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## Education

- Ph. D. University of Chicago, Political Science, 1996.
- B. A. Princeton University, Philosophy, 1987.

## Academic Employment

- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science
  - Professor, 2014 to the present
  - Associate Professor, 2007-2014.
- University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science
  - Associate Professor, 2006 -2007.
- Harvard University, Department of Government
  - Associate Professor, 2004-2006.
  - Assistant Professor, 2001-2004.
- University of California at Riverside, Department of Political Science
  - Assistant Professor, 1996-2001.
- University of California at Los Angeles, Department of Political Science
  - Visiting Assistant Professor 1995-1996.

## Books

- Andrew H. Kydd. *International Relations Theory: The Game Theoretic Approach*. Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- Andrew H. Kydd. *Trust and Mistrust in International Relations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005. (Winner of the 2006 Best Book Award from the Conflict Processes Section of the American Political Science Association.)

## Articles in Refereed Journals

22. Yoshiko M. Herrera and Andrew H. Kydd. “Don’t Look Back in Anger: Cooperation Despite Conflicting Historical Narratives”. *American Political Science Review* 118, no. 3 (2024): 1174–88.
21. Andrew H. Kydd. “Penalizing Atrocities”. *International Organization* 76, no. 3 (2022): 591–624.
20. Andrew H. Kydd. “I’ve Got a Feeling: Leaders, Summits and Reassurance”. *Journal of Global Security Studies* 7, no. 3 (2022).
19. Yoshiko M. Herrera and Andrew H. Kydd. “Take a Chance: Building Trust Across Identity Groups”. *Journal of Peace Research* 59, no. 5 (2022): 727–741.
18. Andrew Kydd. “Switching Sides: Changing Power, Alliance Choices and US-China-Russia Relations”. *International Politics* 57, no. 5 (2020): 855–884.
17. Andrew H. Kydd. “The Sturdy Child vs. the Sword of Damocles: Nuclear Weapons and the Expected Cost of War”. *Security Studies* 28, no. 4 (2019): 645–676.
16. Andrew H. Kydd and Roseanne McManus. “Threats and Assurances in Crisis Bargaining”. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61, no. 2 (2017): 325–348.
15. Charles A. Holt et al. “The Paradox of Misaligned Profiling”. *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 60, no. 3 (2016): 482–500.
14. Andrew H. Kydd and Scott Straus. “The Road to Hell: Third Party Intervention to Prevent Atrocities”. *American Journal of Political Science* 57, no. 3 (2013): 673–684.
13. Andrew H. Kydd. “Terrorism and Profiling”. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 23, no. 3 (2011): 458–473.
12. Andrew H. Kydd. “Learning together, growing apart: Global warming, energy policy and international trust”. *Energy Policy* 38, no. 6 (2010): 2675–2680.

11. Andrew Kydd. "When Can Mediators Build Trust?" *American Political Science Review* 100, no. 3 (2006): 449–462.
10. Andrew H. Kydd and Barbara F. Walter. "The Strategies of Terrorism". *International Security* 31, no. 1 (2006): 49–80.
9. Andrew Kydd. "In America We (Used to) Trust: U.S. Hegemony and Global Cooperation". *Political Science Quarterly* 120, no. 4 (2005-06): 619–636.
8. Andrew Kydd. "Which Side Are You On? Bias, Credibility and Mediation". *American Journal of Political Science* 47, no. 4 (2003): 597–611.
7. Andrew Kydd and Barbara F. Walter. "Sabotaging the Peace: The Politics of Extremist Violence". *International Organization* 56, no. 2 (2002): 263–296.
6. Andrew Kydd. "Trust Building, Trust Breaking: The Dilemma of NATO Enlargement". *International Organization* 55, no. 4 (2001): 801–828.
5. Andrew Kydd. "Trust, Reassurance and Cooperation". *International Organization* 54, no. 2 (2000): 325–357.
4. Andrew Kydd. "Arms Races and Arms Control: Modeling the Hawk Perspective". *American Journal of Political Science* 44, no. 2 (2000): 222–238.
3. Andrew Kydd. "Overcoming Mistrust". *Rationality and Society* 12, no. 4 (2000): 397–424.
2. Andrew Kydd. "Game Theory and the Spiral Model". *World Politics* 49, no. 3 (1997): 371–400.
1. Andrew Kydd. "Sheep in Sheep's Clothing: Why Security Seekers Do Not Fight Each Other". *Security Studies* 7, no. 1 (1997): 114–155.

