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## Education and Academic Career

**Research Associate and Lecturer (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)**, Chair of International Political Theory, Excellence Cluster "On the Formation of Normative Orders," Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, September 2016 to present

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, January 2015 to September 2016

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Collège d'études mondiales, Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme, Paris, January to December 2014

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, January to December 2013

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Einstein Foundation Workgroup on "Crisis of Democracy," John-F.-Kennedy Institut für Nordamerikastudien, Freie Universität Berlin, May 2011 to December 2012

**Ph.D. (Politics)**, New School for Social Research, 2011

Major field: Political Theory

Minor field: Comparative Politics

Cumulative GPA: 3.97 (on 4.00 scale)

Dissertation: "Commercium: Toward a Critical Social Theory of the Cosmopolitan"

- Selected for the 2011 Hannah Arendt Award in Politics
- Nominated for the APSA 2012 Leo Strauss Award

Dissertation committee: Nancy Fraser (chair), Andreas Kalyvas, Richard J. Bernstein, Rainer Forst, Terry Williams (dean's representative)

**M.A. (Politics)**, New School for Social Research, 2003

M.A. portfolio: "Critique and Vision in the Body Cosmopolitan" and "On 'Postmodern Tyranny,' or conversely: How to Be an Intelligent Globaphobic"

- Selected for the 2003 Outstanding M.A. Graduate Award, Politics

Readers: Nancy Fraser, Jeffrey C. Goldfarb

**A.B. (Political Science)**, Vassar College, 1999

Concentration in political theory

## Books (as author)

***Commercium: Critical Theory from a Cosmopolitan Point of View.*** London: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2015

- Preface by Nancy Fraser
  - Back-cover endorsements by William E. Scheuerman and Rainer Forst
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### Books (as editor)

- Nancy Fraser and Rahel Jaeggi, *Capitalism: A Conversation in Critical Theory*. Cambridge, UK: Polity, forthcoming 2018
- Contract forthcoming

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- "Perpetual Peace and Cosmopolitical Method: The Systematic Grounds of Kant's Cosmopolitan Vision," *Danish Yearbook of Philosophy* 50, no. 1 (forthcoming 2017)
- "A Tale of Two Demoi: Boundaries and Democracy beyond the Sovereign Point of View," *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, OnlineFirst, doi: 10.1177/0191453716658691 (2016)
- "Thinking Politically about Crisis: A Pragmatist Perspective," *European Journal of Political Theory* 14, no. 2 (2015)
- "Kantian Cosmopolitanism beyond 'Perpetual Peace': Commercium, Critique, and the Cosmopolitan Problematic," *European Journal of Philosophy* 21, no. 1 (2013)

### Articles under Peer Review

- "Emergency Powers and Democratic Equality"

### Invited Contributions

- "The Diversity and Unity of Critical Theory in Prague," special section commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> annual conference on "Philosophy and the Social Sciences," *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 43, no. 3 (2017)

### Articles in Preparation

- "Justification Crisis: A Discourse-Theoretic Critique of Faltering Hegemony"
- "Whither Justice in Times of Crisis?"
- "A Kantian Argument for Civil Resistance"
- "Preservation, Progress, and Pathology: Three Paradigms of Crisis Thinking in Modern Political Thought"

### Non-Academic Publications

- "Emergency Politics Are the Wrong Path for Today's Europe," *openDemocracy*, 8 February, 2016 (published online at <https://www.opendemocracy.net/can-europe-make-it/brian-milstein/emergency-politics-are-wrong-path-for-todays-europe>)

### Translation Work

- Wolfgang Streeck, "Small-State Nostalgia? The Currency Union, Germany, and Europe: A Reply to Jürgen Habermas," *Constellations* 21, no. 2 (2014)
- Translated from the German, "Nostalgische Kleinstaaterei? Die Bayern, die Währungsunion, Deutschland und Europa. Eine Replik auf Jürgen Habermas"
- Daniel Gaus, "Rational Reconstruction as a Method of Political Theory between Social Critique and Empirical Political Science," *Constellations* 20, no. 4 (2013)

- Originally appeared in German as "Rationale Rekonstruktion als Methode politischer Theorie zwischen Gesellschaftskritik und empirischer Politikwissenschaft," *Politische Vierteljahre-schrift* 13, no. 2 (2013)

