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PROFILE

Jonathan Luke Austin is a political sociologist and Lead Researcher for the Violence Prevention (VIPRE) Initiative at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding of the Graduate Institute, Geneva. Austin's research is focused around the ontologies of political violence, the relationships between technology, design theory and world politics, the political status of aesthetics, and the contemporary state of scientific critique. Alongside these foci, Austin possesses a decade of research and field experience in the Middle East (Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Palestine, Jordan, Turkey) and regularly consults for NGOs and the media on current events. Austin's work is published in leading journals including *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Political Sociology*, *Security Dialogue*, *Review of International Studies*, *European Journal of International Security* and beyond.

POSITIONS

- 2017 – **Lead Researcher and Designer**
The Violence Prevention (VIPRE) Initiative, Geneva | www.vipre.ch
- 2019 – 2019 **Visiting Fellow**
Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.
- 2018 – 2018 **Visiting Fellow**
Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), University of Ottawa.
- 2016 – 2017 **Researcher**
Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP).
The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
- 2015 – 2016 **Visiting Scholar**
Centre for the Resolution of International Conflicts (CRIC).
The University of Copenhagen.
- 2014 – 2015 **Research Affiliate**
The Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB), Lebanon.

EDUCATION

- 2013 – 2017 **PhD International Relations and Political Science** (*Summa cum laude avec les félicitations du jury*)
The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
- 2011 – 2013 **MA International Relations and Political Science**
The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
- 2007 – 2011 **MA Arabic and International Relations** (*First Class Honors*)
The University of St Andrews, United Kingdom.

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

02. Austin, JL (Forthcoming). *Small Worlds of Violence. In preparation for submission to Cambridge University Press.*
01. Austin, JL. (2020). *Designing and Fabricating Critique.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

11. Austin, JL. (2019). "Towards an International Political Ergonomics," *European Journal of International Relations*, 25 (4): 979-1006.
10. Austin, JL. (2019). "Critique and Post-Critique" *Security Dialogue*, 50 (4S): 14-15.
09. Austin, JL. Bellanova, R. & Kaufmann, M. (2019). "Doing and Mediating Critique: An Invitation to Practice Companionship," *Security Dialogue*, 50 (1): 3-19.
08. Austin, JL. (2019). "A Parasitic Critique for International Relations," *International Political Sociology*, 13 (2), 215-231.
07. Austin, JL. (2019). "Security Compositions," *European Journal of International Security*, 4 (3).
06. Austin, JL. (2018). "(De)Securitization Dilemmas: The Simultaneous Enactment of Securitization and Desecuritization," *Review of International Studies*, 44 (2): 301-323. ** *Among most influential articles of 2018.*
05. Austin, JL. (2017). "We have never been civilized: Torture and the Materiality of World Political Binaries," *European Journal of International Relations*, 23 (1): 49-73.
04. Austin, JL. & Wennmann, A. (2017). "The Political Economy of Business Engagement in Violence Prevention," *Conflict, Security & Development*, 17 (6): 451-472.
03. Austin, JL. (2016). "Becoming a Torturer: Towards a Global Ergonomics of Care," *International Review of the Red Cross*, 98 (903): 859-888.
02. Austin, JL. (2016). "Torture and the Material-Semiotic Networks of Violence Across Borders," *International Political Sociology*, 10 (1): 3-21.
01. Austin, JL. (2012). "Facebook and Fanatics: Islam and the Arab Revolutions." *Regulating Religion*, Summer 2012.

BOOK CHAPTERS

06. Austin, JL. (2020). "Why Perpetrators Matter," in *Permitting the Prohibited: Reconsidering Torture as a Contested Concept*, Lang, T. Faye, D. & Cox, R. (Eds.), Washington: Georgetown University Press.
05. Austin, JL. (2020). "Accessing Lifeworlds: Getting people to say the unsayable," in *Secrecy and Methodology in Critical Security Research*, De Goede, M. Pallister-Wilinks P., & Bosme, E. (Eds.), London: Routledge, pp. 97-111.
04. Austin, JL. (2019). "Dangerous Fieldwork," in *Research Methods in Critical Security Studies*, Salter, M., Mutlu, C. & Frowd, P. (Eds.), London: Routledge. *2nd Edition.*
03. Austin, JL. (2019). "Posthumanism and Perpetrators," in *Routledge Handbook of International Perpetrator Studies*, Knittel, S. & Goldberg, Z. (Eds). London: Routledge.
02. Austin, JL. and Leander, A. (2019). "Visibility: Practices of Seeing and Overlooking," in *Mapping International Practices*, Bueger, C., Drieschova, A. & Hopf, T. (Eds), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
01. Austin, JL. (2018). "Meaning Making and the Grammar of the City," in *Sustaining Peace in the City: New Perspectives on Urban Safety and Peacebuilding*, Wennmann, A. (Ed.), London: Routledge.

