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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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### **SOAS, University of London**

Associate Professor of Political Theory, Department of Politics and International Studies,  
2022- present

### **Singapore Management University**

Associate Professor of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, 2021-2022

Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, 2016-2020

### **Koç University**

Assistant Professor of Political Theory, Department of International Relations, 2013-2016

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

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### **Princeton University**

Fung Global Fellow, Institute for International and Regional Studies, 2019-2020

### **Brown University**

Visiting Research Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Spring 2019

### **National University of Singapore**

Postdoctoral Fellow of Global Studies, Department of Political Science, 2015-2016

## **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. Cornell University, Department of Government, 2013

Dissertation awarded the Janice and Milton Esman Prize for Distinguished Scholarship

M.A. Cornell University, Department of Government, 2010

M.A. University of British Columbia, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, 2006

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS**

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### ***Political Theory***

History of political thought; intellectual history of empire; critical social theory; postcolonial theory

### ***Political Economy***

Global political economy; intellectual history of capitalism; history of political economy

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books**

*Before the Color Line: Empire, Capital, and Race in Asia, 1800-1850* (under contract with Oxford University Press)

*Colonial Capitalism and the Dilemmas of Liberalism* (Oxford University Press, 2018)

#### Awards:

Winner, the 2020 Spitz Prize for the best book in democratic and/or liberal theory, International Conference for the Study of Political Thought  
Finalist, the 2020 C. B. Macpherson Prize for the best book published in political theory, Canadian Political Science Association

Academic reviews: *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2018), *Perspectives on Politics* (2018), *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* (2019), *The Review of Politics* (2019); *Contemporary Political Theory* (2020); *Political Theory* (2021); *Intellectual History Review* (2023).

Book panels: Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs (February 2018); APSA, Annual Convention (September 2018); University of Tokyo, Institute for Advanced Global Studies (March 2019); Yale-NUS College (January 2020)

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

“From ‘Chinese Colonist’ to ‘Yellow Peril’: Capitalist Racialization in the British Empire,” *American Political Science Review* (November 2023, ahead of print): 1-15. Open Access. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055423001260>

“Saving Capitalism from Empire: Uses of Colonial History in New Institutional Economics,” *International Relations* (June 2022, ahead of print): 1-26. DOI: [10.1177/00471178221104699](https://doi.org/10.1177/00471178221104699).

“Deprovincializing Racial Capitalism: John Crawford and Settler Colonialism in India,” *American Political Science Review* 116:1 (February 2022): 144-160. Open Access. DOI: [10.1017/S0003055421000939](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055421000939).

“Adam Smith, Settler Colonialism, and Limits of Liberal Anti-Imperialism,” *The Journal of Politics* 83:3 (July 2021): 1080-1096. DOI: [10.1086/711321](https://doi.org/10.1086/711321).

“Between Equal Rights: Primitive Accumulation and Capital’s Violence,” *Political Theory* 46:6 (December 2018): 885-914. DOI [10.1177/00905917177484](https://doi.org/10.1177/00905917177484).

“Between Commerce and Empire: David Hume, Colonial Slavery, and Commercial Incivility,” *History of Political Thought* 39:1 (Spring 2018): 107-134.

“Bringing the Economy Back In: Hannah Arendt, Karl Marx, and the Politics of Capitalism,” *The Journal of Politics* 78:2 (April 2016): 411-426. DOI: [10.1086/684596](https://doi.org/10.1086/684596).

“Friedrich List and the Imperial Origins of the National Economy,” *New Political Economy*. 21:4 (April 2016): 380-400. DOI: [10.1080/13563467.2016.1115827](https://doi.org/10.1080/13563467.2016.1115827).

“Primitive Accumulation, the New Enclosures, and Global Land Grabs: A Theoretical Intervention,” *Rural Sociology* 79:1 (March 2014): 104-131. DOI: [10.1111/ruso.12025](https://doi.org/10.1111/ruso.12025).

“Not A Partnership in Pepper, Coffee, Calico or Tobacco: Edmund Burke and the Vicissitudes of Colonial Capitalism,” *Polity*, 44:3 (July 2012): 340-372.  
DOI:[10.1057/pol.2012.7](https://doi.org/10.1057/pol.2012.7).

“Enclosing in God’s Name, Accumulating for Mankind: Money, Morality, and Accumulation in John Locke’s Theory of Property” *The Review of Politics*, 73:1 (Winter 2011): 29-54.  
DOI:[10.1017/S0034670510000859](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034670510000859).

### **Chapters in Handbooks and Edited Volumes**

“Toward a Political Theory of Primitive Accumulation,” in *Politics of Primitive Accumulation*, ed. William Clare Roberts and Gavin Walker (forthcoming)

“Development,” in *Concepts in International Law: Contributions to Disciplinary Thought*, ed. Jean d’Aspremont & Sahib Singh (Edward Elgar, 2019).

