

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS AND RESEARCH POSITIONS/GRANTS

American Political Science Association	2025-26
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	
University of Edinburgh (and Tufts University)	2021-26
- Researcher, Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform	
- 2023 Royal Society of Edinburgh Mary Somerville Medal for achievement in research.	
United States Institute of Peace	2021-24
- Researcher, 'Carbon Compacts, Decarbonization, and Peace in Fragile States in Africa and the Middle East" Research Grant	
World Peace Foundation, Tufts University	2017-22
- Visiting Fellow	
The London School of Economics and Political Science (and Tufts University)	2018-21
- Researcher, Conflict Research Programme	
Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Centre	2017
- Awarded a grant to organize a workshop on 'Displacement and Migration in 21 st Century Cities' with Loren Landau, Caroline Kihato (both University of Oxford) and Romola Sanyal (LSE).	

LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Solicitor, Supreme Courts of England and Wales
- Advocate, Bar Council of Delhi

EDUCATION

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University	Medford, Massachusetts
Ph.D. Candidate	2022-27 (expected)

*Recipient of Taussig Fellowship in Honor of William Martel
Leir – World Peace Fellow (2023-25)*

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University	Medford, Massachusetts
Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, GPA: 3.94/4	2014-16
<i>Bosworth Scholar; Edmund Gullion prize for outstanding academic achievement</i>	

National Law School of India University	Bangalore, India
B.A. LL.B (Hons.), GPA – 5.42/7.00	2002-07

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The World Bank	Washington D.C., USA
<i>Consultant</i>	since 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consultant with the with Social Sustainability and Inclusion Global Practice; Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice; Fragility, Conflict, and Violence Global Practice, and Urban Global Practice.	

- Led a series of analytical projects including political economy studies, conflict assessments, and refugee social impact assessments.
- Managed multi-country policy dialogues in the Horn of Africa.
- Supported the development of multiple projects on conflict, displacement, and social development in the Horn of Africa, and in Central Asia.

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Cairo/Addis Ababa/Mogadishu

Consultant (ILO Decent Work Team for North and East Africa)

2016–22

- Led the design of national employment policies for Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia.
- Co-authored various policy and country-level employment studies on Somalia and Ethiopia.
- Led the research and consultation process on regional youth employment in North Africa culminating in the adoption of a Roadmap on Youth Employment in Geneva by member nations.

Conflict Research Program

Tufts University and London School of Economics

Research Coordinator/Researcher

2018–21

- Researcher and research manager on the US\$ 8mn Conflict Research Program (CRP) funded by UK-DFID (now FCDO). The CRP was a research consortium headed by the London School of Economics, in partnership with the World Peace Foundation, Tufts University (and others).
- Led the development of the ‘political marketplace toolkit’ – a political-economy based diagnostic instrument to help policymakers assess the likely impact of external interventions in conflict-affected and fragile countries.

Open Society Foundations

Remote

Consultant

2017–18

- Co-authored two reports aimed at reforming the governance of mobility and access to labour markets in East and Southern Africa, with an emphasis on urban areas (with Samuel Hall and the University of the Witwatersrand).

World Peace Foundation, Tufts University

Somerville, Massachusetts, USA

Researcher

2016–17

- Researcher on the US\$ 8mn Conflict Research Program.

Linklaters LLP

London/Paris/Singapore/Hong Kong

Associate

2008–14

Ministry of Commerce, Government of India

New Delhi, India

Member, WTO Negotiation team

2007–08

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

A. Special Issues

Co-edited special issue of *Environment and Security* – Vol. 2(3), on ‘Decarbonization and Peace’ (2024).

B. Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Aditya Sarkar** and Alex de Waal. 2024. Going ‘cold turkey’: Oil addiction and ‘traumatic’ decarbonization in fragile fossil fuel producers. *Environment and Security*, 2(3), pp.323–347.

2. **Aditya Sarkar**. 2022. 'Once We Control Them, We Will Feed Them': Mass Starvation in Yemen. In *Accountability for Mass Starvation: Testing the Limits of the Law*, Bridget Conley, Alex de Waal, Catriona Murdoch, and Wayne Jordash QC (eds.), 217-259. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
3. **Aditya Sarkar**, Benjamin J. Spatz, Alex de Waal, Christopher Newton, and Daniel Maxwell. 2021. "The Political Marketplace Framework and Mass Starvation: How Can Humanitarian Analysis, Early Warning and Response Be Improved?" *Journal of Humanitarian Affairs* 3, no. 3: 43-55.
4. **Aditya Sarkar** and Per Ronnås. 2019. *An incomplete transition: SDG 8, structural transformation, and full and productive employment in Ethiopia*. Geneva: ILO. <https://bit.ly/2xa6IOs>.
5. Mihaela Papa and **Aditya Sarkar**. 2017. "Rising India in Investment Arbitration: The Evolving Legal Field and Regime Participation." In *The Indian Legal Profession in the Age of Globalization*, David B. Wilkins, Vikramaditya Khanna, and David M. Trubek, eds. London: Cambridge University Press.

