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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Sir Patrick Sheehy Professor of International Relations, University of Cambridge, 2017-present  
Fellow, King's College, Cambridge, 2017-present  
Head of Department, Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge 2018-2021

Associate Professor and Professor, Griffith University, 2007-17

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney, 2001-2007

Assistant Professor, American University in Bulgaria, 1999-2001

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1999

M.A. Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1997

B.A. Honours History and Political Science, University of Western Australia, 1995

**PUBLICATIONS:****Books**

J.C. Sharman, *Ties that Bound: Slavery and Power in Africa* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2026), 267 pages.

J.C. Sharman and Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, *Vigilantes Beyond Borders: NGOs as Enforcers of International Law* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2022), 221 pages.

J.C. Sharman and Andrew Phillips, *Outsourcing Empire: How Company-States Made the Modern World* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2020), 272 pages (translated into Mandarin and Turkish).

J.C. Sharman, *Empires of the Weak: The Real Story of European Expansion and the Creation of the New World Order* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019), 201 pages (translated into Mandarin, Japanese, Turkish and Hungarian).

J.C. Sharman, *The Despot's Guide to Wealth Management: On the International Campaign against Grand Corruption* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2017), 265 pages.

J.C. Sharman and Andrew Phillips, *International Order in Diversity: War, Trade and Rule in the Indian Ocean* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 276 pages.

Winner 2016 Jervis-Schroeder Award, American Political Science Association Winner  
2017 Francesco Guicciardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations,  
International Studies Association

J.C. Sharman, Michael G. Findley and Daniel L. Nielson, *Global Shell Games: Experiments in Transnational Relations, Crime and Terrorism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 250 pages.

Winner 2015 Yale H. Ferguson Award, International Studies Association

J.C. Sharman, *The Money Laundry: Regulating Criminal Finance in the Global Economy* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2011), 224 pages.

J.C. Sharman, Emile van der Does de Willebois, Emily Halter, Robert A. Harrison and Ji Won Park. *The Puppet Masters: How the Corrupt Use Legal Structures to Hide their Stolen Assets and What to do About It* (Washington D.C.: World Bank, 2011), 268 pages (translated into French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian).

J.C. Sharman and David Chaikin, *Corruption and Money Laundering: A Symbiotic Relationship* (New York: Palgrave, 2009), 234 pages.

J.C. Sharman and Percy S. Mistry, *Considering the Consequences: The Development Implications of Initiatives on Taxation, Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism* (London: Commonwealth, 2008), 202 pages.

J.C. Sharman, *Havens in a Storm: The Struggle for Global Tax Regulation* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2006), 211 pages.

J.C. Sharman, *Repression and Resistance in Communist Europe* (London: Routledge Curzon, 2003), 173 pages.

### **Journal Articles**

J.C. Sharman, "Slave Empire: Ottoman Islamic Slavery and State Formation," *International Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming).

J.C. Sharman, Michael G. Findley and Daniel L. Nielson, "A Natural Field Experiment on the Effectiveness of Economic Sanctions Before and After the Russian Invasion of Ukraine," *Nature Human Behaviour* (forthcoming 2026).

J.C. Sharman, Michael G. Findley and Daniel L. Nielson “Banking Bad? A Global Field Experiment on Risk, Reward, and Regulation,” *American Journal of Political Science* 69 (April 2025), 545-559.

J.C. Sharman and Andrew Phillips, “Anarchy and Empire: World-Conquerors and International Systems,” *International Studies Quarterly* 68 (December 2024), 1-13.

J.C. Sharman, “Against Diffusion: Power and Institutions in African-European Relations,” *International Studies Quarterly* 68 (June 2024), 1-12.

J.C. Sharman and Ayşe Zarakol, “Global Slavery in the Making of States and International Orders,” *American Political Science Review*, 118 (May 2024), 802-814.

J.C. Sharman, “Something New Out of Africa: States Made Slaves, Slaves Made States,” *International Organization* 77 (Summer 2023), 497-526.

J.C. Sharman and Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, “Enforcers Beyond Borders: Transnational NGOs and the Enforcement of International Law,” *Perspectives on Politics* 19 (March 2021), 131-147.  
Winner Heinz I. Eulau Award, best article published in *Perspectives on Politics* 2021

J.C. Sharman and Andrew Phillips, “Company-States and the Creation of the Global International System,” *European Journal of International Relations* 26 (December 2020), 1249-1272.

