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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022 – 2025 British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow
King's College London
Department of Political Economy
- 2021 – 2022 Postdoctoral Associate & Lecturer
Yale University, Centre for the Study of Representative Institutions
& Department of Political Science
- 2019 – 2021 Postdoctoral Associate
Brown University, the Political Theory Project

EDUCATION

- 2015 – 2019 PhD. in Politics, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, UK
Thesis: 'Public Opinion in Benjamin Constant's Political Thought'
- 2014 – 2015 MSc in Political Theory, The London School of Economics, UK (Distinction)
- 2013 – 2014 MA in Philosophy, KU Leuven, Belgium (Summa cum laude)
- 2011 – 2013 Master in Law, UC Louvain, Belgium (Magna cum laude)
- 2010 – 2013 BA in Philosophy, UC Louvain (Saint-Louis Campus), Belgium (Magna cum laude)
- 2008 – 2011 BA in Law, UC Louvain (Saint-Louis Campus), Belgium (Cum laude)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

'What is French Liberalism?' *Political Studies*, Online First.

'Representative Democracy versus Government by Opinion,' *The Journal of Politics*, 84/3 (2022), pp. 1623-1637.

"'Popular Sovereignty that I Deny:' Benjamin Constant on Public Opinion, Political Legitimacy and Constitution Making,' *Modern Intellectual History*, 19/1 (2022), pp. 128-158.

'Benjamin Constant et le beau mensonge,' *Annales Benjamin Constant*, 44 (2019), pp. 9-27.

‘Benjamin Constant and Public Opinion in Post-Revolutionary France,’ *History of Political Thought*, 40/3 (2019), pp. 484-514.

‘Benjamin Constant and the Politics of Reason,’ *History of European Ideas*, 44/2 (2018), pp. 224-243.

Book Chapters

‘Moderation and Religion in France after the Revolution: Germaine de Staël and Benjamin Constant,’ in *The Politics of Moderation in European History*, eds. Ido de Haan and Matthijs Lok (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2019), pp. 49-65.

Review Essays

‘Liberalism Reinvents Itself,’ Review of Samuel Moyn, *Liberalism Against Itself. Cold War Intellectuals and the Making of Our Times*. New Haven: YUP (2023). *Intellectual History Review*. Online First.

‘La puissance des masses,’ Review of Florence Hulak, *L’histoire libérale de la modernité. Race, nation, classe*. Paris: PUF (2023). *La Vie des idées*, 5 March 2023. <https://laviedesidees.fr/Hulak-histoire-liberale-modernite>

‘Democracy in the Mirror,’ Review of Gregory Conti, *Parliament Mirror of the Nation. Representation, Deliberation and Democracy in Victorian Britain*. Cambridge: CUP (2019). *Tocqueville21*, 2 August 2021. <https://tocqueville21.com/focus/parliamentary-thinking/democracy-in-the-mirror/>

Under Review

“‘The Reading Nation’: Sieyès’ Theory of Public Opinion.’ Journal Article.

Manuscripts in Preparation

The People’s Two Powers: Public Opinion and Popular Sovereignty from Rousseau to Liberal Democracy.
Book Manuscript.

‘The First Theorists of Liberal Democracy’ Journal Article.

‘American French Liberalism.’ Journal Article.

‘The Other Kind of Public Opinion: “Public Esteem” from the French Revolution to Tocqueville.’
Journal Article.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

June 2020	FNRS Belgian Postdoctoral Fellowship [Deferred until 1 September 2025].
June 2020	British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship. [Deferred until 1 September 2022].
May 2020	Yale Centre for the Study of Representative Institutions, Postdoctoral Fellowship.
March 2020	University of Chicago, Harper and Schmidt Fellowship. [Declined].
Dec. 2019	Brown University, The Political Theory Project, Postdoctoral Fellowship.
July 2018	Wiener Anspach Foundation, Université Libre de Bruxelles. Research Stay Bursary.

- Oct. 2018 Society for the Study of French History (UK), Conference Bursary.
July 2015 Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, Leslie Wilson Major Scholarship.
May 2015 Cambridge Trust, Cambridge European PhD Scholarship.
May 2015 Cambridge School of Humanity and Social Sciences, PhD Bursary.
March 2015 Cambridge Arts and Humanities Research Council, Doctoral Studentship.

