

José Kaire

✉ kaire@asu.edu

🌐 www.josekaire.com

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University. August 2020–present

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2020.

M.A. Political Science, Purdue University, 2015.

B.A. Political Science, UNAM, Mexico, 2011.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, 2022.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), 2019.

European Consortium of Political Research Summer Institute, 2018.

Research

Peer-Reviewed Book

- Kaire, José (2025) *The Road to Repression: How Economic Liberalization Fuels Violence* Oxford University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

8. Huntington-Klein, Nick. Pörtner, Claus. Kaire, José et al. “The Sources of Researcher Variation in Economics.” *Journal of Economic Literature*. *Conditionally Accepted*
7. Kaire, José (2026) “Strong Elites, Weak Resistance: Elite Collective Action and Dictatorial Power Grabs.” *Rationality & Society*. 38(3):340-364.
6. Kaire, José (2026) “Too Many to Fight: Elite Free Riding and the Origins of Personalism.” *Political Studies Review*. 24(3): 566-575.
5. Kaire, José (2024) “Can’t Coalesce, Can’t Constrain: Redefining Elite Influence in Non-democracies.” *Political Science Research and Methods*. 12(3):540–556.
4. Kaire, José (2024) “Get the word out: Monitoring human rights reduces abuse.” *Journal of Peace Research*. 61(5):808–824.
 - Winner of the Peace Science Society 2025 Will H. Moore Best Paper Award
3. Hoffman, Aaron, and José Kaire (2020). “Comfortably Numb: Effects of Prolonged Media Coverage.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 64(9):1666–1692.
2. Kaire, José (2019) “Compensating elites: How international demands for economic liberalization can lead to more repressive autocracies.” *International Studies Quarterly*. 63(2):394–405.
1. Kaire, José (2019) “The Normative and Material Foundations of Judicial Confidence in Bolivia.” *Latin American Politics and Society*. 61(4):1–22.

Ongoing Projects

- Kaire, José. “Deregulating Power: How Economic Liberalization Creates Strongmen.” *Government and Opposition*. Under Review.
- Kaire, José, David Crow, and James Ron. “Locally Funded Human Rights? Experimental Evidence from Lagos, Mexico City, and Bogotá.” In Progress.
- Kaire, José. “Elite Restructuring and Cohesion in the Era of AI.” In Progress.
- Kaire, José, David Crow, and James Ron. “Violence and Support for Human Rights Agenda in the Global South.” in Progress.

Editor-refereed Publications

- Kaire, José (2026) "The Road to Repression" in *The Conversation*, Author Interview Series
- Ron, James, Kaire, José, Archana Pandya and Andrea Martínez. (2018). "What Will It Take to Reduce NGO Dependence on Foreign Aid?" In C. Rodríguez-Garavito & K. Gomez (Eds.), *Rising to the populist challenge: A new playbook for human rights actors*. pp. 153–160. Dejusticia.
- Kaire, José (2018) "Shaming campaigns as a human rights tool". *Open Global Rights*.

Awards and Funding Support

- Excellence in Research award, SPGS, Arizona State University, 2026
- Peace Science Society 2025 Will H. Moore Best Paper Award, 2025
- Miller Colloquium Speaker Series grant, SPGS, Arizona State University, 2025
- Miller Colloquium Speaker Series grant, SPGS, Arizona State University, 2024
- Kopf Conference grant, SPGS, Arizona State University, 2024

Invited Talks

- “State Capacity and Mexico’s Drug War.” Policy Design Studio, Arizona State University, January 23, 2026.
- “Political Violence in Mexico from a Historical Perspective.” Policy Design Studio, Arizona State University, August 22, 2025.
- “Causes of Cartel Violence in Mexico.” Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico, May 10, 2025.
- “Monitoring Deters Abuses.” Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City, Mexico, February 27, 2025.
- “Why powerful elites tolerate autocratic power grabs.” Kopf Conference, ASU, April 19, 2024.
- “Locally Funded Human Rights.” Universidad de los Andes, Colombia March 13, 2023.
- “Geopolitics of Sport and Sportswashing,” School of Community Resources and Development, Arizona State University, November 19, 2022.
- “Monitoring human rights reduces abuse,” Northern Arizona University, March 11, 2022.
- “Success in the Academic Job Market.” University of Minnesota, March 1st 2021.
- “Compensating elites: How Economic liberalization leads to repression,” Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica (CIDE), Mexico, August 12, 2020.
- “Local Fundraising for Human Rights.” National Seminar of Agustín Pro Human Rights Center, Mexico City, August 10, 2017.
- “How international pressure for economic liberalization can lead to more repressive autocracies,” Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, March 1, 2017.

Conference Presentations

- Kaire, José. “Deregulating Power: How Economic Liberalization Creates Strongmen.” American Political Science Association 2025.
- Kaire, José. “Why Powerful Elites Tolerate Autocratic Power Grabs.” Southern Political Science Association 2025.
- Kaire, José. “Strong Elites, Weak Resistance: Elite Collective Action and Dictatorial Power Grabs” American Political Science Association 2024.
- Kaire, José. “Monitoring Human Rights Reduces Abuse.” American Political Science Association 2023.
- Kaire, José. “Measuring Elite Influence in Non-democracies.” Western Political Science Association 2023.

Teaching

Graduate classes

- POS 605 Political Data Wrangling & Visualization (online): Fall 2026.
- Political Econometrics II: Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026.
- Quantitative Text Analysis: Fall 2022, Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Fall 2026.
- Politics of Human Rights: Fall 2021.

Undergraduate classes

- Political Statistics (online): From Spring 2022 to Spring 2026.
- Comparative Government: Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2025.
- Politics of Mexico: Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023.

Service

Service to Arizona State University

- Organizer of School of Politics and Global Studies Workshop, 2020, 2021, 2022.
- Organizer of School of Politics and Global Studies Democracy and Autocracy Lab, 2024.
- Member of School of Politics and Global Studies Graduate Committee, 2023, 2026.
- Organizer (with Anna Meyerrose) of Warren Miller Colloquium with Michael Miller (GWU) “Pre-Hacking: Preregistration Practices in Political Science.” Spring 2026.
- Organizer of Warren Miller Colloquium with Scott Gelbach (UChicago) “The Politics of Authoritarian Regimes and the Russian-Ukraine Conflict.” Spring 2024. Open to the ASU community.
- Organizer (with Anna Meyerrose) of Paper to Publication Workshop for Graduate Students with Michael Miller. Spring 2026.
- Organizer of Paper to Publication Workshop for Graduate Students with Scott Gelbach. Spring 2024.
- Organizer (with Anna Meyerrose and Margaret Hanson) Kopf Conference “Global Trends in Democratic Backsliding and Autocratic Consolidation.” Spring 2024.

- Hosted External Speaker Kenneth Greene (UT Austin). “Money Can’t Buy You Love: Partisan Responses to Vote-Buying Offers in Modern Democracy” Spring 2022.
- Hosted External Speaker Rachel Brulé (Boston University). “Are Quotas In Two Dimensions Better than One? Intersectional Representation & Group Relations in India.” Spring 2022.
- Participant in School of Politics and Global Studies Political Analytics master’s degree discussions.
- Participant in School of Politics and Global Studies International Relations major degree discussions.

Service to the Profession

- Discussant and co-host for Graduate Papers Workshop at Arizona State University. Sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies (George Mason University).
- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Democratization*, *Political Studies Research and Methods*.