J.C. Sharman, “Power and Profit at Sea: The Rise of the West in the Making of the International System,” *International Security* 43 (Spring 2019), 163-196.

J.C. Sharman, “Myths of Military Revolution: European Expansion and Eurocentrism,” *European Journal of International Relations* 24 (September 2018), 491-513.

J.C. Sharman, Alexander Cooley and John Heathershaw, “The Rise of Kleptocracy: Laundering Cash, Whitewashing Reputations,” *Journal of Democracy* 29 (January 2018), 39-53.

J.C. Sharman, “Sovereignty at the Extremes: Micro-States in World Politics,” *Political Studies* 65 (October 2017), 559-575.

J.C. Sharman and Alexander Cooley, “Transnational Corruption and the Globalized Individual,” *Perspectives on Politics* 15 (September 2017), 732-753.

J.C. Sharman, Michael Findley, Brock Laney and Daniel Nielson, “External Validity in Parallel Global Field and Survey Experiments on Anonymous Incorporation,” *Journal of Politics* 79 (Fall 2017), 856-872.

J.C. Sharman, Brent Allred, Daniel Nielson and Michael Findley, “Anonymous Shell Companies:

A Global Audit Study and Field Experiment in 176 Countries,” *Journal of International Business Studies* 48 (July 2017), 596-619.

J.C. Sharman, “Illicit Global Wealth Chains after the Financial Crisis: Micro-States and an Unusual Suspect,” *Review of International Political Economy* 24 (No. 1 2017), 30-55.

J.C. Sharman and Jo-Anne Gilbert, “Turning a Blind Eye to Bribery: Explaining Failures to Comply with the International Anti-Corruption Regime,” *Political Studies* 64 (March 2016), 74-89.

J.C. Sharman and Andrew Phillips, “Explaining Durable Diversity in International Systems: State, Company and Empire in the Indian Ocean,” *International Studies Quarterly* 59 (September 2015), 436-448.

Winner 2016 Outstanding Article Award in International History and Politics, American Political Science Association

J.C. Sharman and Carolin Liss, “Global Corporate Crime-Fighters: Private Transnational Responses to Piracy and Money Laundering,” *Review of International Political Economy* 22 (No.4 2015), 693-718.

J.C. Sharman, “War, Selection, and Micro-States: Economic and Sociological Perspectives on the International System,” *European Journal of International Relations* 21 (March 2015), 194-214.

J.C. Sharman, Michael G. Findley and Daniel L. Nielson, “Causes of Non-Compliance with International Law: A Field Experiment in Anonymous Incorporation,” *American Journal of Political Science* 59 (January 2015), 146-161.

J.C. Sharman and Alexander Cooley, “Blurring the Line between Licit and Illicit: Transnational Corruption Networks in Central Asia and Beyond,” *Central Asian Survey* 34 (No.1 2015), 11-28. [Excerpted in Central Asian Survey’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reader].

J.C. Sharman and Hun Joon Kim, “Accounts and Accountability: Corruption, Human Rights and Individual Accountability Norms,” *International Organization* 68 (May 2014), 417-448.

J.C. Sharman, Shima Baradaran, Michael G. Findley, and Daniel L. Nielson, “Funding Terror,” *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 162 (February 2014), 477-536.

J.C. Sharman and Catherine Weaver, “RIPE, the American School, and Global Diversity in IPE,” *Review of International Political Economy* 20 (December 2013), 1082-1100.

J.C. Sharman, Michael G. Findley, and Daniel L. Nielson, “Using Field Experiments in International Relations: A Randomized Study of Anonymous Incorporation,” *International Organization* 67 (October 2013), 657-693.

J.C. Sharman, "International Hierarchy and Contemporary Imperial Governance: A Tale of Three Kingdoms," *European Journal of International Relations* 19 (June 2013), 189-207.

J.C. Sharman, Shima Baradaran, Michael G. Findley, and Daniel L. Nielson, "Does International Law Matter?" *Minnesota Law Review* 97 (February 2013), 745-837.

J.C. Sharman and Catherine Weaver, "Between the Covers: International Relations in Books," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 46 (January 2013), 124-128.

J.C. Sharman, "Canaries in the Coal Mine: Tax Havens, the Decline of the West and the Rise of the Rest," *New Political Economy* 17 (October 2012), 493-513.