### **Non-Refereed Publications**

10. Andrew H. Kydd. "Bargaining, Nuclear Weapons, and Alliance Choices in US-China-Russia Relations". In *The United States and Contemporary China-Russia Relations*, ed. by Brandon K. Yoder, 207–229. Palgrave MacMillan, 2022.
9. Andrew H. Kydd. "Decline, Radicalization and the Attack on the US Capitol". *Violence: An International Journal* 2, no. 1 (2021): 3–23.
8. Andrew H. Kydd. "Game Theory and the Future of International Security". In *Oxford Handbook of International Security*, ed. by William C. Wohlforth and Alexandra Gheciu, 179–192. Oxford University Press, 2018.

7. Andrew H. Kydd. "Information and Communication at the End of Negotiations". In *How Negotiations End*, ed. by William Zartman. Cambridge University Press, 2018.
6. Andrew H. Kydd. "Pulling the Plug: Can There Be a Deal with China on Korean Unification?" *The Washington Quarterly* 38, no. 2 (2015): 63–77.
5. Andrew H. Kydd. "A Failure to Communicate: Uncertainty, Information and Unsuccessful Negotiations". In *Unfinished Business: Why International Negotiations Fail*, ed. by Guy Olivier Faure, 283–300. University of Georgia Press, 2012.
4. Andrew H. Kydd. "Rationalist Approaches to Conflict Prevention". *Annual Review of Political Science* 13 (2010).
3. Andrew H. Kydd. "Methodological Individualism and Rational Choice". Chap. 25 in *Oxford Handbook of International Relations*, ed. by Christian Reuss-Smit and Duncan Snidal, 425–443. Oxford University Press, 2008.
2. Andrew Kydd. "The Art of Shaker Modeling: Game Theory and Security Studies". In *Cases, Numbers, Models: International Relations Research Methods*, ed. by Yael Wolinsky and Detlef Sprinz, 344–366. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2004.
1. Andrew Kydd and Duncan Snidal. "Progress in Game-Theoretical Analysis of International Regimes". In *Regime Theory and International Relations*, ed. by Volker Rittberger, 112–135. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993.

## Book Reviews and Comments

8. Andrew H. Kydd. "Realism and Rational Choice". *Critical Review* 36, no. 4 (2025): 560–574. (Review of John J. Mearsheimer and Sebastian Rosato. *How States Think: The Rationality of Foreign Policy*. Yale University Press, 2023.)
7. Andrew H. Kydd. "Our Place in the Universe: Alexander Wendt and Quantum Theory". *International Theory* 14, no. 1 (2022): 130–145.
6. Andrew H. Kydd and Charles L. Glaser. "Can Great Powers Discern Intentions?" *International Security* 40, no. 3 (2015/16): 197–202.
5. Andrew H. Kydd. "Trust in International Cooperation: International Security Institutions, Domestic Politics and American Multilateralism, by Brian Rathbun". *Political Science Quarterly* 127, no. 4 (2012-13): 697–699.
4. Andrew H. Kydd. "Reputation and Cooperation: Guzman on International Law". *International Theory* 1, no. 2 (2009): 295–305.

3. Building Trust: Overcoming Suspicion in International Conflict, by Aaron Hoffman, in *Political Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 3 (September 2006) pp. 377, 378.
2. Individual Strategy and Social Structure: An Evolutionary Theory of Institutions, by Peyton Young, in the *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 93, No. 2 (June 1999) pp. 442-443.
1. Optimal Imperfection? Domestic Uncertainty and Institutions in International Relations, by George W. Downs and David M. Roache, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 111, No. 3 (Fall 1996) pp. 549-550.

## Opinion

- Andrew H. Kydd. “Will NATO Fight Russia Over Ukraine? The Stability-Instability Paradox Says No”. *Political Violence at a Glance* (Mar. 2022).
- Andrew H. Kydd. “The United States and Europe Didn’t Get What They Wanted From Putin. But Putin Didn’t Get What He Wanted From Them.” *The Monkey Cage* (Feb. 2022).

