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## Education

**Ph.D. in Political Science, Yale University (*Distinction*)** 2014

Dissertation: "Sovereignty in the Age of Securitization: A Study on Borders and Bordering in the US after 9/11," (supervised by Seyla Benhabib (chair), James C. Scott, Bryan Garsten and Paulina Ochoa).

**M.A./M.Phil in Political Science, Yale University** 2010

**B.A. in Philosophy (*Distinction*) & Political Science (*Distinction*), Yale University** 2002

## Appointments

**Assistant Professor, Institute of Political Science, Leiden University** 2017-

Master's Level Courses: *Thesis Seminar: Borders & Migration; States, Citizens and Migrants*

Bachelor's Level Courses: *Critical Readings in Political Philosophy; Contemporary Political Philosophy.*

**Clayman Junior Research Fellowship, St Anne's College, University of Oxford** 2014-2017

Tutor in Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE), St Anne's College (*Theory of Politics; Theorizing the Democratic State*). I have also offered revisions tutorials for *Political Thought: Bentham to Weber*.

Evaluator, Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR), for Finals Scripts (*Theory of Politics* (PPE) and *Issues in Contemporary Continental European Social and Political Thought* (MPhil), MPhil Theses & Research Design Proposals.

**Graduate Student Teaching Fellowship, Yale University Department of Political Science** 2009-2010

Teaching Fellow for *Introduction to Political Philosophy* (2009), and *Moral Foundations of Politics* (2010)

## Publications

### Books

- *The Politics of Borders: Sovereignty, Security, and the Citizen after 9/11* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

### Journal Articles & Book Chapters (select)

- "Political Theory with an Ethnographic Sensibility," *Contemporary Political Theory* (Critical Exchange with Bernardo Zacka, Brooke Ackerly, Jacob Elster, Signy Gutnick-Allen, Humeira Iqtidar and Paul Sagar), Online First, September 1, 2020. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-020-00433-1>.
- "Ways of Seeing (The Border)," *Borders and Border Walls: In-Security, Symbolism, Vulnerabilities* (Andreeanne Bissonnette and Elisabeth Vallet, eds.), London: Routledge, 2020, pp. 137-150.
- "Political Theory in an Ethnographic Key," *American Political Science Review*, 113(4): 1066-1070, 2019 (with Bernardo Zacka).
- "From Sovereignty to *Imperium*: Borders, Frontiers and the Specter of Neo-Liberalism," *Geopolitics* 22 (4): 757-771, 2017.
- "A '21<sup>st</sup> Century Border'? Cooperative Border Controls in the US & EU after 9/11," *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 31 (2): 187-202, 2016.
- "A Checkpoint Effect? Evidence from a Natural Experiment on Travel Restrictions in the West Bank," *American Journal of Political Science* 58 (4): 1006-10023, 2014 (with Daphna Canetti and Nancy Hite-Rubin).
- "Right of Way? Defining Freedom of Movement within Democratic Societies," in *Democratic Citizenship and the Free Movement of People*, edited by Willem Maas, Martinus Nijhoff, 2013.

**Works in Progress (select)**

- “Sovereignty and Territory in the Popular Imaginary,” invited submission for *Popular Fictions? Sovereign Peoples and Liberal Politics* (Ewa Atanassow, David Bateman and Thomas Bartscherer, eds.)
- “Democracy at the Frontier: Re-visiting Frederick Jackson Turner, Tocqueville and the Settling of the American West,” draft manuscript, being prepared for submission.
- Chapter on the theme “De-Provincializing the Post-National Constellation,” to be published in *In Search of the Concrete Universal* (an edited volume in honor of the life work of Seyla Benhabib).

**Book Reviews**

- “Book Review: The Shadow of the Wall: Violence and Migration on the U.S.-Mexico Border (Slack, Jeremy, Daniel E Martinez, and Scott Whiteford, eds), *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 35:1, 2019, pp. 167-8.
- “Book Review: For a Left Populism by Chantal Mouffe,” *LSE Review of Books*, August 29, 2018.

**Other Publications: Articles, Op-eds, & Letters (select)**

- “Your Body is a Passport,” *Politico (Europe)*, January 6, 2020.
- “After the Fall: Revisiting 1989 in a New Age of Walls,” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, December 10, 2019.
- “The Berlin Wall Kept People In. Our New Walls Keep People Out,” *The Nation*, November 8, 2019.
- “Inside the Forever Border,” *The Wilson Quarterly*, Fall 2019 (Nov 7).
- “The Haves and Have Nots of Big Data,” *The Nation*, June 5, 2019.
- “‘Borderland Citizenship’ Could Bring Justice to Both Sides of Trump’s Wall,” *The Nation*, April 18, 2019
- “Citizenship v. The Surveillance State,” *Boston Review*, December 6, 2018.
- “The Border is Not a Wall,” *Boston Review*, April 3, 2018.