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 ‘What was Liberal Democracy?’ The French Legacy in Intellectual History and Political Philosophy Conference, Duke University, 17-18 May.
- 2023 ‘On Political Genealogies,’ History & Theory Workshop, Centre for Critical Democracy Studies, American University of Paris, 7-8 July.
- 2021 ‘Liberalism: A Tradition-Building History,’ Workshop in Political Theory, University of Genoa, Italy, 13 December.
- 2020 ‘What is French Liberalism?’, NYU Classical Liberal Institute, 2 November.
- 2019 ‘Benjamin Constant’s 1819 Lecture: a Reassessment,’ Two-Hundredth Anniversary of Constant’s Lecture on the Ancients and the Moderns, Indiana University, Bloomington, 13 December.
- “‘Let us Erase from our Vocabulary the Word Sovereignty:” Benjamin Constant on Opinion and Political Legitimacy,’ History of Political Ideas Early Career Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, London. 13 November.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (Selected)

- ‘What Was Liberal Democracy?’ Journal Article (in progress).
- The John P. Diggins Memorial Conference, the Graduate Centre, CUNY, 4-5 April, 2024.
 - Congrès Annuel de l’Association Belge Francophone de Science Politique, Université de Liège, 31 Jan. – 2 February 2024. Panel on ‘Conflict and Democracy.’
 - Concepta Online Seminar on the Joint Practice of Conceptual History and Political Thought, University of Malaga, 8-9 January 2024.
 - Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought Conference, 4-6 January, 2024.
Panel on ‘Public Opinion in Modern Political Thought.’ Co-panellists: Elena Yia-Jia Zang (Cambridge) and Richard Whatmore (St Andrews).
- ‘The People’s Two Powers: Public Opinion and Popular Sovereignty.’ Book Presentation.
- Book Manuscript Workshop, King’s College London, 13 September 2023.

Commentators: Annelien De Dijn (Utrecht), Robin Douglass (KCL), Adam Lindsay (Nottingham), Iain McDaniel (Essex), Anna Plassart (Open University), Julia Nicholls (KCL)

- Workshop in Political Theory, King's College London, 24 May 2023.

- Book Project Workshop, The Political Theory Project, Brown University.

Commentators: Gregory Conti (Princeton), Bryan Garsten (Yale), Geneviève Rousselière (Duke) and Lucia Rubinelli (Cambridge), 16 April 2020.

'Germaine de Staël on Public Opinion.' Journal Article (in progress).

- 12e Colloque de Coppet. Universität Göttingen, 9-11 November, 2022.

'What is French Liberalism?' (Journal Article, published in *Political Studies*)

- APSA Annual Meeting, Montréal, 15-18 September 2022.

Panel on 'The Crisis of Liberalism.' Co-panellists: Annelien De Dijn (Utrecht), Bryan Garsten (Yale), and Joshua Cherniss (Georgetown).

- Rethinking Liberal Europe, Annual Conference of the Research Network on the History of the Idea of Europe, Fondazione Luigi Einaudi & Univ. of East Anglia, Turin, 29 Jun – 1 Jul. 2022.

- Workshop in Political Theory, Yale University, 30 November 2021.

- 'Liberalism and its History' Conference, Brown University, 8 October 2020.

'Mandates of Opinion.' Journal Article (in progress)

- APSA Annual Meeting (Online), 13 September 2020.

Panel on 'What is French Liberalism?' Co-panellists: Giulia Oskian (Yale), William Selinger (UCL), and Lucia Rubinelli (Cambridge).

'Representative Democracy versus Government by Opinion' (Journal Article, published in *JolP*)

- Brown's Political Theory Project Postdoctoral Workshop, 28 October 2019.

- 9th Annual London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought, 'Representation & Misrepresentation in the History of Political Thought,' 28-29 June, 2018.

- International Society for Intellectual History (ISIH) Conference, University of St Andrews, 10-13 June, 2018.

