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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2020 Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies,
Cologne, Germany

EDUCATION

PhD University of Chicago, Sociology, June 2020
Dissertation: "Toward a Sociology of Economic Engineering: Creation and Collapse of
California's Electricity Markets between 1993 and 2001"

M.A. University of Chicago, Sociology, March 2016
Thesis: "Corporate Conspiracies and Complex Secrets: Structure and Perception of the
Insull Scheme in 1930s Chicago"

MPhil University of Oxford, Political Theory, July 2013
Graduated with Distinction
Thesis: Heidegger's notion of authentic world disclosure as a solution to structural
problems in Habermas's theory of communicative action

BA Freie Universität Berlin, Political Science, June 2011
Graduated with Honors
Thesis: Inclusion and exclusion in Niklas Luhmann's systems theory

PUBLICATIONS

2019 "Corporate Conspiracies and Complex Secrets: Structure and Perception of the Insull
Scheme in 1930s Chicago" – *American Journal of Sociology*, volume 124, number 4
(January 2019)

- Ron Burt Best Student Paper Award, Economic Sociology Section, American
Sociological Association, 2019.

- 2015 “Methodenprobleme immanenter Kritik - Das Beispiel der Entfremdung”
 (“Methodological Problems of Immanent Critique – The Case of Alienation”)
Leviathan 43 (1).

WORKING PAPERS

- 2019 “Toward a New Sociology of Economic Design”, *Revise and Resubmit at Sociological Theory* (Manuscript available upon request)
- 2019 “Overcoming Systematic Errors in the Regulatory Dialectic: Detecting Market Power in California’s Electricity Markets (1996-2001).” (Manuscript available upon request)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 “Interview with SASE President Gary Herrigel” in SASE Newsletter, Volume 2, Issue 1, Winter 2018, pp 4-9

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS

- 2019 Henderson Research Grant, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2018 Hanna Holborn Gray Fellowship, Mellon Foundation
- 2018 Orin Williams Fund Travel Grant, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2018 Travel Grant, Sociology Department, University of Chicago
- 2018 Featured Graduate Student Instructor for Power, Identity, Resistance, Core Program in the College, University of Chicago
- 2017 Bradley Fellow, Stigler Center PhD Dissertation Award, University of Chicago, Booth School of Business.
- 2017 Travel Grant, Beyond Positivism Conference
- 2016-2017 Fellow, Critical Realism Working Group, Yale University
- 2015 Fellow, Philosophy of Social Science Seminar, Yale University
- 2014 Fellow, Gesellschaftswissenschaftliches Kolleg: Religion und Kultur (Social Science Institute: Culture and Religion)
- 2013 Fellow, Political Theory Summer School, Dubrovnik
- 2012-2013 Studentship, Department of Politics, University of Oxford
- 2012-2013 Scholarship, Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation)
- 2012 Distinction in MPhil Qualifying Exam, University of Oxford

2011 Study Abroad Fellowship, Fulbright Commission
2011 Scholarship, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service)
2010-2011 Study Abroad Fellowship for University of California, Berkeley
2009 Inducted into the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“The Use of Network Analysis in Historical Research”, Workshop for Network Analytical Tools at Stellenbosch Institute, Stellenbosch, South Africa, February 2020.

“How Regulators Overcome Deep Blindspots: Detecting Market Power in California’s Electricity Markets”, American Sociological Association, New York, August 2019.

“Overcoming 'Systematic Errors' in the Regulatory Dialectic: Detecting Market Power in California's Electricity Markets (1996-2001), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), New York, June 2019

“Toward a new Sociology of Economic Design”, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), New York, June 2019

“Resolving Regulatory Blindspots in California’s Electricity Markets: Deep Blindspots, Conceptual Metaphors and the Power of Unstructured Data”, Money, Markets and Governance Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2018.

“Metaphors of The Market and Regulation: The Failure to Detect Market Power in California” – Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Kyoto, Japan, June 2018

“Learning to Regulate: Detecting Market Power in California’s Electricity Markets (1996-2001)” – Stigler Center for the Study of the Economy and the State, University of Chicago, May 2018

“Complex Secrets and their Audiences” – American Sociological Association, Montreal, CA, August 2017.

“The Problem of Normative Justification in Sociological Research”, at the Beyond Positivism Conference in Montreal, CA., August 2017

“Regulation under Uncertainty – Failures and Potentials in Complex Industrial Settings” (with Professor Gary Herrigel), at Max Weber Institute of Sociology, Heidelberg University, conference title: ‘How to Analyze and Prevent Corporate Crime? The Failures of Regulation and Self-Regulation’, December 2016

“Complex Secrets and Their Audiences” – Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2016

“Corporate Conspiracies and Complex Secrets – Structure and Perception of the Insull Scheme in 1930s Chicago”, Society for the Advancement of Socio Economics (SASE), University of California, Berkeley, June 2016.

“Corporate Conspiracies and Complex Secrets”, Politics, History and Society Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2016 and Money, Markets and Governance Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2016.

“Conspiracies as Structure and Perception”, XXXVI Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, Newport Beach, L.A., April 2016

“Addressing Alienation in Habermas’s Theory of Communicative Action,” Graduate Student Workshop, University of Oxford, October 2013.

SERVICE

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| 2017 – 18 | Student Editor for newsletter of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) |
| 2016 - 18 | Student Organizer of the Sociology Department Colloquium at the University of Chicago |
| 2016 – 17 | Student member on the Manuscript Board at the <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> |
| 2015 - 16 | Associate Editor for Book Reviews at the <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> |
| 2014 – 16 | Board Member International Student Advisory Board |

Occasional Reviewer for the *American Journal of Sociology* and *Socio-Economic Review*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2019-2020 | Preceptor for B.A. Students in Sociology at the University of Chicago, |
| 2018 | Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, Sociological Theory (Prof. Andreas Glaeser) |
| 2018 | Graduate Student Lecturer, University of Chicago, Power, Identity, Resistance Core Program in the College. |

2017 Instructor for Undergraduate Section (TA), University of Chicago, Maverick
Markets – Social and Cultural Aspects of Markets (Prof. Knorr-Cetina)
2016-2017 Teaching Intern, University of Chicago, Power, Identity, Resistance Core
Program in the College
2011 Lead Instructor, Political Science, Oxford Royale Summer Academy
2009-2010 Tutor, Modern Political Theory, Freie Universitaet Berlin (Prof. Bernd Ladwig)

LANGUAGES

German (native)

English (fluent)

Spanish (reading)

Latin (reading)

Python

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