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## Academic Positions

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Associate Professor of Political Science, McGill University, 2019–

Assistant Professor of Political Science, McGill University, 2013–2019

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2010–2013

## Education

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### University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Rhetoric, 2009

M.A. in Rhetoric, 2003

Dissertation "Beyond Blood & Coercion: A Study of Violence in Machiavelli & Marx".

### Université Paris X Nanterre

Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA), Political Philosophy, Mention Très Bien, 2002

Maîtrise, Philosophy, Mention Très Bien, 2001

### London School of Economics

B.Sc. Government and Economics, First Class Honors, 2000

## Publications

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### Book

- [\*Machiavelli and the Orders of Violence\*](#) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018)
  - First Book Award of the American Political Science Association's Foundations of Political Theory Section, 2019
  - C.B. Macpherson Prize of the Canadian Political Science Association for the best book published in English or in French in the field of political theory, 2020
  - Author Meets Critics Roundtable, American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, 2019
  - Reviewed in *Choice* 56(7) March 2019
    - Perspectives on Politics* 17(2) 2019: 505-07
    - The Review of Politics* 81 2019, 499–510
    - Theory & Event* 22(4) 2019: 1128-33

*Theoria* 66(4) 2019: 113-16  
*Constellations* 27(2) 2020: 313-16  
*Contemporary Political Theory* 19 (3S) 2020: 176–178  
*Canadian Journal of Political Science* 54(2) 2021: 506-07  
*Universa. Recensioni di filosofia* 10(1) 2021: 79-84  
*Renaissance Quarterly* 74(3) 2021: 982-985

### Edited Volume

- [\*Gouvernementalität und Sicherheit: Zeitdiagnostische Beiträge im Anschluss an Foucault.\*](#)  
 (Governmentality and Security: Foucauldian Contributions to the Diagnosis of the Present) Co-edited with a co-authored introduction with Patricia Purtschert and Katrin Meyer (Bielefeld, Germany: Transcript Press, 2008).
  - Reviewed in *Widerspruch* 55 (2008):229-232
  - Eurostudia* 4:2 (2008)
  - DRS 2 Kontext* (Nov. 11, 2008)
  - Traverse, Zeitschrift für Geschichte – Revue d'histoire* (2009/1):141-3
  - Philosophische Rundschau* 56 (2009):87-110
  - Foucault Studies* 7 (2009):170-177
  - H-Soz-Kult* (March 30, 2010)

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- [“A Government of Creditors: Machiavelli on Genoa, the Bank of San Giorgio, and the Financial Oligarchy,”](#) *Polity*, forthcoming.
- “Niccolò Machiavelli,” in Simon Choat and Manjeet Ramgotra (eds.) *Rethinking Political Thinkers* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- [“Machiavelli’s Lucretia and the Origins of the Roman Republic: Rape, Gender, and Founding Violence,”](#) in Prasanta Chakravarty and Sukanta Chaudhuri (eds.) *Machiavelli Then and Now: History, Politics, Literature* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022)
- [“Exzessive Staatsgewalt,”](#) *Luxemburg*, 2020/2: 27-31
- [“Machiavelli and the Rape of Lucretia,”](#) *History of Political Thought*, 40(3) 2019: 405-432
- [“The Siege of Gaza: Spatial Violence, Humanitarian Strategies, and the Biopolitics of Punishment,”](#) *Constellations*, 23(2) 2016: 308-19
- [“Shipwrecked Sovereignty: Neoliberalism and a Disputed Sunken Treasure,”](#) co-authored with Joshua Chambers-Letson, *Political Theory*, 43(3) 2015: 287-311
- [“Debating Violence on the Desert Island: Engels, Dühring and Robinson Crusoe,”](#) *Contemporary Political Theory*, 13(4) 2014: 318-38
- [“The Prince and His Art of War: Machiavelli’s Military Populism,”](#) *Social Research*, 81(1), Spring 2014: 165-91
- [“Necessity and Fortune: Machiavelli’s Politics of Nature,”](#) in Crina Archer, Laura Ephraim, and Lida Maxwell, *Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural through Politics* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2013)
- [“Plebeian Politics: Machiavelli and the Ciompi Uprising,”](#) *Political Theory*, 40(6) 2012: 736-66  
 Reprinted in Filippo Del Lucchese, Fabio Frosini, and Vittorio Morfino (eds.) *The Radical Machiavelli:*

