

Mwita Chacha

- CONTACT INFORMATION** 53 Kabanbay Batyr Ave
Block 6, Office 6.137
Department of Political Science & International Relations
Astana 010000, Kazakhstan
- Office:* +7 (7172) 70 5800
Email: mwita.chacha@nu.edu.kz
Web: www.mwitachacha.net
- EDUCATION** **The University of Georgia**, Athens, Georgia USA
- Ph.D., Political Science, August 2011
- Dissertation Topic: “The Evolution of Regional Integration Arrangements in the Developing World”
 - Advisor: Jeffrey D. Berekjian
- M.A., Political Science, May 2007
- Thesis: “Regional Integration and Trade: Prospects and Challenges of Regionalism in Africa”
- Valdosta State University**, Valdosta, Georgia USA
- B.A. *with honors*, Political Science, May, 2004
- Minor: European Union Studies
 - *magna cum laude*
- POSITION** Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan (2012-current)
- RESEARCH INTERESTS** International Political Economy, International Security & Cooperation.
- PUBLICATIONS** “Closing the Book on Africa’s First Generation Coups” (with Jonathan Powell). *African Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- “Migration and Public Trust in the Commonwealth of Independent States” (with Yoshiharu Kobayashi). *Regional & Federal Studies*.28.4 (2018): 523-554.
- “Opening Up or Digging In? Failed Coups, Democratization, and Authoritarian Entrenchment” (with Jonathan Powell and Gary Smith). *African Affairs* (forthcoming).
- “Economic Interdependence and Post-Coup Democratization” (with Jonathan Powell). *Democratization*. 24.5 (2017): 819-838.
- Reprinted in Kuehn, David (editor). 2018. *The Militarys Impact on Democratic Development: Midwives or Gravediggers of Democracy?* New York, NY: Routledge.
- “Colonial Ties and Civil Conflict Intervention: Clarifying the Causal Mechanisms” (with Szymon Stojek). *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. DOI: 10.1177/0738894216655514 (2016).
- “Investing in Stability: Economic Interdependence, Coups d’etat, and the Capitalist Peace” (with Jonathan Powell). *Journal of Peace Research*. 53.4 (2016): 525-538.
- “Adding Trade To The Equation. Multilevel Model Of Biased Civil War Interventions” (with Szymon Stojek). *Journal of Peace Research*. 52.2 (2015): 228-242.
- “Leadership Change and the Power of Domestic Audiences: A Game Theoretic Account of Escalation and De-escalation in Civil Conflicts” (with Cale Horne). *African Security*. 7.2 (2014): 110-134.

“Regional Integration and the Challenge of Overlapping Memberships on Trade.” *Journal of International Relations and Development*. 17.4 (2014): 522-544.

“Regional Attachment and Support for European Integration.” *European Union Politics*. 14.2 (2013): 206-227.

“Regional Integration and Nuclear Energy in Africa.” *African Security Review*. 21.4 (2012): 38-50.

BOOK CHAPTERS “The Quest for Development: Regional Integration in Africa.” In Ibigbolade Aderibigbe and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.) *Introduction to Africa*. Cognella Academic Publishing. January 2012.

“Political and economic effects of sanctions on targeted States.” In Quentin Michel, Odette Jankowitsch-Prevor and Sylvain Paile-Calvo (Eds.) *Controlling the trade of strategic goods: Sanctions and Penalties*. European Studies Unit (University of Liege). August 2016.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS “Civil Conflict Intervention: The Dividend of Economic Ties?” (with Szymon Stojek. *Political Violence @ a Glance* (August 2015)

“The Prospects of Democratization in Post- Coup Zimbabwe” (with Jonathan Powell) *Monkey Cage* (November 2018)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW “European Union Membership Status and Decentralization: A Top-Down Approach.” Revise & Resubmit.

WORKING PAPERS “Preference Heterogeneity and the Depth of Regional Integration.”

“ Public Awareness and Attitudes towards Regional Integration in East Africa.”

“Public Perceptions towards China in sub-Saharan Africa” (with Yoshiharu Kobayashi)

“The Good Coup Thesis Revisited” (with Jonathan Powell).

“Regional Organizations and Coups in Africa” (with Jonathan Powell).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Studies, 2017: Young Investigator Training Program Scholarship, €4,000.
- Nazarbayev University, 2013-2015: Research Seed Grant, \$ 20,000.
- Nazarbayev University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2012-2013: Best Instruction in the Social Sciences.

