

# KAVI JOSEPH ABRAHAM

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## APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, SGIA | Durham University September 2020

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science | University of Pittsburgh September 2019

## EDUCATION

**PhD, Political Science** | Johns Hopkins University May 2018

Fields: International Relations and Political Theory

Dissertation: "Governing through Stakeholders: Systems Thinking and the Making of Participatory Global Governance"

**MA, Politics** | New School for Social Research May 2011

**BA, Political Science and Development Studies** | McGill University May 2007

## RESEARCH

### Interests

Global governance, pragmatism, multistakeholder democracy, international relations theory, theories of empire, and interpretive methodology

### Publications

"Making Machines: Unlikely Resonances between Realist and Postcolonial Thought" in *International Political Sociology* May 2017

"A Pragmatist Vocation for IR: The (Global) Public and its Problems" with Yehonatan Abramson in *European Journal of International Relations* December 2015

Book Review: *Defining and Re-defining Diaspora: From Theory to Reality* for the journal of *Ethnic and Racial Studies* June 2014

### Working Papers

"The Emergence of Stakeholders: A Pragmatist Theory of Novelty"

"Rethinking Power in Complexity"

"Midcentury Modern: A Genealogy of Stakeholders"

"Jane Addams, Mary Parker Follett, and the Pragmatist Critique of Stakeholder Democracy"

## **Presentations**

“Rethinking Power in Complexity” at the International Studies Association’s Annual Meeting	February 2017
“Power as a Category of Practice: The Case of Internet Governance” at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting	September 2016
“A Genealogy of Holding Stakes: From Business Management to Cyberspace” at the International Studies Association’s Annual Meeting	March 2016
“Unlikely Partners? Postcolonial Theory and Realism in Conversation” at the International Studies Association’s Annual Meeting	March 2016
“Making the World Productive: Liberal Political Economy and Imperialism” at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association and the European Consortium for Political Research	September 2015 August 2015
“Capturing Cyberspace: Multistakeholder Governance and Extra-Sovereign Power” at the European Consortium for Political Research's Annual Meeting	August 2015
“Democracy at Stake: Expertise, Networks, and the Future of Global Governance” at the New Earth Workshop, Johns Hopkins University	April 2015
“Tossing and Turning: Incorporating Pragmatism into the Practice Turn” <i>with Yebonatan Abramson</i> at the International Studies Association's Annual Meeting	February 2015
“Soft Edges, or the Critical Purchase of Interpretivism” at the Western Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting	April 2014
“Proliferating Borders in a Globalized World: Technology and the Politics of Hacking” at the International Studies Association’s Annual Meeting	March 2014
“Benign Imperialism? Liberalism and the Recovery of Empire” at the International Studies Association’s Annual Meeting and Northeast Regional Meeting	March 2014 November 2013
“The Protean Morphology of Interpretivism, or Making the Soft Sciences Softer” at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting	August 2013
“Cyberplace: Conceptualizing Power and Politics in Extended Reality” <i>with Renee Marlin-Bennett</i> at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association and the International Studies Association	August 2013 April 2013
“In Whose Interests: Implications of the Diasporization of Migration Discourse” at the Midwest Political Science Association’ 69th Annual Meeting and University of Toronto’s Transnational Futures? Shifting Borders and the Dynamics of Diaspora	April 2011 March 2011

## **TEACHING**

### **Instructor**

Introduction to Global Studies   University of Pittsburgh	Fall 2019
Foreign Policy in a Changing World   University of Pittsburgh	Fall 2019
i can has freedom? the political making of cyberspace   Johns Hopkins University	Spring 2017

### **Teaching Assistant | Johns Hopkins University**

Contemporary International Politics (head TA)	Fall 2017
Introduction to Comparative Politics	Spring 2015
Global Governance	Fall 2014
Introduction to International Studies	Fall 2013
Contemporary International Politics	Fall 2012

### **FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS**

James Hart Fellowship at JHU	Summer 2017
Dean's Teaching Fellowship at JHU	Spring 2017
Nicole Suveges Fieldwork Fellowship at JHU	Summer 2015
Charles Lathrop Pack Fellowship in memory of Walter Hines at JHU	2014 to 2015
Tuition Scholarship at the New School for Social Research	2009 to 2011

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and METHODOLOGY**

ISA-NE Pedagogy Workshop	Fall 2017
Discourse Analysis Workshop, National University of Singapore	Summer 2013

### **SERVICE**

Referee for <i>International Political Sociology</i> , <i>European Journal of International Relations</i> , and <i>Security Dialogue</i>	2015 to 2017
Political Science Graduate Student Representative at JHU	2011 to 2012
President, Union of Political Science Students at the New School	2010 to 2011