*Politics, Philosophy, and Language* (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2015), 306-36

- “[Violence and Visibility](#),” *New Political Science*, 34 (2) 2012: 195-202
- “[Conquest](#),” *Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon*, 1 2011
- “[The Asymmetric War Discourse and Its Moral Economies: A Critique](#),” *International Theory*, 3(3) 2011: 488-514
- “[San Quentin 94974—The Everyday Prison](#),” *Carceral Notebooks*, 6, 2010: 53-66
- “[Gewaltökonomien und Unsicherheit: Zur Gouvernementalität der neuen Kriege](#)” (Economies of Violence and Insecurity: On the Governmentality of the “New Wars”), in Patricia Purtschert, Katrin Meyer, and Yves Winter (eds.), *Gouvernementalität und Sicherheit*. (Bielefeld, Germany: Transcript Press, 2008)
- “[Securitarismus in den USA: Zur Gouvernementalität der Sicherheit](#),” co-authored with Katherine Lemons and Patricia Purtschert, *Widerspruch*, 46, 2004: 99-108

### Review Essays

- “Formally decolonized but still neocolonial?” Contribution to “Liberating Critical Theory: Eurocentrism, Normativity, and Capitalism: Symposium on Amy Allen’s *The End of Progress: Decolonizing the Normative Foundations of Critical Theory*.” *Political Theory*, 46 (5) 2018: 785-790
- “Critical Theory, the War on Terror and the Limits of Civilization.” *Political Theory*, 35 (2) 2007: 207-14

### Other Publications

- “Der Buure-Zmorge als die Tea Party der Schweiz,” in Andreas Gross, Fredi Krebs, Martin Stohler, Daniel Schönmann (eds.) *Über den Herbst hinaus: Innenpolitische Alternativen mit europäischen Perspektiven* (St. Ursanne, Switzerland: Editions le Doubs, 2011)
  - French translation: “Buure-Zmorge en tant que Tea Party Suisse,” in Andreas Gross, Fredi Krebs, Martin Stohler, Daniel Schönmann (eds.) *Au delà de l’automne: Alternatives sur le plan intérieur et perspectives européennes* (St. Ursanne, Switzerland: Editions le Doubs, 2011)
- “Kritik und Unverständnis: Medienreaktionen aus den USA,” in Andreas Gross, Fredi Krebs, Martin Schaffner, Martin Stohler (eds.) *Von der Provokation zum Irrtum: Menschenrechte und Demokratie nach dem Minarettverbot* (St. Ursanne, Switzerland: Editions le Doubs, 2010)
  - French translation: “Entre critique et incompréhension: réaction des médias étatsuniens,” in Andreas Gross, Fredi Krebs, Martin Schaffner, Martin Stohler (eds.) *De la provocation à l’erreur: droits humains et démocratie après le vote sur les minarets* (St. Ursanne, Switzerland: Editions le Doubs, 2011)
- “Etienne Balibar,” in Christopher John Murray (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Modern French Thought* (New York: Fitzroy Dearburn, 2004)
- “Feeding Fear: The New Security Culture.” Co-authored with Katherine Lemons and Patricia Purtschert, *Alternet*, 2003, available from <http://www.alternet.org/story/17316/>

### Reviews

- Elizabeth Frazer and Kimberly Hutchings, Violence and Political Theory, *Review of Politics*, 83 (4) 2021: 602-604
- Kevin Duong, The Virtues of Violence: Democracy Against Disintegration in Modern France, *Political Theory*, 49 (5) 2021: 868-873

- Fabio Raimondi, Constituting Freedom: Machiavelli and Florence, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 19(2) (2020): 112-115
- Michelle Clarke, Machiavelli's Florentine Republic, *Perspectives on Politics*, 17(2) 2019: 503-505
- Catherine Zuckert, Machiavelli's Politics, *Journal of Politics*, 80 (2) 2018: e48-e50
- Jinee Lokaneeta, Transnational Torture: Law, Violence, and State Power in the United States and India, *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, 9 (1) 2013:195-97
- Susanne Krasmann, Jürgen Martschukat (eds.), Rationalitäten der Gewalt. Staatliche Neuordnungen vom 19. bis zum 21. Jahrhundert. *Traverse, Zeitschrift für Geschichte – Revue d'histoire*, 2009/1:145-47
- Étienne Balibar, Nous, citoyens d'Europe? *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 30 (3) 2001:841-42