J.C. Sharman, "Chinese Capital Flows and Offshore Financial Centres," *Pacific Review* 25 (July 2012), 317-337.

J.C. Sharman, "Seeing Like the OECD on Tax," *New Political Economy* 17 (February 2012), 17-33.

J.C. Sharman, "Testing the Global Financial Transparency Regime," *International Studies Quarterly* 54 (December 2011), 981-1001.

J.C. Sharman and Jacqui True, "Anglo-American Followers or Antipodean Iconoclasts? The 2008 TRIP Survey of Australia and New Zealand," *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 65 (April 2011), 143-161.

J.C. Sharman, "Shopping for Anonymous Shell Companies: An Audit Study of Financial Anonymity and Crime," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 24 (Fall 2010), 127-140.

J.C. Sharman, "Dysfunctional Policy Transfer and National Tax Blacklists," *Governance* 23 (October 2010), 623-639.

J.C. Sharman, "Offshore and the New Political Economy," *Review of International Political Economy* 17 (January 2010), 1-19.

J.C. Sharman, "Privacy as Roguery: Personal Financial Information in an Age of Transparency," *Public Administration* 87 (December 2009), 717-731.

J.C. Sharman, "The Bark is the Bite: International Organizations and Blacklisting," *Review of International Political Economy* 16 (December 2009), 573-596. [Republished in *Money Laundering* edited by Navin Beekarry (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2012)].

J.C. Sharman and Patrick Weller, "Where is the Quality? Political Science Scholarship in Australia," *Australian Journal of Political Science* 44 (December 2009) 597-612.

J.C. Sharman and David Marsh, "Policy Diffusion and Policy Transfer," *Policy Studies* 30 (June 2009), 269-289.

J.C. Sharman and David Chaikin, "Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering Systems: Putting a Luxury Good to Work," *Governance* 22 (January 2009), 27-45.

J.C. Sharman, "Benchmarking Australian IR: Low Impact, a Bookish Lot, or a Very British Affair?" *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 62 (December 2008), 529-540.

J.C. Sharman, "Regional Deals and the Global Imperative: The External Dimension of the European Union Savings Tax Directive," *Journal of Common Market Studies* 46 (December 2008), 1049-1069.

J.C. Sharman, "Power, Discourse and Policy Diffusion: Anti-Money Laundering in Developing States," *International Studies Quarterly* 52 (September 2008), 635-656.

J.C. Sharman and Carla Wilshire, "Fighting Plagiarism in Australian Universities: Why Bother?" *Australian Journal of Political Science* 42 (September 2007), 503-508.

J.C. Sharman, "Rationalist and Constructivist Perspectives on Reputation," *Political Studies* 55 (March 2007), 20-37.

J.C. Sharman, "Norms, Coercion and Contracting in the Struggle against 'Harmful' Tax Competition," *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 60 (March 2006), 143-169.

J.C. Sharman, "South Pacific Tax Havens: Leaders in the Race to the Bottom or Laggards in the Race to the Top?" *Accounting Forum* 29 (September 2005), 311-323.

J.C. Sharman and John M. Hobson, "The Enduring Place of Hierarchy in World Politics: Tracing the Social Logics of Hierarchy and Political Change," *European Journal of International Relations* 11 (March 2005), 63-98.

J.C. Sharman, "Who Pays for Entering Europe? Sectoral Politics and European Union Accession," *European Journal of Political Research* 43 (October 2004), 797-821.

J.C. Sharman and Robert Phillips, Jr, "An Internalist Perspective on Party Consolidation and the Bulgarian Union of Democratic Forces," *European Journal of Political Research* 43 (May 2004), 397-420.

J.C. Sharman, "Agrarian Politics in Eastern Europe in the Shadow of EU Accession," *European Union Politics* 4 (December 2003), 447-472.

J.C. Sharman, "Culture, Strategy and State-Centered Explanations of Revolution, 1789 and 1989," *Social Science History* 27 (Spring 2003), 1-24.

J.C. Sharman and Dexter S. Boniface, “An Analytic Revolution in Comparative Politics?” *Comparative Politics* 33 (July 2001), 475-495.

J.C. Sharman, “New Conceptions of Peasant Resistance to Collectivization,” *Soviet and Post-Soviet Review* 27:2 (2000), 241-259.