ORIGINAL DATASETS

02. Austin, JL. (2019). The Violence in Action Dataset (VIAD). *Under embargo*.
A unique dataset containing over 1,000 videos of war crimes, filmed by perpetrators, and distributed on online platforms. Data is coded both quantitatively on key metrics (location, type of violence, intensity of violence, number of perpetrators) and qualitatively through an ethnomethodological sequencing method outlining the individual and group corporeal morphologies.
01. Austin, JL. (2019). The Practicing Violence Dataset (PRAVDA). *Under embargo*.
A unique dataset based on the material-semiotic coding of training materials used by military and policing forces in various nation states, outlining the 'ideal-type' practices intended to prevent violent human rights abuses, to be used in conjunction with the Violence in Action Dataset (described above).

EDITED BOOKS

01. **Post-Critical IR and Changing the World** (see www.post-critical.com)
Manuscript in preparation for submission to Cambridge University Press.

Contributors: Christian Bueger, Anna Leander, Marieke De Goede, Jef Huysmans, Joao Nogueira, Keith Krause, Vincent Pouliot, Michael C. Williams, Claudia Aradau, Ole Waever, Jean-Francois Drolet, Iver B. Neumann, and Rebecca Adler-Nissen.

SPECIAL ISSUES

02. **Composing Global Security** (see www.worldpoliticalcompositions.com)
European Journal of International Security, 4 (3).

Contributors: Roland Bleiker, Anna Leander, Michael Shapiro, Elspeth Van Veen, Rocco Bellanova, Rune Saugmann, Gloria Gonzalez Fuster, Elif Kalaycioglu, Raymond Duvall.
01. **Doing and Mediating Critique** (with Rocco Bellanova and Mareile Kaufmann)
Security Dialogue (50th Jubilee Anniversary issue), 50 (1).

Contributors: Peter Burgess, Claudia Aradau, Jef Huysmans, Laura Sjoberg, Matthias Leese, Debbie Lisle, Heather Johnson, and Kristoffer Liden.

OTHER WRITING

05. Austin, JL. (2017). *The Germination of Abusive Violence and its Restraint*, Geneva: The Violence Prevention Initiative.
04. Austin, JL. & Wennmann, A.. (2017). *The Private Sector and Violence Prevention in Kenya, 2007-2013*, Commissioned for the United Nations and World Bank, Preventing Violent Conflict, a UN-World Bank Group Study, World Bank Group Chief Technical Specialist Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group, Geneva.
03. Austin, JL. & Wennmann, A. (2017). *The Private Sector and Violence Prevention in Kenya, 2007-2013*, Commissioned for the project 'The Business Community as a Peacebuilding Actor' undertaken by CDA Collaborative Learning, the Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement (ACDS), and the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).
02. Austin, JL. & Jütersonke, O. (2016). *Understanding the Grammar of the City: A Semiotic Perspective on the Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Nexus*, Geneva: Geneva Peacebuilding Platform White Paper Series.
01. Austin, JL., et al. (2011). *Hamas and the Peace Process: Resistance, Rejectionism, Reconciliation?* Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies: University of St Andrews.

IN PROGRESS

- * Austin, JL. and Leander, A. (Solicited). Designing-With the World: Re-Thinking the Practice of International Relations, solicited for publication in *Political Anthropological Research in the International Social Sciences (PARIS)*.
- * Austin, JL. (R & R). The Departed Militant, revise and resubmit at *Security Dialogue*.
- * Austin, JL. (R & R). *Popular Culture and the Elicitation of Practice*, revise and resubmit at *International Studies Review*.

- * Austin, JL. (Under Review). *Post-Critique and International Relations Theory*.
- * Austin, JL. (Under Review). *Violence in Action: The Local Ordering of War Crimes*.
- * Austin, JL. (Under Review). *Making International Things*.
- * Austin, JL. (Under Review). *Logics of Change-Making in World Politics*,
- * Austin, JL. & Leander, A. (In Progress). *Security and the Sublime*, presented at KCL London (18.06.18), Marburg University (05.10.17), University of Amsterdam (2018), and EWIS Krakow 2019.
- * Austin, JL. & Leander, A. (In Progress). *(De)Composing the Californian Aesthetic*, presented at ICI Berlin (16.11.2018).

