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EMPLOYMENT

- 1.9.22 - 31.8.27 **Academy Research Fellow**
Politics Unit, Tampere University.
- 17.12.21 **Docent in International Relations, specifically Political Ecology**
Awarded by Tampere University, Faculty of Management and Business.
- 1.9.19 - 31.8.22 **Academy of Finland Postdoctoral Researcher**
Politics Unit, Tampere University (Parental leave 1.11.19 to 6.1.20).
- 1.8.17 - 31.08.19 **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Geography Research Unit, University of Oulu (Parental leave 27.8.18 to 28.4.19).

VISITING POSITIONS

- 1.9.20 - 1.9.22 **Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher**
Department of Anthropology and Human Security, and the Centre for Environmental Humanities, Aarhus University.

EDUCATION

- 2017 **Ph.D. in Political Science**
Department of Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, U.S.A.
- 2012 **Master of Social Science in Human Resource Management**
Department of Organization, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark.
- 2010 **Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies**
Department of Media and Journalism Studies, Aarhus University, Denmark.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Academy of Finland (2022-2027). PI of the project "The Politics of Predation: An ecological framework for strategic violence (ECOPRED)." €588,000.

Academy of Finland (2019-2022). PI of the project "Political Ecologies of Chemical Warfare: Toxicity and Bodies in International Relations." €355,000.

PUBLICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Destructive Plasticity and the Microbial Geopolitics of Hunger

G. du Plessis (2022) *Review of International Studies*. Published online 22 September.

Sustaining Empire: Conservation by Ruination at Kalama Atoll

G. du Plessis, C. Grimm, K. Kajihira and K. G. Kuper (2022) *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 40(4): 706-724.

Politics in the Time of COVID

S. R. Fishel, A. Fletcher, S. Krishna, U. McKnight, G. du Plessis, C. Shomura, A. Valdés and N. Voelkner (2021) *Contemporary Political Theory* 20(3): 657–689.

Invisibility, Colors, Snow: Arctic Biosemiotics and the Violence of Climate Change

G. du Plessis (2021) *Theory, Culture & Society* 38(7–8): 167–188.

Killing Reindeer: A Spatial analysis of Nordic states and nomadic forms of life in the Arctic

G. du Plessis (2020) *International Political Sociology* 14(4): 347-365.

Collective Discussion: Diagnosing the Present

R B J Walker, R. Shilliam, H. Weber and G. du Plessis (2018) *International Political Sociology* 12(1): 88-107.

When microbes determine the territory: Towards a concept of non-human borders

G. du Plessis (2018) *European Journal of International Relations* 24(2): 391-413.

War machines par excellence: The discrepancy between threat and control in the weaponisation of infectious agents

G. du Plessis (2017) *Critical Studies on Security* 5(1): 45-61.

Danish Demarcations: Welfare State, Middle-class Nationalism, and Xenophobia

G. du Plessis (2015) *Alternatives* 40(1): 15-30.

Enjoy your Vacation!

G. du Plessis (2015) *Ephemera* 15(4).

Critiquing Capitalism: A Genealogy of Vacation Travel

G. du Plessis (2014) *New Political Science* 36(3): 291-310.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Thinking like a microbe

G. du Plessis (forthcoming) In M. Salter, P. M. Frowd and C. E. Mutlu (eds): Research Methods in Critical Security Studies - An Introduction. 2nd edition. Routledge.

The necro-geopolitics of Danish welfare, and the horror of responsibility

G. du Plessis (2019) In C. Alphin and F. Debrix (eds): Necro-Geopolitics: On Death and Death-Making in International Relations. Routledge.

REVIEW ESSAYS

Book Review: Planetary Specters: Race, Migration and Climate Change in the 21st Century

G. du Plessis (2022). *Humanity & Society*, 46(2): 387–390.

Hunting as Techniques of Governing: Chamayou’s Manhunts, and Fassin’s Enforcing Order

G. du Plessis (2015) *Theory & Event* 18(2).

EDITORIALS

Omvendt racisme findes ikke (Reverse racism doesn’t exist)

G. du Plessis (2020) *Jyllands-Posten*, June 19.

Mads Fuglede, din klumme er anstødelig: Her er en læseliste, så du kan blive klogere (Mads Fuglede, your column is offensive: Here is a reading list so you can educate yourself)

G. du Plessis (2017) *Berlingske Tidende*, October 13.

Glem alt om en god ferie (Forget about having a nice vacation)

G. du Plessis (2012) *Information*, July 17.

BLOG POSTS

Cultivating Catastrophe: Why does North Korea still pursue biological weapons?

