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## Degrees

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| 2025 [expected] | Ph.D., Political Science, International Relations and Comparative Politics<br><i>University of Toronto</i>                                                                                                                                    |
| 2015-2017       | M. Sc. Political Science, specialization International Security<br><i>Université de Montréal</i><br><br>Thesis: <i>Sitting On Our Hands: Comparing Canada's Intervention Policy in Libya and Syria.</i> ≥ Supervisor: Dr. Marie-Joëlle Zahar. |
| 2012-2015       | B. A. Political Science, minor Law & Society<br><i>Concordia University</i>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2010-2012       | Honours Diploma of College Studies (DEC). Social Science and Mathematics.<br><i>Vanier College</i>                                                                                                                                            |

## Recognitions

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| 2021 | Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award<br><i>University of Toronto</i>     |
| 2020 | Emerging Thought Leader<br><i>Women in International Security (WIIS)</i> |
| 2019 | Fellow<br><i>Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy</i>         |

## Publications

### *Book Chapters*

Kindarji, Valérie. "Digital Subversion: Assessing the Indirect Effects of Foreign Disinformation Operations on Democracy." In *The Weaponization of Disinformation*, edited by Bessma Momani and Shelly Ghai Bajaj. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press, 2025 [forthcoming].

### *Newspaper Articles*

Kindarji, Valérie and Wong, Wendy H. "Digital Literacy Will be Key in a World Transformed by AI." *The Globe and Mail*. March 11, 2023.

### *Working Papers*

Kindarji, Valérie and Kehlenbach, Stefan E. “Designing the Digital Citizen: Digital Literacy and Neoliberal Responsibilization.” [80% complete]

Kindarji, Valérie. “Explaining Educational Responses to the Disordered Information Environment in the U.S., Finland, and Estonia.” [90% complete]

### *Conference Publications*

Kindarji, Valérie. “Educational Responses to Disinformation in the U.S., Finland, and Estonia.” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. September 2025 [forthcoming].

Kindarji, Valérie. “Digital Literacy and Big Tech in Scandinavia, the Baltics, and North America” *Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS)*, Yale University, June 2024.

Discussant: “Power to the People? Digital Literacy,” *Sovereignty in the Age of Data Symposium*, April 2023.

Kindarji, Valérie. “Digital Subversion: Assessing the Indirect Effects of Foreign Disinformation Operations on Democracy.” *Cybersecurity and Privacy Institute (CPI) & University of Waterloo*. Waterloo, ON. April 2023.

Kindarji, Valérie et al., “Designing the Digital Citizen: Digital Literacy and Neoliberal Responsibilization,” *Western Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference*, 2023.

Kindarji, Valérie et al., “The Revolution that Wasn’t: Business as Usual in the COVID-19 Exposure Notification Rollout,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference*, 2022.

Kindarji, Valérie, “Middle Power Dilemmas: A Comparative Analysis of Canada’s Foreign Policy in Libya and Syria”, *International Studies Association*. Toronto, 2019.

Kindarji, Valérie, “Comparing Canada’s Responses to Home-Grown Terrorism.” *Robarts CGSC*. York University. Toronto, 2019.

### **Presentations**

2024. Panelist, invited. “Misinformation and Disinformation in Public Education.” ≥ Digital Expo 2024, *Toronto Public Library*. Toronto, Canada.

2024. Panelist, invited. “Pre-Propaganda and Systemic Industrialized Deception.” Beyond Disinformation, Centre for European and Eurasian Studies (CEES), *Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy*. Toronto, Canada.

### **Broadcast Interviews**

03/2025                      *The Financial Post*. Interview: Cyber Threats to Canada’s Democratic Process.

- 02/2025 *CP24 Breaking News. CTV News.* Expert Commentary: Foreign Interference Campaign Targeting Chrystia Freeland.
- 12/2024 *TVO. Big If True.* Expert Commentary: “The Biggest Mis- and Disinformation Blunders of 2024.” ≥
- 08/2024 *The Vassy Kapelos Show. iHeart Radio/580 CFRA.* Expert Commentary: The U.K. riots, disinformation, and digital literacy. ≥
- 08/2024 *The Evan Bray Show.* Expert Commentary: Disinformation and Democracy.

## Employment

- 2024-Present Researcher. Digital Transparency Research Excellence Cluster. *University of British Columbia.* ≥
- 2023-2024 Interviewer and Analyst. Project: Explaining Resistance to DEI Initiatives. *Rotman School of Business.*
- 2019-2024 Head Teaching Assistant. Department of Political Science. *University of Toronto.*
- 2022-2024 Researcher. Governance of Emerging Technologies (GET) Group. *University of British Columbia.*
- 2019-2024 Research Project Manager. Department of Political Science. *University of Toronto.*
- Project: State Formation. PI: Dr. Seva Gunitsky.
  - Project: Queer Activism in the MENA. PI: Dr. Janine A. Clark.
- 2017-2019 Teaching Assistant. Department of Political Science. *University of Toronto.*
- 2013-2017 *Business Analyst.* Bombardier Aerospace.

## Credentials

- 2022 LaTeX Academic Typesetting Certificate ID ≥ *UdemY*
- 2022 First Responder Certificate ID 13652949-8811490 (RTO#3605) *Red Cross*
- 2019 Data Science:
  - Visualization. Certificate ID ≥
  - Data Science (R). Certificate ID ≥
  - Linear Regression. Certificate ID ≥

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Certificate ID 1908AB2212  
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2018-2019

Doctoral Comprehensive Examinations:  
- International Relations. Passed May 2018.  
- Comparative Politics. Passed May 2019.