CONFERENCE AND INVITED TALKS Chacha, Mwita. Public Awareness of the East African Community. American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, September 2018.

Chacha, Mwita. Membership Size and the Attainment of Regional Integration Goals. Department of International Relations, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey, February 2018.

Chacha, Mwita. Oil and the Propensity of Biased Civil War Interventions. European Political Science Association Meeting, Milan, Italy, June 2017.

Chacha, Mwita. European Integration and Regional Autonomy. International Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.

Chacha, Mwita and Szymon Stojek. Economic Openness and the Success of Civil War Mediation. European Political Science Association Meeting, Brussels, Belgium, June 2016 & International Workshop on Conflicts and Institutions, Genova, Italy, June 2017.

Chacha, Mwita and Jonathan Powell. Which way forward? Economic Interdependence, Coups, and Democratization. American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015 & Southern Political Science Association Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016.

Chacha, Mwita. The Political and Economic Effects of Embargoes and Trade Restrictions. Chaudfontaine Group Seminar. Liege, Belgium, November 2015.

Chacha, Mwita and Szymon Stojek. Colonial Ties and Civil Conflict Intervention: Clarifying the Causal Mechanisms. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Powell, Jonathan and Mwita Chacha. Economic Interdependence and Coup Occurrence. International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, Richmond, Virginia, October 2014 & Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2015.

Chacha, Mwita. Economic and Political Determinants of Public Support for Regional Integration in East Africa. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, March 2014 & European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2014.

Chacha, Mwita. Membership Dynamics and the Evolution of Regional Integration in the Developing World. International Relations Colloquium, Political Science Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison & International Politics Seminar, Political Science Department, University of Gothenburg, October 2013.

Chacha, Mwita. International Trade and Investment Agreements, Investment Climate, and Foreign Direct Investments. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2013.

Chacha, Mwita and Szymon Stojek. Intervening for Profit? Economic Motivations in Government- and Rebel-Biased Civil War Intervention. Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia, October 2012.

Chacha, Mwita. Strengthening Nonproliferation Efforts in Asia. 19th Asian Export Control Seminar, Tokyo, Japan, February 2012.

Horne, Cale and Mwita Chacha. Leadership Change and the Power of Domestic Audiences: A Game Theoretic Account of Escalation and De-escalation in Civil Conflicts. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, March 2011.

Chacha, Mwita and Ann Kryzaniek. Wherefore Foreign Aid? Reconceptualizing the Effect of Official Development Assistance. Pan-European International Relations Conference, Stockholm, Sweden, September 2010.

Chacha, Mwita and Szymon Stojek. The Logic of Intervention: Economic Interdependence and Civil Conflicts. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2010.

Chacha, Mwita. The New Community: Liberal Intergovernmentalism and East African Integration. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, September 2009.

Chacha, Mwita. Regional Attachment and Support for the European Union: Explaining the Emergence of 'A Europe of Regions'. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2009.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

- PLS 550: Core Seminar in International Relations (Graduate, Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Fall 2017)
- PLS 458/558: International Organization (Spring 2015; Fall 2016; Spring 2018, Fall 2018)
- PLS 359: United Nations (Fall 2015; Fall 2017, Fall 2018)
- PLS 353: Politics of European Integration (Fall 2013; Spring 2016)
- PLS 352: International Relations Theory (Fall 2012; Spring 2015; Spring 2016; Spring 2017; Spring 2018)
- PLS 351: International Political Economy (Fall 2012)
- PLS 341: Politics of Development (Spring 2013; Spring 2017; Spring 2019)
- PLS 150: Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2013; Summer 2013; Fall 2013; Fall 2014; Spring 2019)

SERVICE

- Nazarbayev University Library Committee (2012-2017)
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Affairs Committee (2013-2014)
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Committee (2014-2018)
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Institutional Research Ethics Committee (2016-2019); served as Chair
- Nazarbayev University Faculty Senate member (2016-2018)
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Inclusion Task Force (2016-current)

Reviewer

Cambridge Review of International Affairs
Democratization
International Interactions
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of International Relations & Development
Regional & Federal Studies

Conflict Management and Peace Science
European Union Politics
International Political Science Review
Journal of European Integration
Journal of Politics
Regional Studies

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association

European Political Science Association
Institute of Eurasian Integration

REFERENCES

To be provided upon request.

Last updated: November 23, 2018