

## LINDSEY A. O'ROURKE

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**2020-**            **Associate Professor of International Politics**  
Department of Political Science, Boston College

**2020-**            **Non-Resident Fellow**  
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, Washington DC

**2014-2020**    **Assistant Professor of International Politics**  
Department of Political Science, Boston College

### EDUCATION

**2013**            **Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Chicago**  
*Provost Fellowship, Honorary Harper Fellow*  
Dissertation: "Secrecy and Security: U.S.-Orchestrated Regime Change during the Cold War"  
Committee: John Mearsheimer, Charles Glaser, Dan Slater and Paul Staniland  
Subfields: International Relations (Honors) and Comparative Politics

**2007**            **M.A., Committee on International Relations, University of Chicago**  
*Graduation with Honors*  
M.A. Thesis: "What's Special about Female Suicide Terrorism?"

**2005**            **Two B.A. degrees, The Ohio State University**  
*Magna Cum Laude, Graduation with Distinction*  
Majors (4): Political Science, Philosophy, International Relations, and German Literature & Culture

### BOOK

O'Rourke, Lindsey A. *Covert Regime Change: America's Secret Cold War*, (Ithaca NY: Cornell University Press, 2018).

- Winner of the *Best Book Award* by the International Security Section of the International Studies Association, 2020.
- Honorable Mention for the *Best Book from a Non-Tenured Faculty Member Award* by the International Security Section of the American Political Science Association, 2019.

- Reviewed by:
  - Jerrod A Laber in *The National Interest* (January 21, 2019).
  - Ray Takeyh in *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy*, 61:2 (2019) pp. 218-224.
  - Stephen Kinzer for the *Future of Freedom Foundation* (June 10, 2019).
  - Robert W. Pringle Jr. in *International Journal of Intelligence*, 32:4 (2019) pp. 848-851.
  - Christopher Preble in *War on the Rocks*, (August 7, 2019).

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“The Strategic Logic of Covert Regime Change: U.S.-backed Regime Change Attempts during the Cold War,” *Security Studies*, Vol. 29 no. 1 (2020) pp. 92-127.

“Details in the Doodles: Documenting Covert Action in the Archives,” in *Stories from the Field: A Guide to Navigating Fieldwork in Political Science*, Ora Szekely and Peter Krause ed. (Columbia University Press, 2020).

"Covert Calamities: American-backed Covert Regime Changes and Civil War." *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*, Vol. 23 no. 3 (2017) pp. 232-245.

“You Can’t Always Get What You Want: Why Foreign-Imposed Regime change Seldom Improves Interstate Relations.” *International Security*, Vol. 41 no. 2 (Fall 2016) pp. 43-89 (with Alexander Downes).

- Reviewed by Barry Hashimoto, “Review of ‘You Can’t Always Get What You Want: Why Foreign Imposed Regime Change Seldom Improves Interstate Relations’,” Article Review 81, H-Diplo | ISSF, June 14, 2017, <https://issforum.org/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-AR81.pdf>.
- Correspondence piece in response to article: Poznansky, Michael, Alexander B. Downes, and Lindsey A. O'Rourke. (2017) "Friends, Foes, and Foreign-Imposed Regime Change." *International Security*, Vol. 42 no. 2 (2017) pp. 191-195.
- Correspondence piece in response to article: Su, Ruolin, Alexander B. Downes, and Lindsey A. O'Rourke, “Reconsidering the Outcomes of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change.” *International Security*, Forthcoming 2018.

“What’s Special about Female Suicide Terrorism?” *Security Studies*, Vol. 18, no. 4 (2009) pp. 681-718.

## COMMENTARY

“Roundtable on Covert Regime Change: America’s Secret War,” *H-Diplo*, Forthcoming.

“U.S. Intervention Could Be Maduro’s Lifeline,” *Foreign Policy*, (January 30, 2019).

"The Trump Administration Wants Regime Change in Iran. But Regime Change Usually Doesn't Work." *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage Contributor (July 31, 2017) (with Alexander Downes).

“Russia and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.” *International Security Studies Forum*, Vol. 1, no. 7 (2017).

“ISSF Article Review on Covert Communication: The Intelligibility and Credibility of Signaling in Secret.” *H-Diplo/International Security Studies Forum*, 76 (2017).

“The U.S. Tried To Change Other Countries’ Governments 72 Times during the Cold War.” *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage Contributor, (December 23, 2016).

“What Makes Chechen Women so Dangerous?” *The New York Times*, (March 30, 2010) Op-ed contributor (with Robert Pape and Jenna McDermit).

“Behind the Woman Behind the Bomb,” *The New York Times*, (August 2, 2008) Op-Ed Contributor.

