Association Conference, (September 2021)

“*Consultas* and Competing Claims: Global Resources and Local Conflict in Colombia”; “Latin America and the World: Globalization and Its Discontents” workshop hosted by Temple University’s Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy (May 2021)

“Participatory Democracy in Transition: Lessons from Colombia’s *Consultas Populares*”; Latin American Studies Association Congress, (May 2021)

“Post-conflict Participation: Civil Society Democratic Reactivation in Colombia”; Harvard University Political Violence Workshop (March 2021)

“Extractive Projects and Participatory Democracy: Lessons from the *Consulta Popular*”; Environmental Governance for Peace in Colombia conference, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (March 2021)

“Post-Conflict Participation? The Activation of *Consultas Populares* in Colombia”; Latin American Peace Science Society (January 2021)

“Post-Conflict Participation? The Activation of *Consultas Populares* in Colombia”; American Political Science Association Conference (September 2020)

“The Civilizing Process in Colombia, Roundtable”; Latin American Studies Association Congress, (May 2019)

## CONFERENCES & PANELS ORGANIZED

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“Petro won, now what? Roundtable on the Colombian Elections”, Roundtable, Latin American Centre, University of Oxford, 22 June 2022.

“Narratives for Peace: Lessons from Colombia”, Workshop, University of Oxford and Universidad del Rosario, 28 January 2022.

“Democracy and Peacebuilding from the Ground Up in ‘Post-Conflict’ Colombia”, Panel at the Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, May 2021.

## SKILLS & TRAINING

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**Advancing Research on Conflict** (ethics, risk assessment, and trauma first aid training for researchers conducting qualitative research in conflict-affected/fragile sites), *West Virginia, USA* (August 2019)

**Area Studies Research in Politics and International Relations**, Oxford University Department of Politics and International Relations, *Oxford, UK* (April – May 2019)

**Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods** (panel data analysis in STATA, process tracing, and fieldwork), Oxford University Department of Politics and International Relations, *Oxford, UK* (April 2019)

**Safe and Empirical Fieldwork**, Oxford University Social Sciences Division, *Oxford, UK* (November 2018)

**Languages:** English (native proficiency), Spanish (fluent speaking, fluent reading, advanced writing), Portuguese (basic speaking, proficient reading)

**Research skills:** Qualitative methods, historical archival methods, Stata, QGIS

**Professional Memberships:** American Political Science Association, American Sociological Association, Latin American Studies Association, Varieties of Peace Network, Conflict Research Society, Environmental Peacebuilding Association, Women in Conflict Studies.

**Peer Reviewer:** Latin American Research Review, PS: Political Science and Politics, Politics & Religion, Journal of Peace Research, Colombianista Internacional, Social Sciences & Humanities Open.