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Academic Appointments

- 2020– **Yale-NUS College**
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- 2022– **National University of Singapore**
Assistant Professor of Political Science (by courtesy)
- 2023 **Yale University**
Visiting Fellow at the MacMillan Center
- 2018–2020 **Duke Kunshan University**
Assistant Professor of Politics
- 2016–2018 **Yale-NUS College**
Lecturer in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- 2015–2017 **National University of Singapore**
Post Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Political Science

Education

- 2015 **Columbia University**
Ph.D. Department of Political Science
- 2008 **Luiss Guido Carli**
Dottorato di Ricerca, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche
- 2004 **Boston College**
B.A. in International Studies (Honors) and Philosophy

Publications

Books

- 2024 *Democracy despite Itself: Liberal Constitutionalism and Militant Democracy* Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Reviewed in *New Book Network*;
- 2018 *Carl Schmitt's State and Constitutional Theory: A Critical Analysis.* Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*; *European Constitutional Law Review*; *Constellations*; *3:AM Magazine*; *LSE Review of Books*; *H-Net*; Mentioned in *Leiter Reports*
- 2011 *Morgenthau mal compris: The Philosophical Roots of Hans Morgenthau's Political Realism.* Düsseldorf, VDM Publishing.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2022 “Hans Kelsen’s Political Theology: Science, Pantheism, and Democracy.” *Austrian Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 51(3), 42-51.
- 2020 “Constraining Political Extremism and Legal Revolution.” *Philosophy and Social Criticism*. Vol. 46(3), 249-273.
- 2014 “Thoughtlessness and Resentment: Determinism and Moral Responsibility in the Case of Adolf Eichmann.” *Philosophy and Social Criticism*. Vol. 40(2), 127–144.
Awarded “Best Graduate Student Paper” at Northeast Political Science Association’s 2012 Conference

Book Chapters

- 2012 “A Pessimism of Strength? Tragedy and Political Virtue.” In *Tragedy and International Relations*. Eds. Erskine and Lebow. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. 129-143.
Awarded Choice 2013 Outstanding Academic Title

Editor-Reviewed Publications

- 2024 “Democracy, Undeluded?” *Critical Review*, 1–24. (online first)
“Is it Democratic to Disqualify a Popular Candidate from the Ballot?” *OUPblog* 24 April 2024
- 2021 “Liberalism, Legal Revolution, and Carl Schmitt.” (Symposium on William E. Scheuerman’s *Carl Schmitt: The End of Law*) *Philosophy and Social Criticism*. Vol. 47(2) 163–167.
- 2019 “Emergency Powers and Trump: Lessons from Carl Schmitt.” *Public Seminar*. 22 March 2019.
- 2018 “Political Extremism and Liberal Democracy.” *H-DIPLO*. Policy Series. 25 July 2018.
“Carl Schmitt and Democratic Cannibalism.” *3:AM Magazine*. Interview by Richard Marshall. 16 June 2018.
“Responding to the Rise of Extremist Populism.” *OUPblog*. Oxford University Press. 5 February 2018.

Book Reviews

- 2023 *Democracy Rules*. Jan-Werner Müller. (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2021). *Contemporary Political Theory*. Vol. 22(4), 165-168.
- 2019 *Conceptualizing Politics: An Introduction to Political Philosophy*. Furio Cerutti. (New York: Routledge, 2017). *Philosophy and Social Criticism*. Vol. 45(8), 948-958.
The Remnants of the Rechtsstaat: An Ethnography of Nazi Law. Jens Meierhenrich. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018). *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 17 (1), 223-225.
- 2017 *Power, Knowledge, and Dissent in Morgenthau’s Worldview*. Felix Rösch. (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2015). *European Review of International Studies*. Vol. 4(2-3), 122-126.
- 2016 *Carl Schmitt: A Biography*. Reinhard Mehring. (Malden, MA: Polity, 2014). *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*. Vol. 23(2), 320-321.

Public Engagement

- 2024 “Saving Liberalism from Crisis by Professor Samuel Moyn” Yale-NUS Lecture on Global Affairs (7 March 2024)
- 2021 “Why is former US president Donald Trump still so influential?” Channel News Asia Commentary (20 November 2021)
“Yale-NUS Explores the Future of American Democracy.” Yale Daily News Interview (3 February 2021)
“The Future of American Democracy” Yale-NUS Zoom Webinar. (Air Date: 19 January 2021 20:30)

- 2017 “Shangri La 2017” China Global Television Network (CGTN) Panel (Air Date: 05 June 2017 19:00)
- 2017 “Lessons of War” Channel News Asia Insight (Airdate: 16 Feb 2017 20:00).