- Reprinted in *The International Herald Tribune* (August 4, 2008) and *De Morgen*, (August 5, 2008).

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS (Drafts Available on Request)**

*Regional Hegemony and Subversive State Capture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, (Book Project).

“Spheres of Influence and International Conflict,” (with Joshua Shiffrin) – Early preparation.

“Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Mass Killing,” (with Alexander Downes) – Final preparation.

“A Fool’s Errand: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Covert Efforts to Support Foreign Dissidents Movements.” – Final preparation.

“Making Friends: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and the Quality of Interstate Relations,” (with Alexander Downes) – Final preparation.

### **AWARDS**

Winner of the *Best Book Award* from the International Security Section of the International Studies Association (2019).

Honorable Mention for the *Book from a Non-Tenured Faculty Member Award* by the International Security Section of the American Political Science Association (2019).

Simulations in the Classroom Grant (2017-2018), Boston College.

Grants to supervise an Undergraduate Research Fellowship (2014-2019), Boston College.

Research Expense Grant (2016), Boston College.

Vice Provost for Research Book Conference Award (2015), Boston College.

Morris Abrams Award in International Relations (2013), National Competition.

International Security and U.S. Foreign Policy Postdoctoral Fellowship (2013), Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College.

Predoctoral Fellowship (2012), Elliot School, George Washington University.

Provost Fellowship (2011), University of Chicago.

Harper Dissertation Year Fellowship (2011), University of Chicago.

Chicago Project on Suicide Terrorism Research Funding (2006-2008), University of Chicago.

Undergraduate Denman Forum Academic Honor Award (2005), Ohio State University.

Huntington International Fellowship (2004-2005), Ohio State University.

John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy Fellowship (2004), Ohio State University.

Max Carter Scholarship (2003), Ohio State University.

## **PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2013-2014** Postdoctoral Fellow for International Security and U.S. Foreign Policy, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College

**2012-2013** Predoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University

**2010-2012** Graduate Student Coordinator, Program on International Security Policy (PISP), University of Chicago

**2011-2012** Graduate Student Representative for Political Science, Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council for the Division of the Social Sciences

**2008-2009** Graduate Student Representative on the International Relations Hiring Committee, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science

**2006-2008** Research Assistant, Chicago Project on Suicide Terrorism

- 2006-2008**     Research Assistant, Department of Germanic Studies, University of Chicago
- 2001-2004**     Music Instructor, Clintonville School of Music

### **OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- 2004-2005**     Friedrich Wilhelm Rheinische Universität Bonn, Study Abroad
- 2004**             John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy, Internship
- 2003**             Technische Universität Dresden, Study Abroad

### **TEACHING AT BOSTON COLLEGE**

*The World Wars:* Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2020

*U.S. Foreign Policy 1945-Present:* Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020

*Graduate/Undergraduate Seminar on Regime Change:* Spring 2015

*Undergraduate Seminar on Current Issues in U.S. Foreign Policy:* Spring 2016

*Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar on Current Issues in U.S. Foreign Policy:* Fall 2020.

*Graduate Seminar on Current Issues in U.S. Foreign Policy:* Fall 2017

*Graduate Readings and Research:* Fall 2015, Spring 2016

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2020             Notre Dame, International Security Center, November 3, 2020.

International Studies Association, Annual Conference, March 2020 (Canceled due to Covid).

2019             Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Albritton Center for Grand Strategy, November 21, 2019.

Dartmouth College, International Relations and Foreign Policy Seminar, October 18, 2019.

Ohio State University, Mershon Center, Conference on New Wave Realism, September 27-28, 2019.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 29-September 1, 2019.

Charles Koch Foundation, Salon dinner, August 28, 2019.

Princeton University, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance and the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, April 26, 2019.

Boston College, International Relations Foreign Policy Speaker Series, February 28, 2019.

Boston University, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, February 27, 2019.

Emory University, Speaker Series on Foreign Imposed Regime Change, January 16, 2019.

2018 Brown University, Security Studies Seminar Series, November 12, 2018.

Notre Dame, International Security Center, September 4, 2018.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, August 30 – September 2, 2018.

Universidad de Comillas, Madrid, Spain, May 25, 2018.

Deusto University, Bilbao, Spain, 5 lectures from May 14-22, 2018.

Tufts University, Fletcher School Center for Strategic Studies, April 23, 2018.

2017 Eagle Political Society, Boston College, October 25, 2017.

MIT Security Studies Program (SSP) Seminar Series, MIT, September 20, 2017.

American Political Science Association, Annual Conference, San Francisco, August 31-September 3, 2017.

