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EDUCATION

- Current **Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science:** University of Toronto (Exp. April 2025)
- Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics
 - Dissertation: *The Ties that Spoil: Explaining the nexus between foreign sponsorship and insurgent fragmentation*
- 2017 **Master of Arts, Political Science:** University of Toronto
- 2015 **Bachelor of Arts (Hons.), Political Science Major:** York University
- Magna Cum Laude
- 2011 **Bachelor of Administrative Studies:** York University

AFFILIATIONS

- Incoming Research Fellow: The Montreal Center for International Studies (CÉRIUM / EPICC),
Université de Montréal
- Current Fulbright Visiting Researcher: Center for International and Security Studies at
Maryland (CISSM), University of Maryland – College Park
- Current Graduate Researcher: Post-Conflict Research Lab, University of Toronto
- 2022 Trudeau Center Fellow: Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University
of Toronto
- 2019 Junior Fellow: Defence, Security and Foresight Group, University of Waterloo

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Book manuscript

The Ties that Spoil: Explaining the nexus between rival sponsorship and insurgent fragmentation

Public Reports

- 2023 **Amin, Sanjida.** “Limited Security Alignments in the Indo-Pacific and Africa and its Implication for International Conflict Management in South Sudan.” *The HORN Bulletin* - July/August 2023 Issue.
- 2020 **Amin, Sanjida,** and Bandula-Irwin, Tanya. “Policy Brief: An alliance in trouble? Turkey and NATO in 2025.” Prepared for the Department of National Defence on behalf of The Defence and Security Foresight Group.

Manuscripts in progress

- Under Review **Amin, Sanjida,** and Alexander Pelletier. “Taking Armed Group Fragmentation Seriously in Multilateral Interventions.”
- Working paper **Amin, Sanjida.** “The Outsider’s Effect: Explaining the nexus between inter-state rivalry and insurgent fragmentation in civil war.”
- Working paper **Amin, Sanjida.** “The Two-Level Game of Insurgent Leadership: How Foreign Sponsorship Affects Authority.”
- Working Paper **Amin, Sanjida,** Maria Amjad, Mark Berlin, Mustafa Kara, Jared Pentz, Regine Schwab. “Jihadism in Political Science Journal.”
- Under Preparation **Amin, Sanjida,** and Tanya Bandula-Irwin. “Unlocking Opportunity: The Potential of Virtual Research for Conflict Scholars.”
- Under Preparation **Amin, Sanjida.** “Mutual intervention, international mediation and the perils of state building in East Africa.”

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	CÉRIUM / EPICC Dissertation writing fellowship	CAD 5,000
2024	Fulbright Visiting Scholar Award	USD 12,500
2024-2025	Ontario Graduate Scholarship	CAD 15,000
2020-2023	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarships	CAD 105,000
2020-2021	MINDS Initiative Doctoral Award (Declined)	CAD 35,000
2022-2023	Trudeau Centre Fellow in Peace, Conflict and Justice	CAD 3,000
2023	Professor Emeritus Frank Peers Graduate Research Scholarship	CAD 10,000
2020-2021	Defence and Security Foresight Group (DSFG) Fellow	CAD 1,000
2019-2020	Ontario Graduate Scholarship	CAD 15,000

GRANTS

2024	Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement	CAD 6,000
2023	SGS Research Travel Grant	CAD 5,707
2023	Departmental Dissertation Research Travel Award	CAD 10,000
2022	SSHRC CGS-D Parenting Grant	CAD 35,000

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

2024	Amin, Sanjida. "Dissertation Research Travel Workshop". University of Toronto.
2024	Amin, Sanjida. "Fieldwork in Post-Conflict Environment". Guest lecture in PADM 5125 "Qualitative Methods for Public Policy". Carleton University.
2023	Amin, Sanjida. "Recruitment and Rebel Alliances". Guest lecture in POL487H1S "Topics in International Politics: Civil War and Insurgency". University of Toronto.
2023	Amin, Sanjida. "The state sponsorship of terrorism and state as terrorists". Guest lecture in POL403H5S "Advanced Topics in Terrorism Studies". University of Toronto.
2022	Amin, Sanjida. "The nexus between interstate rivalry and rebel fragmentation in civil war". Trudeau Centre Fellows Seminar Trudeau Centre for Peace, Conflict, and Justice: University of Toronto.

CONFERENCE (SELECTED) PRESENTATIONS

2024	Amin, Sanjida. "The Ties that Spoil: The Interplay between Rival Sponsorship and Rebel Fragmentation in Civil War." Paper presented at <i>CEEISA Joint International Conference</i> , Rijeka, Croatia, April 3rd-6th, 2024.
2024	Amin, Sanjida and Alexander Pelletier. "Understanding the effect of multilateral intervention on armed group fragmentation." Paper presented at <i>International Studies Association Annual Convention</i> , San Francisco, California, April 3rd-6th, 2024.
2023	Amin, Sanjida. "International Rivalry and Rebel Fragmentation in Second Sudanese Civil War (1983-2005)." Paper presented at <i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i> , Los Angeles, California, August 31st-September 3rd, 2023.
2022	Amin, Sanjida. "The Interplay between International Rivalry and Rebel Fragmentation in Civil War." Paper presented at <i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i> , Montreal, Quebec, September 15th-18th, 2022.

- 2021 Amin, Sanjida. “Intervener’s Trade-off: plausible deniability and indirect control in proxy wars.” Paper presented at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, virtual conference, September 28th - October 3rd, 2021.
- 2020 Amin, Sanjida. “The Nexus Between External Intervention and Rebel Fragmentation in Intra-State Conflicts.” Paper presented at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, September 10th-13th, 2020.

SERVICE

- 2019-2020 Graduate Student Representative at the Equity and Diversity committee
- 2019-2021 Women’s Caucus Co-convenor
- 2019-2020 National Chapter Coordinator (Women in International Security – WIIS)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2024 **Course Instructor:** Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
- Topics in International Relations: Contemporary Issues in International Security (300-level)
- Winter 2024 **Course Instructor:** Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
- Topics in International Relations: Contemporary Issues in International Security in Indo-Pacific and Africa (400-level)
- 2018-2023 **Teaching Assistant:** Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
- Politics in a Global World (200-level)
 - Introduction to International Relations (200-level)
 - Critical Issues in Politics (300-level)
 - Revolutions, Democracy and Authoritarianism (200-level)

SKILLS

Programs

- R
- STATA
- NVivo

Languages

- English – Advanced Proficient
- Bengali – Native Proficient
- Hindi – Advanced Proficient
- Urdu – Advanced Proficient

Additional training

Summer 2021 Institute for Multimethod and Qualitative Research (IQMR) at Syracuse University

Winter 2020 Defence and Security Foresight Policy Brief Training Workshop

REFERENCES

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