Work in Progress

- “Otto Kirchheimer & Militant Democracy” (in preparation; **Accepted pending Revisions** with *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*)
- “Revisiting Arendt: Thoughtlessness and Social Acceleration” (in preparation)
- “Social Distintegration, Crisis, Civil War: 7 Theses” (in preparation)

Teaching

Yale-NUS College

- Democratic Theory
- Theorizing the State[^]
- Continental Political Theory
- Populism[^]
- Comparative Social Inquiry*

Duke Kunshan University

- The Social & Political Thought of Hannah Arendt[^]
- Foundational Questions of Social Science*[^]
- Theory & Society[^]

Yale-NUS College

- Advanced Topics in PPE: The Welfare State[^]
- Continental Political Theory[^]
- Political Concepts
- Modern Social Thought*
- Human Rights[^]

National University of Singapore

- Modern Western Political Theory[^]
- Introduction to Political Theory[^]

* indicates a team-taught common curriculum module

[^] indicates a new class that I developed from scratch

Fellowship & Grant Awards

- 2024 Yale-NUS College Seed Grant: Symposium on “The Future of Liberal Democracy” (\$41,611 SGD)
- 2023 Yale University MacMillan Center Fellowship (\$30,000 USD)
- 2023 Yale University Book Manuscript Workshop (\$12,500 USD)
- 2022 NUS Humanities and Social Science Research Fellowship (\$55,000 SGD)
- 2020 Yale-NUS College New Faculty Start-Up Grant (\$30,000 SGD)
- 2019 Duke Kunshan University Faculty Scholarship and Travel Award (FSTA) (¥8,000)
- 2018 Duke Kunshan University New Faculty Start-Up Grant (¥62,000)
- 2018 Duke Kunshan University Learning Innovation Fellowship (\$10,000 USD)
- 2013 Gillian Lindt Dissertation Research Fellowship Fund (\$20,000 USD)
- 2013 Columbia University Contemporary Civilization Preceptorship [Declined for Lindt Fellowship]
- 2013 Columbia University Political Science Department Spring Research Fellowship (\$5,000 USD)
- 2012 DAAD Intensive Language Study Grant (€3,000)

Presentations

Invited Talks (Funded by Organizer)

- 2024 Universität Hamburg Politische Theorie Seminar *Otto Kirchheimer & Militant Democracy* (Invited Talk)
Korea University Law and Politics Seminar *Otto Kirchheimer & Militant Democracy* (Invited Talk)
- 2023 Singapore Management University Social Science Seminar *Democracy's Problem of Legal Revolution* (Invited Talk)
- 2023 Yale University Book Manuscript Workshop *Democracy despite Itself*
- 2021 University of Minho Centre for Ethics, Politics, and Society Seminar Manuscript Workshop on Ferrara's *Sequential Sovereignty* (Invited Discussant)
- 2020 University of Cambridge Symposium on *Carl Schmitt's Early Legal Theoretical Works* (Invited Discussant)
- 2018 University of Minho Centre for Ethics, Politics, and Society Seminar "Populism, Democracy, and Legal Revolution" (Invited Talk)
- 2016 Griffith University – NUS Joint Workshop "Choosing to Burn the Trojan Horse: Theorizing 'Militant Democracy'" (Invited Talk)

Conference Presentations

- 2024 American Political Science Association "Thoughtlessness & Social Acceleration"
International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR) Congress 2024 "Otto Kirchheimer & Militant Democracy"
Prague Colloquium on Philosophy and Social Science "Social Distintegration, Crisis, Civil War"
- 2023 Western Political Science Association "Otto Kirchheimer & Militant Democracy"
German Studies Association "Otto Kirchheimer & Militant Democracy"
American Political Science Association "Otto Kirchheimer & Militant Democracy"
Prague Colloquium on Philosophy and Social Science "Otto Kirchheimer & Militant Democracy"
- 2022 Western Political Science Association "Militant Democracy and Political Liberalism"
Association for Political Theory "Militant Democracy and Political Liberalism"
American Political Science Association "Militant Democracy and Political Liberalism"
Prague Colloquium on Philosophy and Social Science "Legal Revolution & Illiberal Democracy"
- 2021 American Political Science Association "Thoughtlessness & Digital Technologies" (Panel Organizer)
International Political Science Association "'Off the Political Agenda': Liberal Constitutionalism and Democracy"
Prague Colloquium on Philosophy and Social Science "'Off the Political Agenda': Liberal Constitutionalism and Democracy"
- 2020 American Political Science Association (Panel Organizer) "'Off the Political Agenda': Liberal Constitutionalism and Democracy"
- 2019 Eurostorie Conference on Liberalism "The Latent Tension between Liberalism and Democracy"
American Political Science Association (Panel Organizer) "Populism, Democracy, and Legal Revolution"
European Political Science Association "Populism, Democracy, and Legal Revolution"
- 2019 Prague Colloquium on Philosophy and Social Science "Thought and Freedom in an Age of Third Screens and 5G"
- 2018 American Political Science Association "Constraining Political Extremism and Legal Revolution"
Prague Colloquium on Philosophy and Social Science "Constraining Political Extremism and Legal Revolution"