GRANTS & FUNDING

<i>In preparation</i>	10.6 million EUR	International Political Design European Research Council SYNERGY Funding Programme
<i>Under review</i>	99,695 CHF	Automated Abuse in Detention Detection and Recording (ADDER) Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) SPARK Research Grant
2019 – 2019	19,600 CHF	Cross-national micro-dynamics of detention-based violent abuse Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Research Grant
2017 – 2021	1,078,688 CHF	Violence Prevention (VIPRE): Towards a Material-Semiotic Approach to the Prevention of Violent Human Rights Abuses www.vipre.ch Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) CRSII5_170986 <i>Author of full project proposal; designer of theory and methodology underlying project; recruitment of all project members; Lead Researcher and designer across project.</i>
2017 – 2019	105,750 CHF	Preventing Violent Human Rights Abuses through the Material-Semiotic Analysis of Military Training Regimes (Declined) Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) P2GEP1_168910
2015 – 2016	19,950 CHF	Transnational Fields of Torture Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) P0GEP1_155423/2
2014 – 2016	126,000 CHF	Transnational Fields of Torture Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) P0GEP1_155423
2014 – 2015	23,000 CHF	Full Scholarship (Declined) Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2013 – 2014	45,000 CHF	Teaching Assistant Fellowship Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2011 – 2013	46,000 CHF	Full Scholarship (x2) Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2010	1,800 GBP	Research Stipend Award The University of St Andrews.

Total Awards ~ 1,550,000 USD

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- 10.2019 **Politics Beyond Technology: *Fabricating a Past***
Beirut, Lebanon | www.politicsbeyond.tech
International workshop comprised of leading scholars of technology, security, and political theory.
- 08.2019 **Post-Critical IR? *Groundwork for a future***
PUC-Rio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | www.post-critical.com
International workshop co-organized with the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.
- 05.2019 **Politics Beyond Technology: *Fabricating a Future***
Geneva, Switzerland | www.politicsbeyond.tech
International workshop comprised of leading scholars of technology, security, and political theory.
- 06.2018 **Doing Visual IR: *Methods, Power, and Politics***
Groningen, Netherlands
European International Studies Association (EISA) European Workshops in International Studies section.
- 09.2018 **Post-Critical IR? *Hope for changing the world political***
Prague, Czechia | www.post-critical.com
European International Studies Association (EISA) Pan-European conference section.
- 04.2018 **World Political Compositions: *Making Sense of the International***
San Francisco, USA | www.worldpoliticalcompositions.com
International workshop convened in coordination with the 2018 International Studies Association meeting comprised of leading scholars of security, aesthetics, and political theory.
- 04.2018 **Designing Against Evil: *Breakthroughs in Violence Prevention***
Geneva, Switzerland
Geneva Peacebuilding Week event, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
- 03.2018 **Post-Critical IR? *How to Change the World Political***
Copenhagen, Denmark | www.post-critical.com
International workshop convened at the Centre for the Resolution of International Conflicts at the University of Copenhagen comprising leading scholars of critique, practice, policy relevance, and political theory.
- 05.2016 **New Perspectives on Violence**
Geneva, Switzerland.
International workshop/seminar comprised of leading scholars of political violence. Convened in collaboration with the Danish Institute Against Torture (DIGNITY).

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

- 11.09.2019 **The Sentimentality of Evil**
EISA PEC 19, Sofia University, Plenary Session.
- 28.06.2019 **(De)Composing the Californian Aesthetic** (with Anna Leander)
Jagiellonian University Kraków.
- 05.06.2019 **The Semiotics of Mutilation**
University of Tartu.
- 25.03.2019 **Critique and Post-Critique**
Security Dialogue *Horizon Scan* Workshop, University of Toronto.
- 06.12.2018 **Towards an International Political Ergonomics**
Centre for International Police Studies (CIPS), University of Ottawa.
- 21.11.2018 **Prison Segregation Policy**
The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
- 16.11.2018 **(De)Composing the Californian Aesthetic** (with Anna Leander)
Institute for Cultural Inquiry (ICI) Berlin.