G. du Plessis (2017) *The Contemporary Condition*, December 26.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Kalama: Oceanic Countercurrents of U.S. Imperialism

G. du Plessis, C. Grimm, K. Kajihiro and K. Gofigan Kuper (Submitted for initial review).

Extermination and Excess: Martial Economies of Poison

G. du Plessis (Submitted for initial review).

TEACHING AND ADVISING

AARHUS UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HUMAN SECURITY

Supervisor for 3 Master's Thesis students in Human Security, completed 2022.
CAT Contemporary Anthropological Themes, Module 1: Postcolonialism, Fall 2021.
Human Security, Core Concepts Contextualised, guest lecturer, Fall 2020 and 2021.

TAMPERE UNIVERSITY, POLITICS UNIT

POLKVA31 Arctic Geopolitics and Climate Change, Tampere Summer School 2021
POLKVA44 Ecology, Technology and Materiality in Conflict, Fall 2020
POLKVA44 Technology, Materiality and Visuality in Conflict, Fall 2019

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I at MANOA, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLS 324 Global Environmental Politics, Summer 2017
POLS 379 Power in America, Spring 2017
POLS 385 American Politics, Fall 2016
POLS 305 Global Politics, Spring 2016
POLS 343 The Politics of Film, Fall 2015
POLS 315 Global Politics, Summer 2015
POLS 110 Introduction to Political Science, Spring 2015
POLS 315 Global Politics, Summer 2014
POLS 110 Introduction to Political Science, Spring 2014

TEACHER EDUCATION

Essentials of Doctoral Supervision for the Beginning Supervisor, Tampere University, Spring 2021 (1 ETCS).
Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Tampere University, Spring 2021 (10 ETCS).

AWARDS & HONOURS

Winner, Best Pre-Phd Paper Award: International Studies Association (ISA) Theory section, 2016.
2017 Jorge Fernandes Memorial Award, Department of Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2016.
Achievement Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2016 and 2017.
Scholarship, Danish-American Rebuild Society, 2009.

INVITED TALKS

Between Plasticity and Control: Microbiopolitics and security logics of nurturing

Department of Culture Studies, University of Oslo, November 10, 2021.

Invited Speaker for the Politiikasta.fi panel, Annual Conference of the Finnish Political Science Association: "Beyond the Liberal Peace Theory? Democracy and Security in a Posthumanist Perspective," May 12, 2021.

Killing Reindeer: A Spatial analysis of Nordic states and nomadic forms of life in the Arctic

Centre for Environmental Humanities, Aarhus University, February 25, 2021.

Invisibility, Colors, Snow: Arctic Biosemiotics and the Violence of Climate Change

Global Politics, Economy and Society (GPES) research centre seminar, Oxford Brookes University, February 1, 2021.

Invisibility, Colors, Snow: Arctic Biosemiotics and the Violence of Climate Change

Department of Anthropology, Aarhus University, October 28, 2020.

Viral imaginations: The security politics of a zombie apocalypse

Virginia Tech, February 27, 2017.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

RECENT PAPERS PRESENTED

The geopolitics of dirt: Soil ecology, ecosystem (dis)services and George Bataille's base materialism

Geopolitics and Planetary Boundaries Workshop, Stockholm, October 27, 2022 (planned).

Solarity, Excess, and War: A Bataillian reading of climate security

Climate Security: Toward a critical conceptualization workshop, University of Hamburg, September 30, 2022.

Destructive Plasticity and the microbial geopolitics of hunger

European International Studies Association Conference, Athens, September 3, 2022

War and excess: Racial ecologies of pesticides

European International Studies Association Conference, Athens, September 3, 2022.

Microbial Interventions: Destructive Plasticity and Microbiopolitics after Security

Afterlives of Epidemics Conference, Oslo, June 9, 2022.

Conservation by ruination: The toxic geopolitics of Kalama Atoll

With Kyle Kajihiro. British International Studies Association Conference, June 23, 2021.

State space and reindeer space: New perspectives on land-use conflicts

UArctic Congress, Oulu September 6, 2018.

White ecology: A chromatic analysis of Arctic geopolitics

European Society for Literature, Science and the Arts Conference, Copenhagen, June 15, 2018.

PANELS ORGANIZED

The Toxicity of Empire: Ruination, sacrifice, myth and nostalgia

British International Studies Association Conference, June 23, 2021.

Life and Death in Anthropocene Catastrophe: Politics, Ethics and Temporalities

International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, February 22, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board member

LAG (Local Action Group) Djursland, part of the European Union Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), 2021-present.

Reviewer

Security Dialogue, Critical Studies on Security, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Space and Polity, International Political Sociology, Geopolitics, Political Geography.

Editorial communications team member

International Political Sociology, 2017-present.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Danish (native)

English (native/bilingual)

Swedish (advanced)

German (intermediate)