

# Prof. Brian Bow

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Research interests: US foreign policy; Canadian foreign policy; Canada-US relations; defence and security cooperation, incl. alliances; cross-border police cooperation; transgovernmental networks; regional integration, esp. North America; technocracy, populism, democracy.



Thesis topics I'm especially interested in supervising work on right now: all of the above, plus: evolution of diplomatic institutions and practices; technology and diplomacy; medieval to modern transition in the west; Global IR & non-western international systems; different views of the post-1945 "liberal international order"; US-China relations; Canada-China relations; globalization and state autonomy, esp fiscal policy; state-led development policy in more prosperous countries, and industrial policy; progress and dystopia in IR theory.

Some topics of theses previously supervised: evolution of Canadian attitudes toward humanitarian intervention; Canada's decision(s) to withdraw from Afghanistan; Canadian public diplomacy initiatives in the US after the Cold War; changes to Canadian immigration policy after 9/11; legal and practical obstacles to the development of a Canadian defence intelligence agency; Canadian sovereignty claims in the Arctic; Russian sovereignty claims and defence priorities in the Arctic; evolution of US views of the International Criminal Court; US debates about the "root causes" of transnational terrorism; US perspectives on democracy promotion in Iraq; US development aid policy during and after the Cold War; hegemonic transitions and US-China relations; western debates about the success and failure of East Asian countries' state-led development policies; development of the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy; using "human security" concepts to evaluate Mexico's Merida Initiative; regime security agendas and resource extraction in Central Africa; comparison of UN post-conflict reconstruction projects; involvement of transnational civil society organizations in post-conflict reconstruction; third-party brokering of comprehensive agreements to manage intra-state conflicts; coercive strategies to prevent nuclear weapons proliferation; understanding Iran and North Korea's pursuit of nuclear weapons; conditions for effectiveness of international economic sanctions; comparing national innovation strategies; public-private partnerships in municipal water-management strategies; etc.

Hobbies: carpentry, gardening, rowing, biking