- 05.11.2018 **InterZone**
EISA Exploratory Symposium, Rapallo, Italy.
- 18.06.2018 **The State of the Sublime (*with Anna Leander*).**
Language and Everyday (In)Securitisation Workshop, Kings College London (KCL).
- 15.06.2018 **Post-Epistemic Critique and Practice Theory**
New International Relations Theory (NIRT) Workshop at the Graduate Institute, Geneva.
- 24.05.2018 **A Portrait of the Syrian Torturer**
Institute for International Relations, Prague.
- 15.04.2018 **The Scars of the World**
International Studies Association Catalytic Workshop, San Francisco (*attendance declined*).
- 03.04.2018 **Towards an International Political Ergonomics**
The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
- 21.11.2017 **Normative Reserves and their Practice**
New International Relations Theory (NIRT) Workshop at the University of Hamburg.
- 16.11.2017 **Torture Agenda Scoping Meeting**
The University of St Andrews.
- 05.10.2017 **Visibility, Aesthetics, and the International**, with Anna Leander.
Localizing Global Security Workshop, Dynamics of Security Centre, University of Marburg.
- 21.02.2017 **Visibility: *Practices of Seeing and Overlooking***, with Anna Leander.
International Studies Association Catalytic Workshop, Baltimore.
- 15.10.2016 **Visibility: *Practices of Seeing and Overlooking***, with Anna Leander.
The University of Cardiff, Mapping International Practices Workshop.
- 31.05.2016 **The Sentimentality of Evil: *Torture and Biopolitics from Below***
Copenhagen Business School (CBS).
- 20.04.2016 **Transnational Fields of Torture**
Centre for Advanced Security Studies (CAST) at University of Copenhagen.
- 25.01.2016 **Visual Knowledge and Osmotic Pedagogies of Violence**
Centre for the Resolution of International Conflicts (CRIC), University of Copenhagen.
- 14.12.2015 **Transnational Fields of Torture**
Centre for the Resolution of International Conflicts (CRIC), University of Copenhagen.
- 19.08.2015 ***Being-Mutamash and Being-at-Peace***
Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).
- 10.03.2015 ***Learning & Forgetting Violence: Cinema and the Visual Circulation of Atrocity***
Orient-Institut Beirut, Lebanon.
- 31.03.2015 ***The Globalization of Evil: Torture and Social Theory***
The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
- 27.02.2015 **The Visual Inscription and Circulation of the Standing-Reserve of Violence**
International Studies Association (ISA) Venture Research Grant Workshop.
- 13.01.2015 **Visual Breaching Emotions in the Field: *Totem, Tattoo, & Hezbollah***
Centre for the Resolution of International Conflicts (CRIC), University of Copenhagen.
- 26.03.2014 **Hot Tea with Sugar and the Translation(s) of Torture** (see cast.ku.dk)
Centre for Advanced Security Studies (CAST), University of Copenhagen.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

	<i>(P)aper, (C)hair, (D)iscussant, (R)oundtable</i>	
2019	SPSA (P, D), ISA (P, P, C, D, R), EISA (P, P, P, C, D, R).	
2018	SPSA (P, D), ISA (P, P, C, D, R), EISA (P, P, P, C, R).	
2017	ISA (P, P, P), EISA (P, P, P, P).	
2016	ISA (P, P), EISA (P).	
2015	ISA (P, P), EISA (P, D).	
2014	ISA (P, P, D).	
2013	SPSA (P), EISA (P), Millennium (P).	
		SPSA = Swiss Political Science Assoc. ISA = International Studies Assoc. EISA = European International Studies Assoc.

CLASSES TAUGHT

2019	Theory/Thought (<i>Directed social theory reading group</i>) Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2019	Savage Semiotics and War University of Tartu.
2019	Visual Archives of Violence Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2018	Visual Global (In)Security Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2018	Qualitative Methods in International Relations and Political Science Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2018	Making Fieldwork Work Institute for International Relations (IIR) Prague.
2017	The Practice Turn and World Politics: <i>Seeing the International Differently</i> Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
2017	Violence, Memory and Cinema: Comparative Perspectives Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2015 – 2016	Political Violence and Social Theory The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2013 – 2014	Teaching Assistant The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.

SUPERVISION

PhD Candidates:

- Ms. Alice Baroni (Political Science), 2017-2021; *Violence Prevention (VIPRE) Initiative PhD Candidate*
- Mr. Miguel Iglesias Lopez (Political Science), 2019-2021; *Violence Prevention (VIPRE) Initiative PhD Candidate*
- Mr. Basil Farraj (Sociology and Anthropology), 2017-2019. *Violence Prevention (VIPRE) Initiative PhD Candidate*

Additionally, regular supervisor of MA dissertations at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.