“Property,” in *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael Gibbons (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014): 3008-3017.

### **Symposia and Review Essays**

“Political Economy, Capitalism, and Empire: Rematerializing a Research Agenda,” (in Critical Exchange, “Empire and Its Afterlives”), *Contemporary Political Theory* 19:2 (2020): 274-305. DOI:[10.1057/s41296-020-00391-8](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-020-00391-8)

“Political Economy and Edmund Burke’s (II) Liberal Logic of Empire” (book symposium), *Political Science Reviewer*, 42:1 (2018): 254-259.

“Imperial Pasts, Imperial Presents” (review essay), *European Journal of Political Theory*, 16:4 (2017): 470-480. DOI:[10.1177/14748851166386](https://doi.org/10.1177/14748851166386)

### **Book Reviews**

Olufemi Taiwo, *Reconsidering Reparations* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021), *Contemporary Political Theory* (September 2023), online first.

Eric Helleiner, *The Neomercantilists: A Global Intellectual History* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2021), *Perspectives on Politics* 20:3 (August 2022): 1155-1156.

Duncan Bell, *Reordering the World: Essays on Liberalism and Empire* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2016), *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 30:5-6 (2018): 580-583.

Or Rosenboim, *The Emergence of Globalism: Visions of World Order in Britain and the United States, 1939-1950* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2017), *Perspectives on Politics* 16:2 (July 2018): 508-509.

Daniel O’Neill, *Edmund Burke and the Conservative Logic of Empire* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2016), *Review of Politics* 79:4 (Fall 2017): 726-729.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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British Academy / Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship, 2024

International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, the 2020 David and Elaine Spitz Prize, awarded for the best book in democratic and/or liberal theory

Canadian Political Science Association, Finalist for the 2020 C. B. Macpherson Prize, awarded for the best book in political theory

SOAS University of London, Outstanding Authorship Award (Article), 2022

Princeton University, Fung Global Fellowship, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, 2019-2020

Cornell University, Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Prize for Distinguished Scholarship, 2014

Cornell University, Mellon Foundation Completion Fellowship, 2010-2011

Cornell University, Polson Institute for Global Development, New Enclosures Research Working Group Grant, 2010

Cornell University, Russell Sage Graduate Fellowship, 2006-2007

Harvard Law School, The Institute for Global Law and Policy, Conference and Travel Grant for the Annual IGLP Workshop, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018

Singapore Management University, Lee Kong Chian Fellowship, 2020-2021

Singapore Management University, D. S. Lee Foundation Fellowship, 2018-2019

Singapore Management University, Finalist for the Most Promising Teacher Award, 2018

## **INVITED TALKS**

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“Capitalism and Race in Imperial Perspective: Beyond Methodological Atlanticism,” King’s College London (January 2024, London)

“From ‘Civilization’ to ‘Race’: The Political Economy of Imperial Subjecthood,” University of Oxford, Political Theory Workshop (October 2023, Oxford); University College Dublin and Australian Catholic University, Subjecthood in the Nineteenth-Century Anglosphere Workshop (August 2023, Rome)

“Before the Color Line: Capital, Empire, and Race in Asia, 1800-1850,” University of Oxford, Interdisciplinary Seminar on Empire (October 2022, Oxford); Arrighi Center for Global Studies, Johns Hopkins University (May 2023; Baltimore, MD); University of Chicago, Empires Workshop (May 2023; Chicago, IL).

“Before the Global Color Line: Capital, Race, and Chinese Migration in Nineteenth-Century

Southeast Asia,” University of Chicago, Intellectual Histories of Global Capitalism Conference (June 2022, Chicago, IL)

“Locating Racial Capitalism: Insights from a Trans-imperial Frame,” University of Sussex, Center for Advanced International Theory (November 2021, Brighton, UK)

“Deprovincializing Racial Capitalism: John Crawford and Settler Colonialism in India,” University of Chicago, British and Imperial History Workshop (June 2021, Chicago, IL)

“Saving Capitalism from Empire: Uses of Global History in New Institutional Economics,” Northwestern University, Political Theory Workshop (January 2020, Evanston, IL)

“Gentlemanly Capitalists, Imperial Frontiersmen: Rethinking the Problem of Primitive Accumulation,” University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Economic History and Development Workshop (November 2019, Amherst, MA)

“The Challenge of Colonial Capitalism: A Materialist Approach to Political Theory and Empire,” Cornell University, Department of Government (April 2019, Ithaca, NY)

“Capitalism Disavowed: Political Economy, Colonies, and the Problem of Violence,” Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science (April 2019, Baltimore, MD)

“The Wealth of the Colonies: Settler Capitalism and Adam Smith's Political Economy,” University of Chicago, Historical Capitalisms and Social Theory Workshop (April 2019)

“Colonial Capitalism and the Dilemmas of Liberalism” (book panel), University of Tokyo, Institute for Advanced Global Studies (March 2019, Tokyo)