Alexander Hamilton Society Debate (versus Michael Rubin), Boston College, April 25, 2017.

International Studies Association, Annual Conference, Baltimore, February 22-25, 2017.

Conference on Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), Yale University, February 16-17, 2017.

- 2016 Canadian Foreign Policy Journal Conference, Ottawa, October 6-7, 2016.
- American Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Philadelphia, September 1-4, 2016.
- International Studies Association, Conference, Atlanta, March 16-19, 2016
- Dickey Center for International Understanding Conference, Dartmouth College, February 20-21, 2016.
- 2015 Middle Eastern Islamic Studies Student Association (MEISSA) and Eagle Political Society, Boston College, September 28, 2015.
- American Political Science Association, Annual Conference, San Francisco, September 3-6, 2015
- Security Studies Colloquium of the Center for International Security Studies (CISS), Princeton University, September 21, 2015.
- International Studies Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, February 18-21, 2015.
- 2014 Americans for an Informed Democracy, Boston College, October 21, 2014.
- MacMillan International Relations Seminar Series, Yale University, October 15, 2014.
- Texas A&M, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, Bush School of Government and Public Service, March 19, 2014.
- International Relations and Foreign Policy Seminar, Dartmouth College, February 26, 2014.
- 2013 Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, April 9, 2013
- International Studies Association, Annual Conference, San Francisco, April 6, 2013.
- 2012 Research in Progress Workshop, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University, October 29, 2012.
- Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, January 17, 2012.

- 2011 Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, February 8, 2011.
- 2009 Program on Program on International Politics, Economics and Security, University of Chicago, April 16, 2009.
- 2008 Program on Program on International Politics, Economics and Security, University of Chicago, October 2, 2008.
- International Studies Association, Annual Conference, San Francisco, Mar. 29, 2008.
- Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, March 4, 2008.
- 2007 New Research in Terrorism Conference, University of Chicago, Sept. 28, 2007.
- Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, May 18, 2007.
- 2006 Chicago Project on Suicide Terrorism Workshop, University of Chicago, Dec. 9, 2006.
- 2005 Ohio State University, Undergraduate Denman Forum, 2005.

## **WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT**

- 2019 Participant, Conference on Military Intervention, Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, October 4-5, 2019 (scheduled).
- Discussant, Notre Dame, International Security Center, 2019 Emerging Scholars Conference.
- 2018 Invited Book Workshop Participant, George Washington University, Elliot School of International Affairs.
- Invited Book Workshop Participant, George Washington University, Project on Middle East Political Science.
- Chair, Book Workshop at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Security Studies Program.
- Participant, Dean's Retreat, Boston College.
- 2017-2018 Simulations in the Classroom Faculty Cohort, Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College.



- 2017 Discussant, Harvard International Security Conference, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.
- 2017 Dartmouth College, Dickey Center for International Understanding Fellows Workshop, Hanover, NH.
- 2015 Intersections Villa, Faculty Writing Retreat, Boston College.
- 2011 Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR), Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University
- 2010 Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations (SWAMOS), Arnold A. Saltzman Institute for War and Peace Studies, Columbia University.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2018- Organizer, Political Science Department’s Foreign Policy Speaker Series, Boston College.
- 2018- Faculty Advisor, John Quincy Adams Society, Boston College.
- 2018- Co-organizer, Senior Thesis Poster Session for students in the social science, humanities, and cultural studies program (with Jennifer Erickson), Boston College.
- 2018- Campus Interviewer, Presidential Scholars Program, Boston College.
- 2018-2019 Faculty Mentor, McNair Program, Boston College.
- 2018-2019 Faculty Mentor, Presidential Scholars Program, Boston College.
- 2018 Committee member, Tenure-track Search Committee for Political Science Position in American Politics, Boston College.
- 2018 Committee member, Political Science Department Undergraduate Committee, Boston College.
- 2017 Summer Advisor, Incoming Freshman Registration, Boston College.
- 2017 Co-organizer, Senior Thesis Poster Session for students in the social science, humanities, and cultural studies program (with Jennifer Erickson and Jeffrey Cooley), Boston College.
- 2016 - Reader, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams in International Relations, (4), Boston College.

- 2016- Dissertation Advisor, Department of Political Science, (3) Boston College.
- 2015- Advisor, Senior Thesis in Political Science and International Studies, (6), Boston College.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES/SKILLS**

Languages: German (Fluent reading, moderate conversation)

Manuscript Reviewer for: *International Security*, *Security Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *H-Diplo*, *International Security Studies Forum*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *International Journal of Political Science and Development*.

Professional Associations: *American Political Science Association*, *International Studies Association*, *Women in International Security and Politics*.

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