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## Top Skills

International Relations

Stata

Statistics

## Languages

Spanish

## Certifications

Certified Scrum Master (CSM)

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS)

# Alex Parets

Sanctions and Arsenal FC

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Summary

I am a political economist and financial crimes specialist that provides sanctions implementation, anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist finance, financial intelligence, targeting, analytics, and strategic policy advice and expertise to law enforcement, regulatory, and intelligence agencies and private sector companies. My areas of expertise include threat finance, counterterrorism, sanctions implementation, sanctions compliance, anti-money laundering, trade compliance, trade finance, customs enforcement, currency markets, and statistical analysis.

- Spanish - Native Fluency
- Software - R, Stata, SAS, ArcGIS, LaTeX, MS Office, TAC, i2, Palantir
- Certified Scrum Master (CSM)
- Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS)

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## Experience

### Capital One

Senior Director, Head of Enterprise Screening & Sanctions Risk Management

February 2023 - Present (9 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

### Marquette University

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Political Science

August 2021 - Present (2 years 3 months)

Spring 2022 - Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Fall 2021 - Coercive Economic Statecraft: Theory and Practice

### U.S. Department of the Treasury

8 years 1 month

Counselor to the Under Secretary, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence

December 2021 - February 2023 (1 year 3 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Attaché for South America and the Caribbean, Office of Foreign Assets Control

September 2019 - December 2021 (2 years 4 months)

Bogotá, Capital District, Colombia

Ambassador's Appreciation Award (2020)

- Led the Treasury Department's sanctions diplomacy and implementation initiatives in South America and the Caribbean. Principal representative to regional sanctions fora including the Lima Group, Organization of American States, and International Contact Group.
- Served as the principal sanctions advisor to the U.S. Ambassadors to Colombia and Venezuela.
- Provided technical assistance and capacity building to countries throughout the region. Work with banking associations and companies across Latin America to expand knowledge of sanctions and advocate for domestic regulatory changes consistent with U.S. policy.

Senior Sanctions Policy Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control

July 2017 - September 2019 (2 years 3 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Principal advisor on OFAC's counterterrorism, counter-transnational organized crime, counternarcotics, Yemen, Lebanon, and Venezuela sanctions programs, as well as on emerging financial technologies, digital currencies, and alternative payment systems. Additional experience and expertise advising the North Korea, Cuba, and weapons of mass destruction sanctions programs.

- Led the development of sanctions-related policy options for senior Treasury and White House officials to address new and emerging threats to the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States. Extensive experience with policy analysis, development, implementation, and evaluation, and specific experience with legal and policy aspects of international trade, international investment, and international financial transactions.
- Regularly engaged with foreign counterparts on effective implementation of U.S. sanctions and UN asset freezes. Provided expertise to foreign counterparts on ways to enhance their domestic designation and anti-money laundering regimes.

- Led the delivery of sanctions implementation-related technical assistance and capacity building to foreign partners from Panama, Argentina, Colombia, Canada, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Peru, Mexico, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey.

#### Sanctions Investigator and Technical Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control

February 2015 - July 2017 (2 years 6 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

OFAC Distinguished Employee of the Year Award (2017)

OFAC Top Team Award (2015, 2016, 2017)

- Lead sanctions investigator and technical advisor in the international crime and money laundering section of OFAC's Office of Global Targeting (OGT), specializing in the implementation of sanctions against international money laundering organizations in the Middle East, South America, Europe, and North and West Africa.

- Served for six months as the (Acting) Chief of OFAC's International Crime and Money Laundering

Section, overseeing designation and delisting cases.

#### Center for a New American Security (CNAS)

Next Generation National Security Leaders Fellow

January 2019 - December 2019 (1 year)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Every year, the Center for a New American Security selects a bipartisan group of 20-25 emerging national security leaders between the ages of 27 to 35 to participate in the Shawn Brimley Next Generation National Security Leaders Program. This year-long, part-time professional development fellowship aims to bring together young professionals across sectors within the national security field to learn best practices and lessons in leadership. Next Gen fellows will have the opportunity to engage with thought leaders on leadership principles and national security through various engagements, including a monthly dinner series. Past speakers include Secretary Madeleine Albright, General Stanley McChrystal, Secretary Jeh Johnson, Congressman Mike Gallagher, and Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins. The program culminates in a week-long international study tour to delve deeper into national security issues and leadership.