'The French Exception: Constant, Tocqueville and the Religious Underpinnings of Liberalism' (unpublished article).

- Séminaire Général du CEVIPOF, SciencesPo Paris, 7 March 2017.

- International Society for Intellectual History (ISIH) Conference, American University in Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, 30 May 2017.

- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Charles University, Prague, 8 September 2016.

'Moderation in Germaine de Staël and Benjamin Constant' (published in *The Politics of Moderation in European History*, eds. Ido de Haan and Matthijs Lok (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2019).

- International Conference on Political Moderation at the Research School in Political History, University of Amsterdam, 22 November 2016.

TEACHING

Yale University, Department of Political Science.

Lead Instructor, Public Opinion and Democracy (Spring 2022)

Yale University, Department of Political Science.

Lead Instructor, Popular Sovereignty and Representation (Fall 2021)

Brown University, Department of Political Science.

Lead Instructor, Liberalism: A History (Fall 2020)

UCLouvain (Belgium), Law Department.

Lead Instructor, Legal Theory Seminar on Human Rights and their Critics (Fall 2018 – Spring 2019)

University of Cambridge, History and Politics Departments.

Teaching Assistant (Supervisions), History of Political Thought (Fall 2016 – Spring 2017)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer

American Political Science Review

European Journal of Political Theory

French Studies

Political Studies

Conferences, Workshops, and Panels Organized

2022 Panel Coordinator, 'Liberalism in Crisis,' APSA Annual Meeting. Co-Panellists: Joshua Cherniss (Georgetown), Annelien De Dijn (Utrecht), Bryan Garsten (Yale). Chair: Gianna Englert (SMU). September 15-18.

2021 Reading Group Coordinator, 'Liberalism and its History,' Department of Political Science, Yale University, Fall Semester.

2020 Organizer and Moderator, 'Liberalism and its History,' International Conference, Brown University, the Political Theory Project. Invited Speakers: Jacob Levy (McGill), Helena Rosenblatt (CUNY), Annelien De Dijn (Utrecht) and Quinn Slobodian (Wellesley). 8-9 October 8-9. Available on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1BLZlPi91M>

Panel Coordinator, 'Reassessing French Liberalism,' APSA Annual Meeting. Co-Panellists: Lucia Rubinelli (Cambridge), William Selinger (University College London), Giulia Oskian (Yale). Chair: Cheryl Welch (Harvard). 13 September.

2018 Organizer, ‘Reassessing Benjamin Constant’s Constitutional Theory,’ International Workshop, KU Leuven. Invited Speakers: Helena Rosenblatt (CUNY), Alain Laquièze (Paris-Descartes), Emmanuelle Paulet-Grandguillot (Nantes). June 7-8.

RESEARCH STAYS

Oct. 2018 – Dec. 2018 Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium. Host: Justine Lacroix.

Oct. 2017 – Jun. 2018 KU Leuven, Belgium. Host: Raf Geenens.

Jan. 2017 – Jun. 2017 SciencesPo Paris. Host: Lucien Jaume.

THINK TANKS

2017 – Present Group Member, The Friday Group, Belgian Policy Think Tank

2016 – 2017 Research Associate, Cambridge Institute on Religion and International Studies

MEDIA (Selected)

Interviewed for ‘France separates Church and State. So who’s responsible for Notre-Dame?’ *The Washington Post*, 19 April 2019.

‘Macron’s Speech to the French Bishops: a Poisonous Gift?’ *LSE Religion and Global Society Blog*, 11 April 2018.

‘Hoe maken we van jongeren burgers? Niet dankzij het vak burgerschap van het Gemeenschapsonderwijs,’ *Knack*, 17 November 2017.

‘Le cache misère des cours de citoyenneté,’ *L’Echo*, 17 November 2017.

‘L’autre sens du libéralisme,’ *Le Soir*, 26 April 2017.

‘On religion, Politics and the Brussels attacks,’ [Interview](#) for the *Cambridge Institute on Religion and International Studies* (CIRIS), 9 May 2016.

“Attentats de Bruxelles: ensemble, penser l’après”, *La Libre Belgique*, 4 April 2016, pp. 46-47.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.