- 2017 Association for Political Theory “On the Realist Opposition of ‘Politics’ and ‘Morality’”
Prague Colloquium on Philosophy and Social Science “On the Realist Opposition of ‘Politics’ and ‘Morality’”
- 2016 American Political Science Association “On the Realist Opposition of ‘Politics’ and ‘Morality’”
Prague Colloquium on Philosophy and Social Science “Carl Schmitt, Realism, and the Disciplinary Autonomy of Politics”
- 2015 American Political Science Association “Choosing to Burn the Trojan Horse: Theorizing ‘Militant Democracy’”
- 2012 Northeast Political Science Association “Thoughtlessness & Resentment: The Problem of Adolf Eichmann”

Local Presentations

- 2024 YNC Dinner Conversations at Cendana Residential College “The Paradox of Democracy’s Self-Defence”
- 2020 DKU Student Film Club “Fight Club: Inequality, Anomie, and Radicalization”
- 2019 DKU Student Debate Club “On Berlin’s Two Concepts of Liberty”
DKU Comparative Philosophy and Cross-Cultural Pedagogy Workshop “Albert Camus: Therapy through the Absurd”
- 2018 The Future of the Humanities (DKU Humanities Centre Launch) “Populism and Legal Revolution”
- 2017 Yale-NUS Symposium on Steven Smith’s *Modernity and its Discontents* “The Artificial Nature of Autonomy”
Yale-NUS Faculty Panel on Trump’s Jan. 27 ‘Executive Order on Immigration’ “The Establishment Clause, Secularism, and Liberal Constitutionalism”
- 2015 NUS Symposium on Intellectual History and IR Theory “Not Just What States Make of It: Rethinking Anarchy through Schmitt”
NUS Lee Kuan Yew School Symposium on Realism “Frightening Men in Need of Security”

Service

Service to the College

- 2024-2025 (YNC) Academic Standards Committee
- 2021-2025 (YNC) Curriculum Committee
- 2021 (YNC) Independent Reading and Research Project Advisor - 1 Student
- 2021 (YNC) Summer Research Project Advisor - 1 Student
- 2020-2025 (YNC) PPE Major Advisor - 24 Students
- 2016-2025 (YNC) PPE Capstone Supervision - 18 Students
- 2019-2020 (DKU) Political Economy Major Faculty Coordinator
- 2019-2020 (DKU) Signature Work Committee
- 2018-2020 (DKU) Student Academic Advisor - 12 Students
- 2018-2020 (DKU) Study Abroad Task Force
- 2018-2020 (DKU) Sexual Misconduct Policy Task Force
- 2018-2020 (DKU) Curriculum Implementation and Evaluation Team
- 2017-2018 (YNC) Law & Liberal Arts Major Advisor - 15 Students
- 2015-2016 (NUS) Lunchtime Brownbag Research Seminar

Service to the Discipline

Editorial Board Member

- 2023– Philosophy & Social Criticism
- 2021– Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory

Conference Organizer

2024 Yale-NUS College Political Theory Symposium
2016 NUS Dept. of Political Science Political Theory Symposium

Panel Organizer

2024 APSA Panel on “Arendt between Past and Future”
2021 APSA Panel on “Democracy, Freedom, and Pluralism in the Digital Age”
2020 APSA Panel on “Liberalism, Democracy, and Destabilization”
2019 APSA Panel on “Militant Democracy and Populism”

Review Service

Oxford University Press • Routledge • Palgrave-MacMillan • American Journal of Political Science • Review of International Studies • Journal of Political Ideologies • Review of Politics • Philosophy and Social Criticism • Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory • European Constitutional Law Review • European Journal of Political Theory • Review of Constitutional Studies • Perspectives on Politics • History of Political Thought • Journal of International Political Theory • International Relations • Arendt Studies • Intellectual History Review