PRIZES RECEIVED

2019	IPS Peer Review Prize, Honourable Mention International Political Sociology
2017	Winner, Best Paper in International Political Sociology Award International Studies Association (ISA). <i>Published as 'A Parasitic Critique for International Relations</i> , International Political Sociology, <i>in press</i> .
2015	Nominee and Commendation Arditi Prize in International Relations Nominee of International Relations faculty at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva for best MA thesis in International Relations.
2011	Nisbet Prize First in Graduating Class, University of St Andrews.
2011	Professor Paul Wilkinson Prize First in International Relations Class, University of St Andrews.
2011	Honeyman Foundation Prize First in Arabic Class, University of St Andrews.
2007 – 2011	Dean's List Award for Academic Excellence Four awards, University of St Andrews.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer	International Political Sociology; Journal of International Relations and Development; Millennium: Journal of International Studies; European Journal of International Security; Journal of International Political Theory; Review of International Studies; Small Arms Survey; Security Dialogue.
Boards	<i>New Perspectives</i> , Associate Editor (2017 –); <i>Contexto Internacional</i> , ComsTeam (2016 –).
Sections	Communications Officer of the Science Technology and Art in International Relations (STAIR) section at the International Studies Association (ISA): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creator and editor for section website (www.stair-isa.com);• Raised <i>Twitter</i> account follower numbers from ~100 to + 1,000;• Curator of online syllabi and lecture databases;• Developed new 'travel cost sharing' initiative for ISA members.
Committees	Science, Technology, and Art in IR (STAIR) Best Paper Award, 2018. Science, Technology, and Art in IR (STAIR) Best Book Award, 2018.
Member	International Studies Association (ISA), European International Studies Association (EISA), Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA), European Sociological Association. (ESA).
Other	Founder and co-organizer of the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding's (CCDP) Research Seminar Series (2017 –).

PUBLIC IMPACT

MEDIA & OUTREACH

- 2012 - *Present* Dozens of (on and off the record) interviews with international media on on-going Syrian conflict and human rights violations (torture; ethnic divisions; targeting of civilians) therein.
- 2017 – 2018 **Guest Blogger: The Duck of Minerva**
Invited guest blogger for the leading International Relations blog The Duck of Minerva, posts including among the most popular of 2017: 'The Poverty of Style in IR' (<http://tinyurl.com/ydd9wpa9>).
- 2018 **Research Profile: *Jet d'Encre***
Research interview published in [French and English](#).
- 2018 **International Geneva - Faces of Peace**
Genève Internationale – Visages de la Paix
Research and practice profile for Swiss and International Peacebuilding communities.
Available in [English](#) or/ou [en Français](#).

PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

- 04.02.2018 **The Violence Prevention Initiative**
Graduate Institute, Executive Master in Development Policies and Practices (DPP).
- 09.11.2017 **Designing Against Evil: *Breakthroughs in Violence Prevention***
Geneva Peacebuilding Week, Geneva.
- 13.04.2017 **The Germination of Abusive Violence and its Restraint**
International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva.
- 10.03.2016 **A Portrait of the Syrian Torturer**
Danish Institute Against Torture (DIGNITY), Copenhagen.
- 03.10.2016 **A Portrait of the Syrian Torturer**
Swedish Red Cross Center for Persons affected by War and Torture, Malmö, Sweden.
- 07.11.2015 **Who are the torturers?**
International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva.

EXPERT CONSULTING

- 2018 **Security Coffee Meeting**
Czech Diplomatic Consultation, Institute for International Relations (IIR) Prague.
- 2017 **Expert Pool Member (NKE), *European Union***
European Union Neighbourhood Policy (ENP).
- 2016 **Expert Consultant, *United Nations & World Bank***
United Nations and World Bank project on *Preventing Violent Conflict, a UN-World Bank Group Study, World Bank Group Chief Technical Specialist Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group, Geneva.*
- 2016 **Expert Consultant, UN-Habitat**
Technical Working Group on the Confluence of Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Practice, UN Habitat.

OTHER SKILLS

Languages	English	L1
	Standard Arabic (الفصحى)	C2
	Levantine and Iraqi Arabic (شامي و فراتي)	C2
	French	C1
	Russian	A2
	Kurdish (Kurmanji)	A2
Fieldwork	Beirut/Tripoli, Lebanon	12 Months
	Ramallah, Palestine	18 Months
	Erbil/Mosul, Iraq	6 Months
	Amman, Jordan	2 Months
	Damascus, Syria	12 Months
	Washington D.C., USA	2 Months
	Ottawa, Canada	2 Months
Programming	Advanced STATA R HTML C++ C# Python Java MathLab.	
Software	Advanced Mac OS X Microsoft Windows Linux (Various) Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator NVivo Pajek LaTeX QGIS Final Cut Pro AutoCAD.	
Photography	Professional photographic services provided for (<i>inter alia</i>) Reuters, APF, Defence for Children International, German International Development Corporation (GIZ).	

REFERENCES

Available on request.