**Rahel Jaeggi**, "What (if Anything) Is Wrong With Capitalism? Dysfunctionality, Exploitation, and Alienation: Three Approaches to the Critique of Capitalism," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 54, Spindel supplement (2016)

- Translated from the German, "Was (wenn überhaupt etwas) ist falsch mit Kapitalismus? Drei Wege der Kapitalismuskritik" (unpublished draft)

## **Invited Talks and Presentations**

### **"Whither Justice in Times of Crisis?"**

- Annual Joint Colloquium, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, December 2016

### **"Emergency Powers and Democratic Equality"**

- Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, July 2016

### **"Global Consciousness, Injustice, and the Rigidities of 'Perpetual Peace': An Attempt to Think with Kant beyond Kant"**

- Research Seminar, "Towards Perpetual Peace: Politics, Culture, and Education," University of Aarhus, Copenhagen, November 2015

### **"Toward a Critique of Crisis: A Research Agenda"**

- Workshop on "Crises, Order, and Knowledge," Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, Universität Erfurt, December 2015

### **"A Tale of Two Demoi: Boundaries and Democracy beyond the Sovereign Point of View" (and variants)**

- Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, July 2015
- Political Theory Colloquium of Professor Regina Kreide, Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, June 2015
- Department of Social Sciences, NYU-Abu Dhabi, November 2014
- Collège d'études mondiales, Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme, Paris, May 2014

### **"Preservation, Progress, and Pathology: Three Paradigms of Crisis Thinking in Modern Political Thought"**

- Collège d'études mondiales, Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme, Paris, December 2014

### **"Thinking Politically about Crisis" (and variants)**

- Social Philosophy Colloquium of Professor Rahel Jaeggi, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, November 2013
- Political Theory Colloquium of Professor Regina Kreide, Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, October 2013
- Political Theory Colloquium of Professor Rainer Forst, Cluster of Excellence: "The Formation of Normative Orders," Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, April 2013

### **"Taming the Boundary Paradox in Democratic Theory"**

- Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, November 2013

### **"What Is Crisis?" (with Ethan Miller and Stefanie Wöhl)**

- Politics Colloquium of Professor Margit Meyer, John-F.-Kennedy Institut für Nordamerikastudien, Freie Universität Berlin, October 2011

### **"Kant, Commercium, and the Domain of the Cosmopolitan"**

- "Works in Progress" Series, Department of Political Science, New School for Social Research, New York, March 2007

## **Conference Presentations**

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### **"Justification Crisis: A Discourse-Theoretic Critique of Faltering Hegemony"** (and variants)

- ECPR General Conference, Oslo, September 2017 (scheduled)
- Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, Prague, May 2017

### **"Emergency Powers from a Cosmopolitan Point of View"**

- Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, Prague, May 2016

### **"Global Consciousness, Injustice, and the Rigidities of 'Perpetual Peace': An Attempt to Think with Kant beyond Kant"**

- Justitia Amplificata Workshop, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, February 2016

### **"Reimagining Critical Theory from a Cosmopolitan Point of View"** (and variants)

- Course on Critical Theory, Inter-University Center Dubrovnik, June 2015
- Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, Prague, May 2015

### **"Thinking Politically about Crisis"** (and variants)

- Symposium of the Swiss Philosophical Association, St. Gallen, June 2014
- Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, Prague, May 2013
- Einstein Crisis Research Group Workshop, Berlin, November 2012

### **"A Tale of Two Demoi: Boundaries and Democracy beyond the Sovereign Point of View"** (and variants)

- Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, Prague, May 2014
- Einstein Crisis Research Group Workshop, Berlin, March 2014

### **"Cosmopolitanism, Crisis, and Critical Theory: Habermas contra Habermas"**

- Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, Prague, May 2012

### **"A Critical-Hermeneutic Approach to Conceptualizing Boundaries"** (and variants)

- Global Studies Association Annual Conference, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, May 2009
- Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, Prague, May 2008

### **"Kant and the Cosmopolitan Problematic"** (and variants)

- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007

### **"The Crisis of External Sovereignty"**

- Global Studies Association Annual Conference, University of California at Irvine, May 2007

### **"Toward a Critical Social Theory of the Cosmopolitan"**

- New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, April 2007

### **"Critique and Crisis in Global Society"**

- Union of Political Science Students Annual Conference, "Sovereignty and the World Order," New School for Social Research, New York, May 2004