**Reviews of *The Politics of Borders***

- Nail, Thomas. 2019. *Contemporary Political Theory* 19, 206-209.
- Abizadeh, Arash. 2019. *Perspectives on Politics* 17:1, 233-235.
- Goren, Lilly. 2019. *New Books Network* Podcast, February.
- Fatima, Zobi. 2019. *Journal of European Studies* 35:1, 108-110.
- Prokkola, Eeva-Kaisa. 2018. *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* (Online, AntipodeFoundation.com).
- *Publishers Weekly* Non-Fiction Review, November, 2017.

**Media Features & Press Appearances (English)**

- Featured in “What are Borders For?,” review article by Joshua Jelly-Shapiro in the *New Yorker*, November 27, 2019.
- National Public Radio (NPR), “How Removing Checkpoints Could Make Israel more Secure,” a conversation with Shankar Vedantam, February 12, 2015.
- The *Washington Post* Monkey Cage Blog, “Israeli Checkpoints Fuel Support for Violence,” by Henry Farrell, April 25, 2014.

**Dutch Media**

- Wierenga, Peter. “Grens is geen statisch begrip,” in *Leidraad Magazine*. April 12, 2018.
- Bongers, Vincent. “Trump’s ‘wall’ is een grap: Met alleen staal en beton los je grensproblemen niet op, zeggen experts,” *Mare*. March 22, 2018.
- “Citaten: ‘We maken een denkfout als we de grens zien als een dunne, juridische lijn op een kaart, of een hek,’” *Leidraad Alumni Magazine*, (2), 2018.

### Canadian Media (French)

- Arsenault, Marie-Louise. "Plus on Lit: Elisabeth Vallet a lu The Politics of Borders, de Matthew Longo." Radio Canada, October 24, 2018.

### Conference Presentations & Talks (select)

- "The "Other" Boundary Problem" presented at Popular Fictions? Sovereign Peoples and Liberal Politics book workshop, Swarthmore, PA, October 27, 2019; talk given at Philosophy & Public Affairs workshop, University of Amsterdam, September 25, 2019.
- "Political Theory in an Ethnographic Key," paper delivered with Bernardo Zacka (MIT) at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 28-September 1, 2019.
- "Borders, Sovereignty, and Citizenship: Examples from the US-Mexico Border," Keynote lecture at the Borders in the Americas Symposium, University of Grenoble-Alpes, France, June 12, 2019.
- "Popular Sovereignty at the Margins," Disputations Workshop, KU-Leuven, Belgium, June 7, 2019.
- "Reconsidering the Peripheral State: Legitimacy and Authority in the US-Mexico Borderlands," presented at the World Conference of the Association of Borderlands Studies, Vienna, July 10, 2018; presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. New Orleans, LA, April 13, 2018.
- "Book Launch: *The Politics of Borders: Sovereignty, Security, and the Citizen after 9/11*," presented at Leiden Interdisciplinary Migration Seminar Series (LIMS), Leiden University, November 16, 2018; Diplomacy and Global Affairs Seminar Series, Leiden University (Hague Campus), October 13, 2018; Humanities Seminar, University of New England, (Armidale Campus), July 27, 2018; European Studies Centre Seminar Series, St Antony's College, Oxford University, May 8, 2018; Annual Meeting of the Western Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 7, 2018; Leiden University Centre for International Relations event, Leiden University (Hague Campus), March 28, 2018; Minding Borders Book Launch, St Anne's College, Oxford University, November 27, 2017.
- "From Sovereignty to *Imperium*: Borders, Boundaries and the Heterogeneous Inside," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 1, 2017.
- "Borders as Place; Borders as Process," presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Political Theory, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 22, 2016.
- "Europeans into Americans: Turner, Tocqueville and Democratic Citizenship at the Frontier," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1, 2016.
- "What Problem does Big Data Pose? Reconsidering American Security Policy after 9/11," presented at the North American Studies Seminar, St Antony's College, Oxford, November 11, 2015.
- "Do New Borders Generate New Rights? A Model for Borderzone Citizenship," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 6, 2015.

### Grants & Awards

**Interpretive Methods & Methodologies Conference Group, American Political Science Association (APSA)** 2019

Charles Taylor Book Award for the Best Book in Political Science that employs Interpretive Methodologies

**American Political Science Association (APSA)** 2016

Leo Strauss Award for the Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy.

**National Science Foundation** 2009-2014

Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP)

**Yale University**

2007-2013

Graduate Student Fellowship (2007-2013)  
Institute for Social and Policy Studies Research Grant (2009)  
MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Fellowship (2009)  
MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (2009)  
Ganzfried Family Travel Fellowship (2008; 2009)  
Graduate School Summer Language Fellowship (2008)

**Fulbright Foundation**

2003-2004

Fulbright Student Fellowship. (Supervisor: Dr Nenad Zakosek, University of Zagreb).

**References**

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