

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Barbara Koremenos, associate professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1999	University of Chicago
M.P.P.	1993	University of Chicago, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies
B.A.	1986	Kalamazoo College

Professional Record:

2006 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2006 – present	Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan
2006 – 2008	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles
1998 – 2006	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Koremenos is a committed and dynamic teacher whose undergraduate and graduate teaching focuses on international politics and international law, and in particular on the rational design of international agreements. The students she works with praise her care and devotion to their careers. Professor Koremenos has co-chaired four dissertations, and served as a member on five more. She has also been an advisor and reader for two students in the Law School, and has supervised four senior honors theses. Professor Koremenos' teaching brings valuable research-training and research-experience elements effectively to both our upper-level undergraduate and our graduate curriculums. She has been an exceptionally caring instructor, advisor, and mentor for a good number of exceptional upper-level undergraduate and graduate students.

Research – Professor Koremenos develops frameworks and data for thinking about the design of international agreements. Her first book, Rational Design, set forth a framework for thinking about such design. Her work since tenure has been about building a refined and actionable version of this theory, based on a tremendous amount of data collection about international law. In the end, her work offers a theoretically based descriptive portrait of what she calls the continent of international law, which is also the title of her latest book forthcoming from Cambridge University Press. Professor Koremenos has received several awards, fellowships, and grants during her time in rank, including the Kroc Fellowship in International Peace Studies from Notre Dame (2015-2016), Swiss Network for International Studies (2014-2016), and a National Science Foundation Award (2008-2012), among others. She has received numerous invitations to present her research within the U.S. and beyond.

Recent and Significant Publications:

The Continent of International Law, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

“The role of state leadership in the incidence of international cooperation,” *Global Policy*, forthcoming.

“The continent of international law,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 57, 2013, pp. 652-680.

“What’s left out and why? Informal provisions within formal international law,” *Review of International Organizations*, 8, 2013, pp. 137-162.

Service – Professor Koremenos has served the department on three search committees (one year as chair), twice on the Graduate Admissions Committee, and one year on the departmental Executive Committee. At the university level, she served for four years on the International Institute’s Steering Committee and on the Advisory Committee for the Center for International Studies. Professor Koremenos has also served the discipline on an APSA taskforce and is on the editorial board of a journal.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

“The bottom line is that this is a terrific book. First, the empirics are extremely valuable. ...the idea of analyzing a random sample of all treaties registered with the UN – thus, essentially, of all treaties – is brilliant. It alleviates many selection problems, which have especially bedeviled scholars who focus on particular issue areas, such as environment. ...the theoretical apparatus that Prof. Koremenos deploys is very impressive.”

Reviewer (B)

“What I learned in her new book is that international law is not just the means of international cooperation, it is also an essential aid furthering international cooperation.”

Reviewer (C)

“Her forthcoming monograph, *THE CONTINENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* (‘COIL’), is both a summary of, and a significant advance on, her prior work. This superb volume makes substantial theoretical and empirical contributions and will quickly become a leading text in the field.”

Reviewer (D)

“I am immensely impressed by the care and depth of the empirical research program pursued by Professor Koremenos.”

Reviewer (E)

“...this is an elegant study. It will be noted by the discipline. There is no more comprehensive view of international law in the political science/international relations literature. It provides a data set that has not previously been available and the findings are based on a clear analytic framework. This study will not be ignored.”

Reviewer (F)

“*The Continent of International Law*...is a massive accomplishment... the book is the culmination of the rational design movement in International Relations.”

Reviewer (G)

“Koremenos’s book is a good and important book. It is the culmination of a substantial amount of work investigating the connection between cooperation problems and design features in agreements, and it is the most comprehensive statement available on that question. I fully expect this book to appear on many graduate syllabi, including mine, and to inspire future work... This volume is only one step on a research agenda, and it does leave important questions unanswered, but we can say that about any book; there are definitely new and valuable findings presented in this manuscript.”

Reviewer (H)

“...Koremenos is a superb scholar of international relations (IR), indeed one of the most original, rigorous and impactful IR scholars of her generation. Her forthcoming book, *The Continent of International Law* will be, in my view, the single most significant work published in my field of international law and international relations (IL/IR), representing the culmination of a hugely significant research program, and forming the capstone of a very strong case for promotion to Full Professor.”

Reviewer (I)

“Her new book, *The Continent of International Law: Explaining Agreement Design*, is a major theoretical and empirical elucidation... Barbara Koremenos is a focused and productive scholar, who has a clear voice in the field. Her new manuscript clearly puts her over the top to full professor...”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Koremenos has made important, field-changing contributions to the study of international law. She has played a special role in providing intensive, valuable research experiences to undergraduate and graduate students. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Barbara Koremenos be promoted to the rank of professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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