C. Research/Policy Papers and Policy Commentary

1. **Aditya Sarkar**. 2024. "Peacemaking, Precarity, and Accumulation by Dispossession in the Horn of Africa". PeaceRep: The Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform, University of Edinburgh. <https://peacerep.org/publication/peacemaking-precarity-and-accumulation-by-dispossession-in-the-horn-of-africa/>.
2. **Aditya Sarkar** and Alex de Waal. "Fragile Petrostates and the Green Transition." *India Forum*, May 15, 2024. <https://www.theindiaforum.in/climate-change/fragile-petrostates-and-green-transition>.
3. **Aditya Sarkar**, Benjamin Spatz, Alex de Waal, Jared Miller, and Tarun Gopalakrishnan. 2024. Traumatic Decarbonization in Fragile States. Peaceworks No. 196. Washington D.C.: US Institute of Peace. <https://www.usip.org/publications/2024/05/traumatic-decarbonization-fragile-states>.
4. **Aditya Sarkar**, Alfredo Manfredini Böhm, and Fasil Mulatu Gessesse. 2023. "Conflict, Displacement, and Livelihoods in Ethiopia: Role of Social Safety Nets". In *Working Today for a Better Tomorrow in Ethiopia: Jobs for Poor and Vulnerable Households*, Emily Weedon Chapman and Margaux Vinez (eds.). Washington D.C.: The World Bank Group. <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/entities/publication/0f61ca47-8966-47ef-a503-255dbc74526>.
5. **Aditya Sarkar**. 2023. Two-Level Game or the Primacy of Domestic Politics? Ethiopia's Regional Foreign Policy after 2018. Working Paper. PeaceRep: The Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform, University of Edinburgh. <https://peacerep.org/publication/ethiopia-regional-foreign-policy-after-2018/>.
6. World Bank. 2023. *Somalia Climate Risk Review*. Washington D.C.: The World Bank Group. <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/099062923035034613/P17624603756190c409e570193ea2ae944d>.
7. Alex de Waal, Benjamin Spatz, and **Aditya Sarkar**. 2023. *Situating the Contribution of the Political Marketplace Framework to Peace Processes*. PeaceRep Report. Medford, MA: World Peace Foundation & Edinburgh: Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform, University of Edinburgh. <https://peacerep.org/publication/contribution-political-marketplace-framework-peace-processes/>.
8. **Aditya Sarkar** and Alex de Waal. 2023. *Thinking Politically About Money: The Changing Role of Political Finance in The Political (Un-)Settlements in Ethiopia and Sudan*. Economic Research Forum: Cairo. <https://erf.org.eg/publications/thinking-politically-about-money-the-changing-role-of-political-finance-in-the-political-un-settlements-in-ethiopia-and-sudan/>.
9. Benjamin Spatz, **Aditya Sarkar**, and Alex de Waal. 2023. *Decarbonization and Conflict Resolution: New Patterns of Peacemaking in Political Marketplace Systems and its Implications for the Clean Energy Transition*.

Edinburgh: Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform, University of Edinburgh, 2023.
<https://peacerep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Decarbonization-and-Conflict-Resolution-Spatz-Sarkar-de-Waal-2023.pdf>.

10. World Bank. 2022. *Social Cohesion and Forced Displacement: A synthesis of emerging global trends*. Washington DC: World Bank. <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/38431>.
11. **Aditya Sarkar**. 2021. 'Sudan: Employment Policy Analysis'. Geneva: ILO.
12. Nisar Majid, **Aditya Sarkar**, Claire Elder, Khalif Abdirahman, Sarah Detzner, Jared Miller, and Alex de Waal. 2021. *Somalia's politics: the usual business? A synthesis paper of the Conflict Research Programme*. Conflict Research Programme, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK.
<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/110878/>.
13. Benjamin J. Spatz, **Aditya Sarkar**, and Alex de Waal. 2021. 'The Political Marketplace: A Framework and Toolkit for Analyzing Transactional Politics in Conflict-Affected Countries'. London: LSE.
<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/111009/>.
14. World Bank. 2021. Somalia Urbanization Review: Fostering Cities as Anchors of Development. Washington D.C.: World Bank. <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/entities/publication/5b84d71db568-5b55-a9c0-dea5f8ccaaf3>.
15. Varalakshmi Vemuru, **Aditya Sarkar**, and Andrea Fitri Woodhouse. 2020. *Impact of Refugees on Host Communities in Ethiopia: A Social Impact Analysis*. Washington DC: World Bank.
<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/34267>.
16. **Aditya Sarkar**. 2020. "An Overview of the Borderlands of the Horn of Africa." In *From Isolation to Integration: The Borderlands of the Horn of Africa*. Washington D.C.: World Bank. <https://bit.ly/2w4Bxnc>.
17. Alan Boswell, Nanaho Yamanaka, **Aditya Sarkar**, and Alex de Waal. 2019. *The Security Arena in South Sudan: A Political Marketplace Study*. Somerville: Tufts University and London: LSE.
<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/id/eprint/102894>.
18. World Bank. 2018. *Mixed Migration, Forced Displacement and Jobs Outcomes in South Africa*. Washington DC: World Bank. <http://bit.ly/2md4XHa>.
19. *Free and Safe Movement in Southern Africa: Report to inform advocacy promoting safe and unencumbered movement of people across Southern Africa's international borders*. 2018. Open Society Foundations.
<http://bit.ly/2DOUNr6>.
20. *Free and Safe Movement in Eastern Africa: Report to inform advocacy promoting safe and unencumbered movement of people across Eastern Africa's international borders*. 2018. Open Society Foundations. <http://bit.ly/2O6Yklw>.
21. Ghada Barsoum, Sarah Wahby, and **Aditya Sarkar**. 2017. *Youth and employment in North Africa: A situation analysis*. Geneva: ILO. https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-abidjan/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_577306.pdf.

LANGUAGES

English, Bengali, and Hindi