



Christopher Gahagan



Academic Summary:

- Political Science Ph.D. student whose research interests involves political and social determinants for informal economic activity
- Teaching and Research Assistant for Dr. Sean Ehrlich in two undergraduate classes as well as co-authoring a paper on the 'Multisided Threat to Free Trade'
- Currently in the preliminary stage of research for an upcoming paper on 'Women's Role in the Shadow Economy'

Education:

Ph.D. Political Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

- Currently enrolled

M.A. Political Science, The University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- Graduated April 2019

B.A. Political Science, The University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- Graduated April 2012

FSU Graduate Courses:

CPO 5091 – Core Seminar in Comparative Politics

POS 5723 – Game Theory I

POS 5746 – Political Science Data Analysis (OLS Regression)

INR 5007 – International Relations Core Seminar

POS 5736 – Political Science Score and Research Design

POS 5737 – Political Science Data Analysis

POS 5744 – Fundamentals of Political Research

INR 5036 – International Political Economy

POS 5208 – Political Psychology

POS 5747 – Advanced Quantitative Methods (Maximum Likelihood Estimation)

Areas of Interest:

- Determinants of Shadow and Informal Economies
- International Relations
- Comparative Politics
- International & Comparative Political Economy
- Political Participation
- Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Academic Work Experience:

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2020 – present

- Currently co-authoring a paper on the "Multisided Threat to Free Trade"
- Edited and converted Stata output of regression results into professional and presentable tables for a paper written by Prof. Sean Ehrlich and Marielena Dias titled "Fair Trade, Protectionism, and the



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Choice of Where your Purchases Come From: Consumer Consciousness and International Trade in Europe

- Gathering data on polling questions from Roper iPOLL, Eurobarometer, ICPSR, the World Values Survey, Harvard Dataverse, the ANES, the GSS, and the European Values Survey. Wrangling said data into R data for future quantitative analysis

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2020 – present

Assist Professor Sean Ehrlich in the following courses:

INR 2002 – Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

- Monitor, grade, and provide feedback of discussion posts as an ODL mentor to 200+ students in INR 2002 International Relations undergraduate seminar
- Monitor and edit the close captioning of all lecture videos throughout the semester to ensure accuracy
- Answer any student questions regarding exams, syllabus, extra credit, or general questions regarding class material

CPO 3101 – Politics of the European Union (Spring 2021)

- General TA duties for the class

Previous Academic Work Experience:

The University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

May 2017 – October 2017

Graduate Research Assistant

- Worked in partnership with Dr. Demet Mousseau performing research, editing, and writing publishable work on the effects of foreign aid on civil war onset in a time-series quantitative study
- Compared Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Aid given by the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, and Japan, on multiple countries, mostly located in Saharan Africa and observed the effects each state's aid had on increasing or decreasing the onset of civil war

Master's Thesis:

Government Respect for Human Rights and their relation to Shadow Economic Activity. UCF ETD, 2019

Conference Presentation(s):

"Transnational Contagion of the Shadow Economy due to Economic Crises", Florida Political Science Association 2017 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL

Professional Memberships:

Florida Political Science Association