## **Awards and Honors**

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### **Nomination for APSA Leo Strauss Award, 2012**

Submitted on behalf of the New School for Social Research, Department of Politics

### **The Hannah Arendt Award in Politics, 2011**

Given annually by the New School to one Ph.D. graduate for excellent dissertation work in politics

**Dean's Fellowship, 2007/08**

Given to select University Teaching Fellows to teach up to two additional courses during the academic year following the Teaching Fellowship

**Frank Altschul Fellowship/Brecht Dissertation Fellowship, 2006/07**

Given by the New School to select Ph.D. Candidates for the first year of dissertation writing

**University Teaching Fellowship, 2006/07**

Given to select New School graduate students to design and teach one course during the academic year, usually at either Eugene Lang College or the New School for General Studies

**Outstanding M.A. Graduate Award, Politics, 2003**

Given annually by the New School to one member of the graduating M.A. class in each department

**New School Tuition Scholarship, 2001-2005****Teaching**

**Instructor**, "The Nation-State and Its Discontents," B.A.-level political theory proseminar, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt

- Sommersemester 2017

**Instructor**, "Theorizing Crisis," M.A.-level political theory seminar, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt

- Wintersemester 2015/16

**Instructor** (with Ethan Miller), "History and Philosophy of American Pragmatism," M.A.-level interdisciplinary seminar, Graduate School of North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

- Sommersemester 2012

**Instructor**, "Modern Political Philosophy," B.A.-level seminar, Humanities Department, New School for General Studies

- Spring 2008
- Fall 2007
- Fall 2006

**University and Professional Service**

**Peer-Reviewer:** *American Journal of Political Science*; *Constellations*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *Journal of International Political Theory*; *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; *Revista Idéias*; *Incipiens*; Springer Press

**Panel or Paper Discussant:** commentator, Manuscript Workshop on Simon Caney's *On Cosmopolitanism*, University of Birmingham, January 2017 (scheduled); commentator, Manuscript Workshop on John Baker's *Arguing for Equality*, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, December 2016; panel on "Eurocrisis and the End of Cosmopolitanism?," Critical Theory Roundtable, Yale University, New Haven, October 2015; paper by Charles Sabel, "Producing Justifiable Pluralism," Justitia Amplificata Annual Conference, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Bad Homburg, July 2015; panel on "Capitalism's Politics: Crisis of Europe, Crisis of Democracy," Rethinking Capitalist Crisis: Ecology, Society, Democracy, Freie Universität Berlin and Einstein Stiftung Berlin, November 2014; paper by Albena Azmanova, "The 'Crisis of Capitalism' and the State," Workshop on Crisis, Capitalism, Critique II, Collège d'études mondiales, Paris, November 2013; paper by Rahel Jaeggi, "Critique of Capitalism as Life Form," Workshop on Crisis, Capitalism, Critique I, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, November 2012

**Co-Organizer** (with Darrel Moellendorf and Merten Reglitz), workshop series on Simon Caney's *On Cosmopolitanism* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming), University of Birmingham (UK) and Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, January 2017

**Coordinator**, Guest Lecturer Series on "Crisis of the American Democracy," J.F.K.-Institut für Nordamerikastudien, Freie Universität Berlin, Wintersemester 2011/12

**Editorial Assistant**, *Constellations Journal*, September 2003 to October 2008

**Student Representative**, Political Theory Faculty Search Committee, New School for Social Research, Fall 2006

**Research Assistant** to Professor Rainer Forst, New School for Social Research, February to May 2006

**Admissions Liaison for Political Science**, New School for Social Research, January 2005 to June 2007

**Conference Organizer and Co-Chair** (with Maya Joseph), "20 Years after Foucault," Graduate Student Conference, New School for Social Research, April 2004

**Participant**, Graduate Institute on "Democracy and Diversity," Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, Cracow, Poland, July 2002

### **Areas of Specialization**

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Contemporary political thought  
Critical social theory  
Theories of crisis  
Immanuel Kant's political and social thought  
Jürgen Habermas's political and social thought  
Nationalism and the state

### **Areas of Competence**

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International theory  
Comparative politics  
History of political thought  
Classical social theory  
American pragmatism

### **Languages**

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**English** (native); **German** (proficient, B1); **French** (beginner, A2)