J.C. Sharman and Roger E. Kanet, “The Challenge of Democratic Consolidation in Post-Communist Europe,” *International Politics* 35 (September 1998), 333-351.

J.C. Sharman, “Vorhersage und Vergleich. Zur Osteuropaforschung in den USA [Prediction and Comparison in the Study of Eastern Europe in the USA],” *Osteuropa* 48 (August-September 1998), 821-837.

J.C. Sharman, “Post-Communist State Building and the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict,” *Soviet and Post-Soviet Review* 23:3 (1996), 329-347.

## **MAJOR GRANTS**

Australian Research Council Discovery Project (DP220100627) “Balance of Power vs. Empire in International Relations: A Global Study.” With Andrew Phillips. AUD 162,197, 2022-2024.

Department for International Development, Anti-Corruption Evidence, “Testing and Evidencing the Effectiveness of Beneficial Ownership Checks: Investigating the Laundering of Monies and Reputations by African and Central Asian Elites.” With John Heathershaw, David Lewis, Alexander Cooley and Ricardo Soares de Oliveira. GBP 347,702, 2019-2021

Anti-Corruption Excellence Award, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Centre, Qatar, USD 125,000, 2018-2019

Australian Research Council Discovery Project (DP170101395) “Company States and International Relations Theory.” With Andrew Phillips. AUD 159,000, 2017-2019

Australian Research Council Linkage Grant (LP160100267) “Strengthening Australia’s National Integrity System: Priorities for Reform.” With A.J. Brown, Janet Ransley, Adam Graycar, Tim Prenzler, Transparency International, New South Wales Ombudsman and Queensland Integrity Commissioner. AUD 338,000, 2016-2018

Australian Research Council Future Fellowship (FT120100485) “Chasing Kleptocrats’ Loot: Strengthening Accountability for Grand Corruption Crimes.” AUD 908,724, 2012-2016

Australian Research Council Discovery Project (DP120100937) “Sovereignty at the Extremes: Micro-states in International Relations Theory.” AUD 90,000, 2012-2013

Norwegian Research Council (project 212210/H30), “Systems of Tax Evasion and Laundering: Locating Global Wealth Chains in the Global Political Economy.” With Leonard Seabrooke, Duncan Wigan, Virot Ali, Eleni Tsingou, Ronen Palan, Attiya Waris, Don Marshall and Benjamin De Carvahlo, NOK 6,400,000 2012-2015

Australian Research Council Discovery Project (DP0986608) “The Nexus Between Corruption and Money Laundering: Typologies and Policy Responses.” Co-Chief Investigator with David Chaikin, AUD 200,000, 2009-2011

Faroe Islands Research Council, “Why No Tax Haven in the Faroes?” with Guðrið Weihe and Leonard Seabrooke, DKK 733,890, 2008-12

Australian Research Council Discovery Project (DP0771521): “Following the Money: The Birth Diffusion and Effectiveness of the Global Regime to Counter Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing,” Queen Elizabeth II Fellow and Sole Chief Investigator, \$488,000, 2007-11

Australian Research Council Discovery Project (DP0452269): “The Global Governance of Tax and Financial Services: Who Regulates, Who Wins, Who Loses,” Sole Chief Investigator, \$105,000, 2004-06

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

### **Ph.D. Supervision**

- Chelsea Thorpe, “Non-state Armed Groups,” University of Cambridge, current
- Connor O’Brien, “The Rise of Good Governance,” University of Cambridge, current
- Alina Utrata, “Silicon Valley and the State,” University of Cambridge, 2024 [Winner of the Departmental Best Dissertation Prize]
- Jack Brake, “Prestige through Restraint,” University of Cambridge, 2022
- Naif Al-Mulla, “Interstate Socialization,” University of Cambridge, 2022
- May Hen, “Offshore Transnational Legal Order,” University of Cambridge, 2021
- Ron Pol, “Money Laundering and Real Estate,” Griffith University, 2017
- Lee Morgenbesser, “Authoritarian Regimes and Elections,” Griffith University, 2013
- Dan Halvorsen, “Failed States and State-Building,” Griffith University, 2010  
[Runner-up, Australian Political Studies Association award for Best Dissertation 2011]
- Zoe Lester, “Money Laundering Risk,” University of Sydney, 2008
- Lavina Lee, “US Hegemony and International Legitimacy,” University of Sydney, 2007  
[Winner of Australian Political Studies Association award for Best Dissertation, 2008]
- Marcus Chadwick, “Export Credit Agencies and Appropriation Risk,” University of Sydney, 2007
- John Mikler, “The Car Industry and the Environment,” University of Sydney, 2007
- Susan Park, “The World Bank and Transnational Environmentalism,” University of Sydney, 2004