## Working Papers

1. “False Flags: A Strategic Approach” (Under review)
2. “You Can’t Get There from Here: Offensive Realist Theory and its Foreign Policy.” (Under Review)
3. “Why Bureaucrats Leak” (with Elizabeth Saunders)
4. “Why Civil Wars are Fought by Extremists: Polarization, Abstention and the Cost of Participation”
5. “Pie Uneaten: Hostility and Inefficiency in Bargaining”

## Presentations and Conferences (last five years)

- Invited lectures on “Why Wars Start” and “Why Wars End,” Kyiv School of Economics, Kyiv, Ukraine, October 3, and 4, 2023.
- Building Trust Across Identity Groups: a Game and Experimental Evidence from Kazakhstan. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 31, 2023.
- Discussant at International Studies Association annual conference in Montreal, March 17, 2023.
- Article conference for Peter Schram at Vanderbilt University, February 23, 2023.

- Book conference for Maria Popova and Oxana Shevel at McGill University, February 3, 2023.
- Book conference for Michael Joseph, University of California at San Diego, September 1, 2022.
- Why Bureaucrats Leak. Presented at conference on secrecy in international relations, Princeton University, April 26, 2019.
- Personal Impressions, Rational Actors: Leaders, Summits and Reassurance, presented at a conference on trust in international relations, University of Namur, Belgium, January 2019.
- Taxing Atrocities, Subsidizing Rebels. Invited Presentation at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, November 2018.
- Why Civil Wars are Fought by Extremists. Conference on Terrorism and Political Violence, University of Washington, St. Louis, October 2018.
- Why Bureaucrats Leak. American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 31, 2018.
- True Crimes, False Flags: A Strategic Approach. University of Rochester, April 2018.
- True Crimes, False Flags: A Strategic Approach. International Studies Association, April 2018, San Francisco, CA.
- Switching Sides: Power Shifts, Alliance Choices and Russian Chinese Relations. National University of Singapore, August 2017.
- Saving Lives in Civil Wars. Presented at a conference at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum on the Syrian civil war, June 2017.
- Book Conference for Jane Vaynman, The George Washington University, September 2016.
- Conflict and Cooperation in the Nuclear Age, Yale University, September 2016.
- American Political Science Association, September 2016 (Chair and discussant on two panels.)
- Our Place in the Universe: Alexander Wendt, Quantum Mechanics and the Religious Impulse. International Studies Association, March 2016.
- Formal Models of International Relations, University of Southern California, February 2016.

## Teaching

- Undergraduate
  - Conflict Resolution
  - Nuclear Weapons and World Politics
  - Terrorism
  - Analysis of International Relations
- Graduate
  - Game Theory
  - Game Theory and International Relations
  - National Security Studies
  - International Relations of East Asia
  - International Relations Field Seminar

## Grants

- 2005 Institute for Quantitative Social Science grant for project on multi-lateral arms control treaties.
- 2003 Harvard Academy for International And Area Studies grant for travel to Russia.
- 2002 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs grant for a book conference on Trust and Mistrust in International Relations, held January 2003.
- 2001 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs research grant.
- 2001 Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Conference Grant. For a conference entitled Testing Strategic Models in International Relations, in May 2001 at Riverside, California in association with the Southern California Methods Program.
- 1997-98 Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Campus Activities Grant. Project Title: Workshop in International Relations. The grant funded a speaker series focusing on new scholarly research in international relations.

## Service

- Served on Social Science Divisional Committee
- Editorial Board Membership (past 10 years)
  - International Organization

- International Theory
- Refereed for the following Journals:
  - American Journal of Political Science
  - American Political Science Review
  - Conflict Management and Peace Science
  - European Journal of International Relations
  - International Interactions
  - International Organization
  - International Relations of the Asia Pacific
  - International Security
  - International Studies Quarterly
  - International Studies Review
  - International Theory
  - Journal of Conflict Resolution
  - Journal of Global Security Studies
  - Journal of Peace Research
  - Journal of Politics
  - Journal of Theoretical Politics
  - Political Psychology
  - Political Science Quarterly
  - Political Science Research Methods
  - Post-Soviet Affairs
  - Quarterly Journal of Political Science
  - Security Studies
  - World Politics
- Reviewed grant proposals for the National Science Foundation