

Daniel William Tuominen Szabo

Citizenship: Canada and Portugal
3601-4189 Halifax Street, Burnaby, BC V5C 0H9 Canada
(Greater Vancouver Metropolitan Area)
+61.4.8134.1518 +1.604.932.0813
dszabo@danielwszabo.com



26 June 2024

Summary

- I am a driven researcher interested in advancing literature and challenging narratives. Interests include agency, communications, comparative politics, international relations, leadership theory and practice, migration, and social capital, with an appreciation of complementary theoretical interventions.
- I am a strategic leader dedicated to assisting individuals in achieving excellent results and reaching high. With thirty-five years of teaching experience and a passion for lifelong learning. I lead large and small cohorts, including curriculum development and designing educational conferences, seminars, and workshops.
- I advocate for civil service with eleven years at the UN level with International Organization for Migration (IOM), working in various multicultural and multidisciplinary teams to strengthen a comprehensive and inclusive response to migrants' needs.

Education

PhD, School of Government and International Relations Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia	August 2023
Bachelor of Government and International Relations (Honours) Class 1 Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia	December 2017
Master of International Relations Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin	August 2013
Bachelor of International Relations Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia	August 2012
Associate of Arts Capilano University, North Vancouver, Canada	November 2010

Awards and Honours

Best Poster Award 24th International Migration Conference - Global Citizenship Education, Universitate Klagenfurt, Austria.	2024
--	-------------

International Postgraduate Research Scholarship Award, Griffith University. **2018**
This scholarship award offset the international student program tuition for the duration of my PhD candidacy (142,000 AUD).

Postgraduate Research Scholarship Award, Griffith University. **2018**
This scholarship award assisted with the general monthly living costs during my PhD candidacy (94,787 AUD).

Medal for Outstanding Academic Excellence, Griffith University. **2017**
For research conducted as part of my Bachelor of Government and International Relations (Honours) Class 1.

Teaching Experience

Instructor - Undergraduate

Griffith University, Brisbane and Gold Coast, Australia.

The Purpose of Business	T3, 2022 - 2023 —T1, 2023
Introduction to International Relations	T1, 2023
The Government Business Nexus: Intervening, Lobbying and Responding	T1, 2023
Engaging Australia and the Asia-Pacific	T2, 2022—T3, 2022 - 2023
The Age of Migration	T2, 2022

Instructor - Visiting Graduates and Undergraduates **2015 - 2016**

International Organization for Migration (IOM) - UN Migration, Geneva, Switzerland.

IOM and the UN Humanitarian System (multiple seminar dates)

Instructor - Adult Leadership and Curriculum Development **2008 - 2010**

Context International, Vancouver, Canada.

The Pursuit of Excellence (multiple course dates)

Instructor - Adult Leadership and Curriculum Development **2002 - 2010**

VICOR International, Youth For Excellence Association (YFE), Vancouver, Canada.

The Advantage (multiple course dates)

The Summit (multiple course dates)

Elegant Destiny (multiple course dates)

Instructor - Youth Leadership and Curriculum Development **1990 - 2010**

Youth For Excellence Association (YFE), Vancouver and Toronto, Canada—Seattle, WA, United States—Byron Bay, Australia—Hong Kong.

Taking Action (multiple conference dates)

Instructor - Facilitator, Youth Leadership Development **1988 - 1989**

International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI), South Bend, Indiana, United States.

ISLI Youth Leadership Conference, Notre Dame University

Research Experience

Doctoral Researcher, Griffith University

2018 - 2023

- Project lead, including designing questions and fieldwork involving qualitative interviews with 101 migrants who had experience travelling high-risk routes through the Sahara Desert.
- Data collection took place in two phases and at four locations, Niamey, Niger— Rome and Milan, Italy—and The Gambia, followed by analysis and coding of the dataset, which culminated in the publication of my thesis.
- This project investigated how migrants have sought to derive social capital through networks in an environment of increasing securitised migration and barriers to migrant integration by states.