### Audiovisual

- “[Democracy](#)” *Kritische Theorie in der Pandemie: Ein Glossar zur Corona-Krise* [Critical Theory in the Pandemic: A Glossary for the Corona Crisis], Frankfurter Arbeitskreis für Politische Theorie und Philosophie, 29 April 2020
- [Entretien avec Christian Nadeau](#), *Philodio* Podcast (published by *Philosophiques*, Société de Philosophie du Québec), 9 October 2019
- “[Chapter XXII of Machiavelli's The Prince](#),” Multimedia project on Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Prince* at Brunel University, London. 25 June 2013: <https://youtu.be/eLVMCNmh9mM>
- “[Chapter XXIV of Machiavelli's The Prince](#),” Multimedia project on Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Prince* at Brunel University, London. 25 June 2013

### Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

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#### Fellowships (post-doctorate)

- [Institute for Advanced Study](#), Member of the [School of Social Science](#), 2021-22
- [Center for the Humanities and Social Change](#), Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, 2019-2020
- Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, [Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University](#), 2009–10

#### Awards

- C.B. Macpherson Prize (Canadian Political Science Association) for the best book published in English or French in Political Theory, 2020
- First Book Award (American Political Science Association / Foundations of Political Theory), 2019
- McGill Political Science Students' Association Award for best course in Political Theory, 2015
- Marxist Literary Group, Michael Sprinker Prize in Marxist Theory and Scholarship, 2009

#### Grants (PI)

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Insight Grant, "Treasure and plunder: the international order and the debris of empire," Ranked 3/58 in Multidisciplinary Social Sciences, 2020-25

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Internal Development Grant, "Left-wing populism and the category of the people" 2020
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Internal Development Grant, "What is a Political Imaginary?" 2018
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Insight Development Grant, "Shipwrecked Sovereignty," Ranked 1/44 in Multidisciplinary Social Sciences, 2016-18
- Fonds de Recherche du Québec Société et Culture, Établissement de nouveaux professeurs, "La théorie de violence de Machiavel," 2014-17
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Internal Development Grant, "Shipwrecked Sovereignty," 2014
- McGill Paper Presentation Grants, 2013, 2015, 2018
- University of Minnesota Imagine Fund Award, 2012-13
- Swiss National Science Foundation, Postdoctoral Fellowship, "Sieges and Sanctions," 2011-2013

#### **Grants (Team)**

- University of Bologna, Italy. Progetti innovativi nell'ambito degli accordi di cooperazione internazionale, "La Storia della filosofia come filosofia politica: Cooperazione internazionale per una didattica innovativa," Co-applicant, 2022-23
- Fonds de Recherche du Québec Société et Culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche, "Les frontières de la politique et de la normativité," Co-applicant, 2018-22
- Fonds de Recherche du Québec Société et Culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche, "Les idéaux politiques au-delà de la raison, de la justice, et de l'État-nation," Co-applicant, 2014-18
- McGill Collaborative Research and Development Fund, Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Philosophie Politique, Co-investigator, 2013

#### **Doctorate**

- Janggen-Pöhn Stiftung, Research Grant, 2007
- Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2007-08
- Berlin Program Fellowship for Advanced German and European Studies, FU Berlin, 2006-07
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Fellowship (declined), 2006-07
- University of California in Paris, Fellowship, 2006
- Wollenberg Grant, University of California, Berkeley, 2003
- Berkeley Fellowship, 2002-06
- Medicus Student Exchange Grant, Swiss Benevolent Society of New York
- Berkeley Fellowship, 2002-2006
- London School of Economics Merit Award, 2000 (declined)

