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Summary

Experienced political risk analyst with background in US and EU domestic and foreign policy. I teach and research advanced political risk methodologies, looking to accelerate and strengthen the analytical process for clients in the public and private sectors with my consulting firm Two Lanterns Advisory.

Legislata is a software-as-a-service company that helps those working in or with the political or governmental world better manage their productivity and keep up with what's happening around them.

Experience



Founder

Legislata

Sep 2020 - Present (2 years 3 months +)

Building a non-partisan Software-as-a-Service platform for elected officials. Aimed at state and local legislative offices, it seeks to make the frontlines of democracy a little bit more efficient and effective.



Founder

Two Lanterns Advisory

Sep 2018 - Present (4 years 3 months +)

Building new ways to practice political risk: the Platform (a mix of Salesforce and Spotify for this industry); the Academy (a four-week course on the field); and bespoke engagements and workshops.



Adjunct Lecturer

Boston University - Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies (Pardee School)

Jan 2019 - Present (3 years 11 months +)

Teach a graduate course on Political Risk Analysis in Spring 2019 semester.



Senior Advisor, Strategic Partnerships

Voter Choice Massachusetts

Nov 2018 - Mar 2020 (1 year 5 months)

Help build a cross-partisan coalition to bring Ranked Choice Voting to Massachusetts.



Associate, Advisory Practice

Oxford Analytica

Sep 2015 - Aug 2018 (3 years)

Manage and produce bespoke consulting projects for clients in the public and private sector on geopolitical and macroeconomic concerns. Conduct executive education courses on analytical methodology, horizon scanning, scenario planning, and geopolitical risk forecasting.



Analyst for North America, Australia and New Zealand

Oxford Analytica

Jun 2013 - Oct 2015 (2 years 5 months)

Manage and produce North American, Australian and New Zealand coverage for Oxford Analytica's Daily Brief subscription service, focusing on macroeconomics, political economy, and geopolitics.

Contribute to consulting projects by the Advisory practice of Oxford Analytica.

Have discussed US politics and economics on BBC radio and World Service TV.



Consultant

Dunia Frontier Consultants

May 2010 - May 2010 (1 month)

Advised the Minister of Planning of the Kurdish Regional Government of Iraq on multiple strategic communication issues.

Education



University of Oxford

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), International Relations

2009 - 2012

Thesis: The Role of the United States in the European Union's Decision-Making on Security Policy:
2001-2005



University of Oxford

Master of Philosophy (MPhil), International Relations

2007 - 2009

Clarendon Scholarship

Dervorguilla Scholarship



Brown University

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Political Science and Classics

2003 - 2007

Phi Beta Kappa

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Political Science