#### National Security Council, The White House

Director for Threat Finance and Sanctions

August 2018 - September 2019 (1 year 2 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

National Security Advisor Commendation (2019)

Homeland Security Advisor Commendation (2019)

- Principal advisor for anti-money laundering, sanctions, export controls, and anti-corruption to the National Security Advisor and senior White House and National Security Council staff.
- Served as the White House lead on sanctions issues to the diplomatic corps and international organizations. Regularly engaged with European, South American, Asian, and African partners on sanctions and anti-money laundering issues, as well as with the United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and multilateral development banks.
- Chaired dozens of interagency meetings on foreign terrorist organization designations; sanctions against Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, Yemen, Iraq, Lebanon, Russia, North Korea, Syria, China, the Balkans, and Mali; developed an implementation plan for the economic coercion and illicit finance elements of the National Security Strategy and National Strategy on Counterterrorism; enhanced sanctions and illicit finance collaboration and cooperation with foreign partners; and enhanced public-private partnerships to combat corruption, opioids trafficking from China, and enhance human rights.
- Principal author and strategist for the modernization of U.S. counterterrorism and counter-transnational organized crime sanctions authorities.
- Jointly with the UK's Anti-Money Laundering Coordinator, organized and co-chaired the first ever U.S.-U.K. Strategic Dialogue on Illicit Finance.

## Novetta

Senior Manager and Political Economist

August 2011 - February 2015 (3 years 7 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Provided economic sanctions, threat finance, anti-money laundering, and counter-terrorist financing subject matter expertise to a law enforcement agency and an interagency task force.
- Led a team of investigators, analysts, and engineers that provided technical and subject matter expertise to an interagency task force.
- Advised government agency on OFAC sanctions regulations, and developed an agency-wide trade transaction enforcement strategy to more effectively comply with OFAC sanctions programs.

- Provided a government targeting and operations center with analytics and targeting strategy support in order to enhance the security of global supply chains and international commerce.
- Led the development and implementation of automated targeting solutions for a U.S. government agency, which included data analysis, algorithmic development, statistical modeling, data visualization, and model deployment. Additionally, provided risk assessment advisory services to multiple international customs targeting modernization projects.
- Provided expert testimony on law enforcement investigations and network analysis in support of the defense team in a multi-district, class action antitrust litigation.
- Provided analytics and targeting system-related advice to an international customs modernization project.

Promoted from Consultant to Senior Consultant to Manager to Senior Manager over my tenure.

United States Department of Defense  
Political Economist and Operations Research Analyst  
January 2011 - August 2011 (8 months)

- Provided analytics and targeting support to engaged military forces. Assessed campaign, program, and strategic objectives in support of counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations in the CENTCOM area of responsibility.
- Actively used classified and unclassified data to provide statistical modeling and simulation analyses in order to solve problems in support of ongoing and future military operations. Adapted and extended econometric methodologies in order to directly answer questions posed by military leadership.
- Appointed and certified as a technical quality assurance analyst tasked with reviewing products to ensure statistical soundness before delivery to customers.
- Developed white papers, memos, and technical and non-technical briefings for United States military commanders in support of security operations and the development of various governance programs in Afghanistan.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Researcher and Teaching Assistant  
August 2008 - December 2010 (2 years 5 months)  
Chapel Hill, NC

- Provided in-class instruction to 50-60 undergraduate students each semester in the fields of International Relations, Comparative Politics and American Politics.

- Led hourly lecture and class discussion sections, held weekly office hours and provided students with written and oral comments regarding their work. Held study and review sections for complex problems in international bargaining theory, international economics, comparative political systems, and models of American voting behavior.

- Awarded the Earle Wallace Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student in 2010.

My research was primarily focused in the fields of International Political Economy and International Security with substantive interests in the determinants of economic sanctions outcomes, the effect of acts of terrorism on equity markets, the counter-cyclical effect of migrant remittances on fiscal and monetary policy during economic crises, the politics of state credibility, and the application of econometrics and statistical techniques to international relations.

Research:

“Freedom of the Skies: International Law and the Aviation Industry.” *Global Topics*, 5 (2007)

“Hitting Them Where It Hurts: Financial Integration and Borrowing Costs as Determinants of Economic Sanctions Success”

“Economic Risk, Firm Behavior and the Credibility and Success of Sanctions Threats”

“Sending Money Home: Migrant Remittances and Economic Crises”

“Predicting State Responses to Terrorism using Equity Markets”

Specializations: International Relations (International Political Economy and International Security) and Quantitative Methodology

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## Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

MA, International Political Economy, Comparative Political Economy, &  
Statistics · (2008 - 2010)

Marquette University

BA, Economics, Political Science · (2004 - 2008)