## Invited Lectures & Papers

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- “Toward a New Theory of a Political Imaginary,” Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science Seminar, Princeton, 4 October 2021
- “What is a Social Imaginary?”
  - Colloquium for Practical Philosophy, Humboldt Universität Berlin, 11 June 2020
  - Center for the Humanities and Social Change, Berlin, 8 January 2020
  - Colloquium for Practical Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin, 27 November 2019
- “What is a Political Imaginary?”
  - Cornell Political Theory Workshop, 25 April 2019
  - International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Annual Conference, Yale University, 11-12 May, 2018
- “Analyzing State Violence: A Machiavellian Frame,” Machiavelli and Contemporary Politics, 4th Biennial Ideas in Politics Conference, Prague, 15 November, 2019
- “Machiavelli and the Rape of Lucretia”
  - Columbia University Political Theory Workshop, 28 November, 2018
  - Machiavelli in His Time, and Ours, University of Delhi, 8-10 October, 2018
  - Yale Political Theory Workshop, 28 February, 2018
  - McGill Philosophy Interdisciplinary Speaker Series, 2 February, 2018
  - University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop, 20 February, 2017
- “Robinson Crusoe and the Origins of Violence: An Episode from Friedrich Engels’s Theory of Violence,” Minnesota Political Theory Colloquium, University of Minnesota, 14 October, 2011
- “Anonymous Violence: Machiavelli and the Ciompi Uprising” University of Minnesota, Duluth, 29 April, 2011
- “Is Violence Mute? Machiavelli, Arendt, and the Instrumental Theory of Violence,” Wesleyan University, College for Social Studies, 30 November, 2009
- “What Makes a New War?” Wesleyan University, Center for the Humanities, 16 November, 2009
- “Hannah Arendt, Politics and Violence,” Institut d’Etudes Politiques Paris, 6 June, 2005

## Conference Papers and Roundtables

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- “A History of the Imaginary: Sartre, Lacan, Castoriadis,” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, Amherst, 12 November 2021
- “Spaces of Violence/Claims of Violence,” Souveränität und Gewalt, Internationale Fachtagung, Greifswald, 5 November 2021 (invited)

- “Memorializing Empire at Sea: Spain and the *Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes*,” The Problem of Piracy II: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Plunder by Sea Across the World from the Ancient to the Modern (online), 4–6 August, 2021
- Roundtable: *The Humanity of Universal Crime*, by Sinja Graf, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (online), 7–10 June, 2021
- “Plebeian Violence: Historical and Contemporary Reflections,” Plebeian Politics Conference, Columbia University (online), 15–18 September, 2020 (invited)
- Roundtable: *Machiavelli and the Orders of Violence*, by Yves Winter, American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 28 August – 1 September 2019
- Roundtable: *Reading Machiavelli: Scandalous Books, Suspect Engagements, and the Virtue of Populist Politics*, by John McCormick, American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 28 August – 1 September 2019
- Roundtable: *Machiavelli in Tumult*, by Gabriele Pedullà, Renaissance Society of America, Annual Meeting, Toronto, 17–19 March 2019
- Roundtable: *Machiavelli's Florentine Republic*, by Michelle T. Clarke, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, 28 February 2019 (invited)
- “The Power and the Politics of Finance: Machiavelli and the Bank of St. George,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, 30 August 30 – 2 September 2018
- “Staging the Wreck,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 29–31 March 2018
- Roundtable: *Political Responsibility*, by Antonio Vazquez-Arroyo, Author Meets Critics Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 13–15 April 2017
- Roundtable: *The End of Progress: Decolonizing the Normative Foundations of Critical Theory*, by Amy Allen, Author Meets Critics, Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 13–15 April 2017
- “Machiavelli’s *Istorie Fiorentine* as Chronicle of Popular Revolt,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 1–4 September 2016
- “Machiavelli and the Imagination of Cruelty,” European Consortium for Political Research, 2016 Joint Sessions, Pisa, 24–28 April 2016
- “Disaggregating Machiavellian Violence,” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, 22–24 October 2015
- “Machiavelli and the Politics of Anti-Cruelty,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 3–6 September 2015
- “Machiavelli’s Violent Republics,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Seattle, 17–19 April 2014
- “... *per scelleratezza o altra intollerabile violenza*: Violence, Cruelty, and Force in *The Prince*,” 500 ans de modernité politique. *Le Prince* di Niccolò Machiavelli, Université de Montréal, 27 November 2013 (invited)
- “Violence and Realism in *The Prince*,” Machiavelli’s *The Prince*: Five Centuries of History, Conflict and Politics, International Conference, Brunel University, London, 29–31 May 2013 (invited)
- “Shipwrecked Sovereignty: Neoliberalism and a disputed colonial shipwreck,”

Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 27–30 March 2013

- “Siege,” Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon, Third Annual Conference, New York University, New York, 1–2 March 2013 (invited)
- “The Blockade of Gaza: A Siege?”
  - Dismantling Security, Cambridge University, 14–16 June 2012 (invited)
  - Moving Towards Confinement: Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Politics of Space, Columbia University, New York, 5–6 October 2012 (invited)
- “Robinson Crusoe and the Origins of Violence: An Episode from Friedrich Engels’s Theory of Violence,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Portland, 22–24 March 2012
- “Violence and Bodies in Machiavelli’s *Art of War*,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Seattle, 31 August – 5 September 2011
- “Conquest,” Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon, First Annual Conference, The New School, New York, 3–4 December 2010 (invited)
- “Violence and Visibility,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 1–5 September 2010
- “San Quentin 94974—The Everyday Prison,” Roundtable, Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 1–3 April 2010
- “Ontologies of Violence,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Providence, 19–20 March 2010
- “Equality and Violence in Machiavelli’s Florentine Histories,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Toronto, 2–6 September 2009
- “Marx and Engels’s Theories of Violence Reconsidered,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 19–21 March 2009
- “Political Theory and Violence,”
  - Radical Philosophy Association, Biennial Meeting, San Francisco, 6–9 November 2008
  - Association for Political Theory, Annual Conference, Middletown, CT, 9–12 October 2008
- “Primitive Accumulation and the Rationality of Violence,” Association for Political Theory, Annual Conference, London, ON, 11–14 October 2007
- “Violence and Cruelty: Machiavelli’s Politics of Nature,” Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural Through Politics, Northwestern University, Evanston, 9–10 February 2007
- “Radical Democracy and the ‘New World Order’,” Roundtable, American University of Paris, 6 April 2006
- “Security, Population, Territory: Governmentality Revisited,” Critical Theory in Dark Times, University of Minnesota, 30 April 30 – 1 May 2004



## Teaching

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### Graduate Seminars

- McGill *Utopia, Critique, and Transformation*  
*Ph.D. Research Seminar*  
*Racial Domination and White Supremacy*  
*Power and Freedom*  
*The Social and Political Thought of the Frankfurt School*
- Minnesota *The Monopoly of Violence*

### Undergraduate Seminars

- McGill *Current Debates in Postcolonial Political Theory*  
*Machiavelli*  
*Machiavelli and Interpretation*  
*Political Theory, Violence, and the State*
- Minnesota *Violence and the State*
- Wesleyan *Violence and the State*
- Berkeley *The Rhetoric of Constitutional Foundations*  
*Power and Violence in Contemporary Political Theory*
- San Quentin State Prison *Reading and Composition*

### Lecture Courses

- McGill *History of Political/Social Theory 4: 19th/20th Century Western Political Thought*  
*History of Political/Social Theory 3: 17th/18th Century Western Political Thought*  
*Contemporary Political Theory*  
*Radical Political Thought*  
*Feminist Political Theory*  
*Political Theory and International Relations*
- Minnesota *Renaissance, Reformation, and Revolution: Early Modern Political Thought*

## Service

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### Professional and Disciplinary (selected)

- Editorial board, *Polity*, 2020-
- Editorial board, *Thinking in Extremes: Machiavellian Studies* series, Brill, 2017-
- Editorial board, *Reinventing Critical Theory* series, Rowman & Littlefield International, 2014-
- International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Spitz Prize committee, 2021-2022
- APSA Foundations of Political Theory, First Book Award committee, 2021
- Prize committee for best article in *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2013
- Book manuscript reviewer for Stanford University Press, Rowman & Littlefield, University of Toronto Press

Article manuscript reviewer for *Political Theory*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Constellations*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Theory & Event*, *Journal of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Cultural Critique*, *Political Concepts*, *Polity*, *History of European Ideas*, *Theoria*, *Security Studies*, *Symploke*, *Philosophy & Social Criticism*, *Intellectual History Review*

Mid-career grants reviewer, Independent Social Research Foundation, 2012, 2014

**Political Science Department, McGill University (selected)**

Graduate Program Director, 2022-

Associate Graduate Program Director, 2018-19, 2020-21

Major/minor adviser, 2014-18

Search Committees, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2018-19

**Faculty of Arts, McGill University (selected)**

Committee on Graduate Studies, 2020-21

Founding Member and Member of Coordinating Committee, Critical Social Theory at McGill, 2014-

Humanities and Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee, 2014-16

**Languages**

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German, French, Italian, Spanish

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