## **Courses Taught**

- Introduction to International Relations, University of Cambridge, 2022-24, 2025-26
- Global Financial Crime, MPhil, University of Cambridge, 2022, 2025
- International Security, MSt, University of Cambridge, 2023
- International Organization, University of Cambridge, 2017-21
- International Relations Theory, MSt, University of Cambridge, 2020, 2025
- Global Financial Crime, MSt, University of Cambridge, 2018, 2020
- International Organization, MPhil University of Cambridge, 2017-18
- Research Methods, Honours/Masters Seminar, Griffith University, 2012, 2013
- International Organization, Masters Seminar, University of Sydney, 2003-06
- Theories of International Organization, Honours Seminar, University of Sydney, 2003-04, 2006
- International Organization, University of Sydney, 2003 and 2005-06
- International Human Rights, American University in Bulgaria, Spring 2001
- Introduction to Politics, American University in Bulgaria, Fall 2000 and Spring 2001
- Public Policy Analysis, American University in Bulgaria, Fall 1999, Fall 2000 and Spring 2001
- International Political Economy, American University in Bulgaria, Spring and Fall 2000
- Democratic Transition, Consolidation and Breakdown, American University in Bulgaria, Fall 1999
- Introduction to International Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall 1998 and Spring 1999

## **SELECTED POLICY & CONSULTANCY WORK:**

Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes, expert witness in international corruption-related dispute, 2025-26.

Central Bank of The Bahamas, Director, Research Conference on Financial Crime, 2025-28.

Inter-American Development Bank, Audit Study of Remittances, Economic and Sector Work, 2025-26.

Inter-American Development Bank, Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering knowledge stock-take, 2023-25.

Central Bank of The Bahamas, Shadow Shopping Customer Due Diligence, 2022-23.

World Bank/United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, Nominee and Shell Companies report, 2022.

Mishcon de Reya, Dishonesty Project: Asset Recovery as a Public-Private Partnership report,

2022.

Gangs of London (television series), money laundering advisor, script development, 2021.

Inter-American Development Bank, Anti-Money Laundering Lessons Learned summary papers, 2021, 2022, 2023.

Cullen Commission on Money Laundering in British Columbia, Expert Witness and consultant, 2020-21.

United Nations High Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity, consultant, 2020.

World Bank/United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, External Reviewer 2019.

Kenyan Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Expert Witness and *pro bono* consultant, investigation of \$800 million “Anglo-Fleecing” fraud, 2015-2016, 2018-19.

Panamanian International Bar Association, Panama City, “Panama’s Corporation System and Bearer Shares in Comparative Perspective” Policy Paper, 2012.

World Bank/United Nations Office on Drugs and Drug and Crime Stolen Assets Recovery Initiative, Washington DC, “Misuse of Corporate Vehicles” lead audit study, 2009-2011.

International Financial Centres Forum, London, “International Financial Centres and the Developing World” author of report, 2009-2010.

United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, “The Relative Availability of Anonymous Shell Companies On- and Offshore” invited submission, 2009.

Asian Development Bank, Manilla, Philippines “Using Anti-Money Laundering Systems to Counter Corruption in Small States” workshop designer and organiser, 2009.

Pacific Islands Forum, Suva, Fiji “Pacific Offshore Financial Centres and the US Stop Tax Havens Abuse Act” author and presenter of report, 2008.

Financial Action Task Force, Paris, France and Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering, Sydney, Australia. “Anti-Money Laundering and Corruption Issues Project,” co-lead researcher, 2006-07.

Commonwealth Finance Ministers’ Meeting, Colombo, Sri Lanka. “Impact of Recent AML/CFT and Taxation Initiatives on Small Commonwealth States,” author and presenter of briefing paper, September 2006.

World Bank FIRST Initiative, Washington DC, USA and Commonwealth Secretariat Economic Affairs Division, London, UK. “International Financial Services Survey Project,” lead researcher, 2005-07.

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, International Committee, London, UK. “Deconstructing National Tax Blacklists,” lead author of report and keynote speaker at STEP Worldwide conference, London, UK, 2005.