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## Current position

2022–present **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

I am a member of the DIVIDENDS project run by the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). The project examines how demographic bulges affect social and political outcomes in sub-Saharan Africa.

## Education

2018–2021 **Doctor of Philosophy**, School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR), Australian National University.

Thesis title: “You talkin’ to me? The effect of communication barriers on trust in diverse societies.” Supervisor: Prof Benjamin Goldsmith.

2017 **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**, University of Auckland.  
Politics and International Relations

2010–2014 **Bachelor of Arts**, Victoria University of Wellington.  
Majors: Economics, Political Science

## Publications and working papers

1. Kumove, Michael. “Rent-free in your head? How generalised trust is affected by the trust and salience of outgroups”, *Social Indicators Research*, OnlineFirst.
2. Kumove, Michael. “Does language foster reconciliation? Evidence from the former Yugoslavia”, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66, no. 4-5 (May 2022).
3. Kumove, Michael. “Diversity, semi-communication and cross-country trust: A quantitative analysis”, *Social Science Research* 86 (Feb. 2020), 102392.
4. Kumove, Michael. “An elephant in the dark? How different criteria yield different conclusions about generalised trust”, under review.
5. Kumove, Michael and Intifar Chowdhury. “What’s my age again? An APC analysis of generalised trust in Africa”, working paper.
7. Kumove, Michael. “Who trusts who in Australia? A quantitative analysis using HILDA data”, working paper.
8. Kumove, Michael. “A randomised experiment for the study of communication, contact and trust”, working paper.

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## Conferences and invited talks

1. Australian Political Studies Association (Macquarie University, 2021). Paper: Imagining the ‘Other’: How does cross-group trust affect generalised trust? **Awarded ‘Best Postgraduate Paper’**.
2. Australian Association for Quantitative Political Science (University of Melbourne, December 2019). Paper: Language, contact and cross-group trust in the former Yugoslavia. **Awarded ‘Best Student Paper’** (honourable mention).
3. Australian Political Studies Association (Flinders University, September 2019). Paper: Language, contact and cross-group trust in the former Yugoslavia.
4. Guest presenter for “Research Design in Political Science” at the Australian National University (September 2020). Paper: Causal Inference in the Study of Language and Trust.
5. ANU International Relations PhD Student Seminar Series (AIRPS), October 2020. Paper: Do Language Divides Inhibit Trust Formation in Diverse Societies?
6. Guest presenter for “PLS455-545: Political Violence” at Nazarbayev University (October 2022). Paper: Does Language Foster Reconciliation?

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## Additional academic training

2020 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis.  
Course: *Advanced Machine Learning for Social Scientists* (3N).

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## Teaching

- 2021–2022 **Associate Lecturer**, Australian National University.  
Course convenor and lecturer for the following politics and international relations courses:
- POLS2132 (Current Issues in International Security)
  - POLS2135 (Race, Ethnicity and Representation)
- 2018–2021 **Tutor / Teaching assistant**, Australian National University.  
Tutor (teaching assistant) for the following politics and international relations courses:
- POLS1002 (Introduction to Politics)
  - POLS1006 (Introduction to International Relations: Contemporary Global Issues)
  - POLS1009 (Research and Writing in Political Science, head tutor)
  - POLS2044 (Contemporary Political Analysis).

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## Languages

English Native  
Spanish Proficient (reading), conversational (speaking)  
Chinese Conversational

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## Professional service and memberships

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*.  
Member, Australian Political Studies Association.

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## Software proficiency

R, Stata, Python, LaTeX.

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## Awards and achievements

2021 **Best Postgraduate Paper.**

Awarded for the best paper by a postgraduate student at the 2021 conference of the Australian Political Studies Association

2020 **Best Student Paper (honourable mention).**

Awarded for presentation at the 2019 conference of the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science

2018 **Research Training Program Fee-Offset and Stipend Scholarships.**

Two grants which cover full tuition and living costs for PhD students in Australia for up to four years

2017 **Postgraduate Honours Scholarship.**

Covers tuition and living costs for selected students undertaking an honours degree at the University of Auckland

2016 **Huayu Enrichment Scholarship.**

Awarded by the Government of Taiwan to pay for six months of living costs for selected students undertaking an eligible course in Mandarin Chinese

2010 **Victoria Excellence Scholarship.**

Awarded by Victoria University of Wellington to pay for one year of tuition on the basis of academic achievement

2010 **New Zealand Scholarship in Classical Studies.**

One-off cash prize awarded to the highest-achieving students in the country in Classical Studies

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## Other work experience

2014-2016 **Policy Analyst**, Ministry of Health, New Zealand.

Wrote reports, speeches and briefings for ministers and internal customers and carried out policy analysis on drug and alcohol issues and non-communicable diseases. Involved in the preparation of the National Drug Policy (2015-2020) and in developing cross-government drug policy advice in the lead-up to the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Drugs (UNGASS) in 2016.

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## References

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