“The Scottish Enlightenment and the British Empire: David Hume and Adam Smith in Atlantic Contexts,” Yonsei University, Underwood International College (October 2018, Seoul)

“Colonial Capitalism and Liberalism: Towards a New Social History of Political Thought,” University of Otago (June 2018, Otago)

“Imperial Economy and Intellectual History: Capitalism and Liberalism in the British Empire,” Yale University, Lewis Walpole Library (February 2018, New Haven, CT)

“Colonial Capitalism and the Dilemmas of Liberalism,” (book panel) Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs (February 2018, Providence, RI)

“Adam Smith, Settler Colonialism, and Cosmopolitan Overstretch,” Columbia University, Political Theory Workshop (February 2018, New York, NY)

“In the Beginning, All the World Was America: John Locke’s Global Theory of Property,” Tel Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty of Law (December 2016, Tel Aviv)

“Liberalism, Empire, and Capitalism: Rematerializing A Research Agenda,” Harvard Law School, The Institute for Global Law and Policy (October 2016, Cambridge, MA)

“Between Commerce and Empire: David Hume on Slavery, Political Economy, and Commercial Incivility,” National University of Singapore (March 2016, Singapore)

“Primitive Accumulation, the New Enclosures, and Global Land Grabs: A Theoretical Intervention,” University of Alberta (September 2013, Edmonton, AB)

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Deprovincializing Racial Capitalism: John Crawford and Settler Colonialism in India,” American Political Science Association Conference (September 2021, Seattle, WA)

“Liberal Fictions of Capitalism: The Colonial Turn in New Institutional Economics,” Critical Theory Roundtable, McMaster University (October 2019, Hamilton, ON)

“Forced to Be Free Labor: Edward G. Wakefield and Systematic Colonization,” American Political Science Association Conference (September 2017, San Francisco, CA)

“Whither Political Theory and Empire? A Critical Appraisal,” Western Political Science Association (April 2017, Vancouver, BC)

“Theorizing the Violence of Capital: Beyond Primitive Accumulation,” American Political Science Association Conference (September 2016, Philadelphia, PA)

“Imperial Frontiersmen, Gentlemanly Capitalists, Uncivil Citizens: Empire, Economy, and Civility in Eighteenth-Century Britain,” American Political Science Association Conference (September 2015, San Francisco, CA)

“John Locke and Colonial Capitalism: Money, Possession, and Dispossession,” American Political Science Association Conference (September 2015, San Francisco, CA)

“Arendt, Expropriation, and the Social Question,” Association for Political Theory Conference (October 2014, Madison, WI)

“Global Commons Discourse in Global Land Grabs,” Harvard Law School, The Institute for Global Law and Policy, (January 2014, Doha, Qatar)

“Imperial Origins of the ‘National Economy,’” American Political Science Association Conference (September 2013, Chicago, IL)

“The *Nomos* of Capital: Colonial Violence and Global Economic Order,” Harvard Law School, The Institute for Global Law and Policy (June 2013, Cambridge, MA)

## **COURSES OFFERED**

### ***SOAS University of London***

“Political Theory, Race, and Empire” (PG)

“International Political Economy” (PG)

“Introduction to Political Theory” (UG)

***Singapore Management University***

“Global Political Economy” (UG)

“Political Theory” (UG)

***National University of Singapore***

“Global Political Economy” (UG)

***Koç University***

“Graduate Seminar in Political Theory” (PG)

“Introduction to Political Science” (UG)

“History of Political Economy” (UG)

“Thinking About the Economy” (UG)

***Cornell University***

“War, Peace, Terror, and the Law” (UG)

“Capitalism and Democracy: A Critical Inquiry” (UG)

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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***Anonymous Journal Review:***

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Theory, History of Political Thought, The Review of Politics, Journal of Political Philosophy, Political Research Quarterly, Theory and Event, Polity, Review of International Political Economy, International Relations, Journal of Global History, Critical Historical Studies, Historia Critica, Rural Sociology, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Leiden Journal of International Law, Journal of British Studies.*

***Academic Press Review:***

Cornell University Press, McGill-Queen’s University Press

***Conference and Workshop Organization:***

Program Co-Chair, Association for Political Theory Conference (October 2018, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, PA).

Co-Organizer, Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL) Conference, National University of Singapore (July 2018, Singapore)

Faculty Member, Teaching and Mentoring Team, Harvard Law School, the Institute for Global Law and Policy (2014, 2015, 2017, 2018; Doha, Qatar; Bangkok, Thailand)

Organizer, Cornell Political Theory Workshop, (2012-2013, Ithaca, NY)

Co-organizer, Cornell Graduate Conference: “From *Meydan Tahrir* to Wisconsin: Rethinking Revolution, Democracy and Citizenship” (April 2012, Ithaca, NY)