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Education

- Ph.D.* Political Science 2016 - present
Concentrations: Comparative Politics, American Politics
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- M.A.* Political Science 2014 - 2016
Gender Studies Certificate
Master's Thesis: *Forced Prostitution as an issue of political conflict
- An Argumentation Analysis of the Japanese "Comfort Women"*
Philipps-Universität Marburg, Marburg, Germany
- B.A.* International Liberal Studies 2010 - 2014
Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

Research Interests

Gender and Politics, Japanese Politics, Sexual Violence, Intersectionality

Employment

Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
Research Assistant
Professor Mala Htun
Assistant Professor Kendra Koivu

2016 - present

Conference Presentation

“Japan’s Sex Slaves: Political discourse and partisan conflict over WWII human rights abuses.”

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Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2017

“Forging *Ikumen*: On State efforts to redefine masculinity in Japan”

Mala Htun, Francesca Jensenius, Melanie Sayuri Sonntag

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2017

Field Research

Tokyo, Japan

June 2017

Languages

German Native fluency

Japanese Native fluency

English Full Professional Proficiency
TOEFL score ibt 114

January 2016