Honours Researcher, Griffith University

2016 - 2017

- Project lead for this data collection pilot exercise conducting qualitative interviews with 24 migrants who had abandoned high-risk migration through the Sahara Desert.
- This project uncovers the three primary determinants of migrants' decisions to abandon a journey: abandonment by smugglers, desert conditions, or being stopped by authorities.

Szabo, D.W. (2017). *Journeys across the Sahara and the decision to return: Primary determinants in a migrant's decision to abandon a journey* [Honours Dissertation, Griffith University].

International Civil Service Experience

International Organization for Migration (IOM) - UN Migration

2013 - 2024

Geneva, Switzerland (HQ-based)—Brisbane, Australia and Vancouver, Canada (remote-based)

Communications Consultant—Officer, Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) (2015 - 2024)

Global Data Institute *2023-2024*

Department of Operations and Emergencies *2016-2022*

Media and Communications Division *2015-2016*

- Enhancing the visibility and supporting countries implementing Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM). Activities involving the DTM unit monitor and track displaced populations' movements and evolving needs using flow monitoring, mobility tracking, registration and survey tools. Displacement Tracking Matrix is currently active in one-hundred countries.
- Creating and implementing strategies in crisis communication in humanitarian response operations.
- Helping advance the use of internal displacement and other population mobility data for advocacy, humanitarian response and recovery programming, including data for accountability and transparency in complex displacement environments.
- Raising the profile, reach and visibility of Missing Migrants Project. In 2014, Missing Migrants Project was formed at IOM HQ in response to migrants disappearing and dying along high-risk migration routes around the world. Since its inception, Missing Migrants Project now hosts the only existing open-access database of deaths during migration at the global level.

Research Officer (2015)

Migration Research Division

- Cartography and research for IOM's flagship publication, *World Migration Report 2015*.

Donor Relations Officer (2013 - 2014)

Donor Relations Division

- Lead in the design and research of *IOM's Humanitarian Compendium 2014*.
- Co-lead in the development of *IOM's Solar Lanterns Initiative*.

Publications (Peer Reviewed)

Szabo, D.W. (2023). *Extraordinary Decisions® Network-Derived Social Capital as a Survival Strategy on Routes Through the Sahara Desert* [Doctoral thesis, Griffith University]. doi.org/10.25904/1912/4988

Presentations

Szabo, D.W. (2024, 12 - 14 June). *Extraordinary Decisions® Network-Derived Social Capital as a Survival Strategy on Routes Through the Sahara Desert* [Conference poster presentation]. 24th International Migration Conference - Global Citizenship Education, Klagenfurt, Austria.

Szabo, D.W. (2023, 15 - 16 June). *Extraordinary Decisions® Network-Derived Social Capital as a Survival Strategy on Routes Through the Sahara Desert* [Conference presentation]. 23rd International Migration Conference - Youth in Migration Societies, Cologne, Germany.

Szabo, D.W. (2021, 30 July). *High-Risk Migration and the Construction of Network-Derived Social Capital Through the Sahara Desert* [Seminar presentation]. Centre for Governance and Public Policy Seminar Series - Trimester Two, Brisbane, Australia.

Publications (Reports)

International Organization for Migration. (2015, November). *World Migration Report – Migrants and Cities: New Partnerships to Manage Urban Mobility*. ISSN: 1561-5502 - Cartography and Research.

Associations and Committees

UN-Globe Chapter Berlin - IOM, Germany Diversity and Inclusion Working Group - Member.	2024
American Political Science Association - Member.	2023 - present
Australian Political Science Association - Member.	2023 - present
European Consortium for Political Research - Member.	2023 - present

LGBTI Pulse Memorial Scholarship®

2016 - 2019

Founder and Member of the Scholarship Administration Team

- Created and launched a scholarship initiative following the 2016 Pulse Nightclub tragedy to support LGBTIQ2S+ individuals aged 18-26 pursuing technical or vocational diplomas, college, or university degrees globally and formed in partnership with IOM.

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), UN Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland - Member.

2014 - 2016

Languages

English (fluent).

Portuguese (working proficiency).