

# PATRICK WHELAN

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Nationality: Canadian

## EDUCATION

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**University of Toronto** Toronto, Canada  
*M.A. in Political Theory* 2018 – 2019

**Distinction:** GPA 3.9/4 (Top Student).

**Research Focus:** Arendt & Fanon; Institutions and Contingency; Political Psychology.

**National Research University – Higher School of Economics** Moscow, Russia  
*M.A. in Public Administration (Population & Development)* 2015 – 2017

**Distinction:** First Class (5.0/5.0 GPA, Top Student).

**Supervisors:** Prof. Leon Kosals & Prof. Ruben Flores.

**Thesis:** “The Embeddedness of Sex Trafficking in Nigeria: An Institutional Approach.”

*Abstract:* Utilized institutional theory to analyze the recruitment and retention mechanisms of Nigerian trafficking networks. Identified socio-economic drivers and proposed policy interventions for repatriation frameworks.

**Memorial University of Newfoundland** St. John’s, Canada  
*B.A. in Business Administration (Strategic Management)* 1999 – 2005

**Awards:** Entrance Scholarship.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monograph

Whelan, P. (2021). *Human Development: A Re-Education in Freedom, Love and Happiness*.

### Peer-Reviewed Article

Whelan, P. (2019). “Comparing Arendt and Fanon on Power and Violence.” *University of Toronto Journal of Political Science*, 2(1).

### Conference Papers

Whelan, P. (2017). “Sex Trafficking from Nigeria to Moscow.” *XVIII International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development*.

Whelan, P. (2016). “Canada’s Fertility Decline.” *2nd International Student and Academic Conference: Population, Public Health and Development*.

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Università di Napoli Federico II** Naples, Italy  
*Criminal Networks Research Intern* 2017

Conducted field research on transnational organized crime; interviewed scholars, practitioners, and a trafficking survivor regarding the Nigerian-Italian trafficking axis.

Hosted seminars and developed an expert network for data sharing between Italian and Russian academics.

**Independent Research Initiative** Moscow & Naples  
*Anti-Trafficking Coordinator* 2016 – 2017

Founded and led an irregular migration research group; coordinated operations between NGOs, IGOs, and law enforcement agencies.

Organized four high-level research and advocacy meetings to align policy stakeholders.

**Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy Social Services** Moscow, Russia  
*Consultant* 2016 – 2017

Conducted 27 structured interviews with survivors and experts to map trafficking as an institutional cycle.

Advised on operational security, fundraising, and anti-trafficking strategy.

## SECURITY & ANALYTICAL EXPERIENCE (PROFESSIONAL)

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### Verity Labs / Mercor

Remote

*AI Logic & Safety Evaluator*

Oct 2025 – Present

Conduct adversarial testing and safety evaluations on Large Language Models (LLMs) to assess reasoning depth and compliance.

Apply complex rubrics to evaluate model performance on logic, cultural context, and safety edge-cases.

### Canadian Forces (CF)

Canada-Wide

*Military Pilot & Administration Officer*

2001 – 2010

**Operational Analysis:** Synthesized intelligence data to prepare mission briefings and reports for command structures.

**Risk Management:** Piloted high-value aircraft (\$5M) in high-pressure environments; executed strict safety protocols and risk assessments.

**Leadership:** Managed the education, training, and career development pipelines for 30 personnel.

**Selection:** Selected for exclusive pilot training after achieving the highest-ever score on the Canadian Forces aptitude test.

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

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### Chuan Shan International School

Hengyang, China

*Principal & Founder*

2019 – 2020

Established vision and mission for a new international high school; recruited and developed staff members. Liaised with government agencies and external stakeholders to ensure compliance and operational stability.

Implemented comprehensive assessment frameworks for staff and student performance.

### English School of Mongolia

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

*Senior Management & Discipline Head*

2011 – 2012

Designed and enforced school-wide discipline policies for 650 students.

Led crisis intervention, conflict mediation, and strategic decision-making as a member of the senior leadership team.

## ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION (RESEARCH FOCUS)

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### International Schools (China, Colombia, Morocco)

2012 – 2025

*Instructor: AP Seminar, Social Sciences, Global Politics*

**Curriculum Design:** Developed research-based curricula for AP Seminar and Social Sciences, focusing on interdisciplinary inquiry.

**Research Methodology:** Taught undergraduate-level research skills, including argumentation, source evaluation, and critical analysis.

**Data Analysis:** Guided students in data collection, categorization, and synthesis for capstone research projects.

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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**Mercatus Center Frederic Bastiat Fellowship**, George Mason University (2018–2019)

**Graduate Research Affiliate**, Centre for Critical Development Studies, U of Toronto (2018–2019)

**Funded Research Internship**, Università Federico II, Naples (2017)

**Top Student Award**, MA Population & Development, HSE (2015–2017)

## SKILLS & METHODS

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**Methods:** Qualitative interviewing (elite/survivor), Discourse Analysis, Case Studies.

**Tools:** SPSS (Basic), R (Basic), Excel, AI Model Evaluation Rubrics.

**Languages:** English (Native), Spanish (Conversational), French (Reading), Russian/Mandarin/Italian (Elementary).