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POSITIONS

- 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 – University of Cambridge, Magdalene College, UK
'Public Opinion in Benjamin Constant's Political Thought'
Supervisor: Christopher Brooke (Cambridge)
Dissertation committee: Duncan Kelly (Cambridge), Jeremy Jennings (King's College London)
- 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, Belgium – Magna Cum Laude
- 2008 – 2011 BA in Law – UC Louvain, Belgium – Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

'Representative Democracy versus Government by Opinion,' *The Journal of Politics*, accepted for publication.

"'Popular Sovereignty that I Deny: Benjamin Constant on Public Opinion, Political Legitimacy and Constitution Making,' *Modern Intellectual History*, FirstView.

'Benjamin Constant et le beau mensonge: vérité, erreur et religion, des écrits de jeunesse aux *Principes de politiques* (1806),' *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.

Refereed 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

‘Democracy in the Mirror,’ Review of Gregory Conti, *Parliament Mirror of the Nation. Representation, Deliberation and Democracy in Victorian Britain*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2019. Book Forum on *Tocqueville21*. <https://tocqueville21.com/focus/parliamentary-thinking/democracy-in-the-mirror/>

Manuscripts Under Review

‘The Meta-history of Liberalism.’ Journal Article.

‘The Phases of French Liberalism.’ Journal Article.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Public Opinion: from Rousseau to Tocqueville. Book Manuscript. Invited for submission to Cambridge University Press (“Ideas in Context” Series).

‘What is French Liberalism?’ Journal Article.

‘Towards an Actor’s Category History of Liberalism.’ Journal Article.

“‘Responsibility of Opinion’: Rethinking Political Accountability beyond Trustees and Delegates.” Journal Article.

‘The People’s Two Powers: Rousseau on Public Opinion and Popular Sovereignty.’ Journal Article.

Editorial Work

Commissioned to edit part of Constant’s parliamentary speeches of the Second Restoration (1819-1830) for his Complete Works (*Oeuvres Complètes de Benjamin Constant*, Berlin: De Gruyter). Expected publication date: Summer 2025.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

June 2020 King’s College London, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship. 125.000£
[Deferred until 1 September 2022].

- May 2020 Yale University, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Centre for the Study of Representative Institutions. 60.000 USD [Renewable].
- March 2020 University of Chicago, Harper and Schmidt Fellowship. 280.000 USD [Declined].
- Dec. 2019 Brown University, The Political Theory Project, Postdoctoral Fellowship. 100.000 USD.
- July 2018 Wiener Anspach Foundation, Université Libre de Bruxelles. Research Stay Bursary. 1500€.
- Oct. 2018 Society for the Study of French History (UK), Conference Bursary. 500£.
- July 2015 Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, Leslie Wilson Major Scholarship. Full funding for a PhD in Politics. Fee + Maintenance: 62.600£, reduced to a 500£ honorarium/year due to full funding already obtained prior to the award.
- May 2015 Cambridge Trust, Cambridge European PhD Scholarship, Maintenance Scholarship. 24.000£. 8 May 2015.
- May 2015 Cambridge School of Humanity and Social Sciences, PhD Bursary, Maintenance Scholarship. 13 600£. 14 May 2015.
- March 2015 Cambridge Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Doctoral Studentship, Fee coverage. 23 532£. 20 March 2015.
- April 2014 Fernand Lazard Foundation (Belgium), Bursary for an MSc in Political Theory at the LSE. 10 000€.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 ‘The Meta-History of Liberalism,’ Workshop in Political Theory, University of Genoa, Italy. 13 December.
- 2020 ‘What is French Liberalism?,’ Classical Liberal Institute, NYU, 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)

- 2022 ‘Les rôles politiques de la religion chez Necker, Staël et Constant.’ 12e Colloque de Coppet. Universität Göttingen, 9-11 December 2022.
- 2021 ‘The Meta-history of Liberalism,’ Workshop in Political Theory, Yale University, 30 November.
- 2020 ‘What is French Liberalism?,’ ‘Liberalism and its History’ Conference, Brown University, 8 October.

- “Responsibility of Opinion:” Germaine de Staël and Benjamin Constant on Political Mandates,’ APSA Annual Meeting, 13 September.
- 2019 ‘Public Opinion, not Popular Sovereignty: Germaine de Staël on Representative Government,’ Brown’s Political Theory Project Postdoctoral Workshop, 28 October.
- 2018 ‘Benjamin Constant on Opinion and Political Legitimacy.’ 4th Doctoral Workshop in Political History, Leiden University. The Pursuit of Legitimacy. Power and Its Manifestations in Political History, 25-26 October.
‘Benjamin Constant on Representation,’ 9th Annual London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought, Representation & Misrepresentation in the History of Political Thought, 28-29 June.
‘Benjamin Constant on Representative Government,’ International Society for Intellectual History (ISIH) Conference, University of St Andrews, 10-13 June.
- 2017 ‘Benjamin Constant on Public Opinion,’ Research Seminar in Political Theory, KU Leuven, Belgium, 11 December.
‘Libéralisme et vérité chez Benjamin Constant,’ Séminaire Général du CEVIPOF, SciencesPo Paris, 7 March.
‘The French Exception: Constant, Tocqueville and the Religious Underpinnings of Liberalism’, International Society for Intellectual History (ISIH) Conference, American University in Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, 30 May.
- 2016 ‘The French Exception: Constant, Tocqueville and the Religious Underpinnings of Liberalism’, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Charles University, Prague, 8 September.
‘Moderation in Germaine de Staël and Benjamin Constant’, International Conference on Political Moderation at the Research School in Political History, University of Amsterdam, 22 November.
‘Benjamin Constant and Political Liberalism,’ Political Thought and Intellectual History Graduate Workshop, University of Cambridge, 10 February.

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, Human Rights and their Critics (Fall 2018 – Spring 2019)

University of Cambridge, History and Politics Departments.

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

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer

European Journal of Political Theory

Conferences, Workshops and Panels Organized

2021 Organizer, Book Project Workshop, Brown University, The Political Theory Project, 16 April. Invited Commentators: Gregory Conti (Princeton), Bryan Garsten (Yale), Geneviève Rousselière (Duke) and Lucia Rubinelli (Cambridge).

2020 Organizer and Moderator, ‘Liberalism and its History,’ International Conference, Brown University, the Political Theory Project, 8-9 October. Invited Speakers: Jacob Levy (McGill), Helena Rosenblatt (CUNY), Annelien De Dijn (Utrecht) and Quinn Slobodian (Wellesley).

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

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

2017 Organizer, ‘French Liberalism and the Belgian Constitution,’ Reading Group, KU Leuven, Oct.-Dec.

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)

Quoted in '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.

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

LANGUAGES

French: Native

English: Fluent

Dutch: Basic

REFERENCES

Upon Request.