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POSITIONS

Harvard University Lecturer on Government, Department of Government	2015 -
German Marshall Fund Postdoctoral Fellow at the Transatlantic Academy	2016 -
New America Foundation Fellow in the Political Reform Program (2016 -) Carnegie Foundation Academic Fellow (2015 - 2016) Jeff & Cal Leonard Fellow (2014 - 2015)	2014 -

EDUCATION

Harvard University PhD, Department of Government	2007 - 2015
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales Visiting Scholar	2006 – 2007
Columbia University Visiting Scholar	2005 – 2006
Trinity College, Cambridge MPhil in Political Thought & Intellectual History	2004 – 2005
Trinity College, Cambridge BA in History	2000 – 2003

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books:

The Age of Responsibility: Luck, Choice and the Welfare State
Harvard University Press (Forthcoming in March, 2017)

The People vs. Democracy: The Threat of Illiberal Democracy and the Rise of
Undemocratic Liberalism
Harvard University Press (*Under Contract and In Progress*)
German translation under contract with *Droemer*.
Korean translation under contract with *Mirae N.*

Published and Forthcoming Papers:

[“The Democratic Disconnect”](#)

Journal of Democracy, July 2016, Vol. 27/3 (co-authored with Roberto Foa)
Winner of the *Magna Carta Prize*, World Association of Public Opinion Research

“The Strange Afterlife of Theodor Lessing”

Forthcoming from the *German Studies Review*

“Declining Support for Democracy – The Global Picture”

Conditionally Accepted at *Journal of Democracy* (co-authored with Roberto Foa)

Papers Under Review:

“Democratic Deconsolidation”

“Political Theory, History and Truth: Why We Can Learn From the Past Even As We Get It Wrong”

Working Papers:

“Undemocratic Liberalism”

“The Welfare State in the Age of Personal Responsibility”

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Book:

[Stranger In My Own Country: A Jewish Family in Modern Germany](#)

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (FSG)

Reviewed or Discussed in: *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlantic*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Tablet*, *Boston Review*, *bookforum*, *Haaretz*, *Der Spiegel*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Die Süddeutsche*, *Die Welt*, NPR, DPA, etc.

Significantly expanded German edition (*Echt, Du Bist Jude? Fremd im Eigenen Land*) published by *Kein & Aber* in October 2015.

Articles (Selected):

“[Pitchfork Politics: The Populist Threat to Liberal Democracy](#),” *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2014.

(Re-printed in Gideon Rose: [Foreign Affairs: The Best of 2014](#), New York: Council of Foreign Relations, 2014)

“[The Week Democracy Died](#),” *Slate*

[“Illiberal Democracy or Undemocratic Liberalism?”](#) *Project Syndicate*

[“Across the Globe, A Growing Disillusionment with Democracy”](#) *New York Times*
(co-authored with Roberto Foa)

[“A Sheep in Wolf’s Clothing”](#) (on German foreign policy), *Wall Street Journal*

[“What Was Democracy?”](#) *The Nation*
(co-authored with Thomas Meaney; re-printed in *Letras Libres*)

[“Is Harvard Unfair to Asian-Americans?”](#) *New York Times*

[“The West Can Have Burkinis or Democracy, but Not Both,”](#) *Foreign Policy*

[“Election 2016: A Referendum on Liberal Democracy,”](#) CNN Opinion

[“Trumpism: A New Era in World Politics?”](#) *Project Syndicate*

[“When the Robots Rise,”](#) *National Interest*
(co-authored with Lee Drutman)

[“The Father of Genocide,”](#) *Wall Street Journal*

[“The End of German Exceptionalism,”](#) *Foreign Policy*

[“Germany’s Social Democrats are Colluding in the Destruction of Greece—and I’m Leaving the Party,”](#) *The Nation* (also published in Germany’s *Die Zeit*, Greece’s *Kathimerini*, Belgium’s *de Morgen* and Hungary’s *Kettosmerce*, among others)

[“German, Jewish and Neither,”](#) *New York Times*

[“The Trouble With Grand Coalitions,”](#) *The New Yorker* website

[“Against General Knowledge,”](#) *Die Zeit*

[“Neuer Populismus”](#) (on populism and Donald Trump), *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*

[“An Interview With T. M. Scanlon,”](#) *The Utopian*

Media Appearances (Selected):

CNN, NPR, BBC, New York Times, Washington Post, Politico, The Atlantic, Harper’s, The New Republic, The Guardian, The Times, The Telegraph, The American Interest, CNN International, CCTV, France 24, France Culture, PRI, WBUR, WBEZ, Der Spiegel, Spiegel Online, Die Süddeutsche, TAZ, ARD, ZDF, DR2, Haaretz, Jerusalem Post, l’Unità, Sirius XM, The Dish, Deutsche Welle, Deutschlandfunk, Deutschlandradio Kultur, BR, SWR, NDR, WDR, RBB, Die Zeit, Zeit Online, Svenska Dagbladet, Reuters, DPA, TASS, Moscow News, Huffington Post, Chinese Social Sciences Today, etc.

LANGUAGES

English:	Fluent
German:	Fluent
Italian:	Fluent
French:	Fluent
Polish:	Strong
Spanish:	Competent

GRANTS AND AWARDS (Selected)

Magna Carta Prize, World Association of Public Opinion Research	2015
Carnegie Foundation Academic Fellow, New America Foundation	2015-2016
Jeff & Cal Leonard Fellow, New America Foundation	2014-2015
Krupp Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2013-2014
Harvard Univ. Bok Center Prize for Teaching Excellence	2014 & 2015
Harvard Univ. Bok Center Prize for Distinction in Teaching	2008, 2010, 2012 & 2013
Yaddo Corporation; Residential Fellowship	2012
Harvard-Sciences Po Exchange Fellowship	2011-2
Harvard University Merit Fellowship	2011
German Academic Exchange Service Doctoral Traveling Scholarship	2006-7
German Academic Exchange Service MA Student Traveling Scholarship	2005-6
Senior Scholar, Trinity College Cambridge	2004
Junior Scholar, Trinity College Cambridge	2002 & 2003

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor:

The Politics of Climate Change

Harvard University, Department of Government: Junior Tutorial, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016

- Designed and taught a seminar on the political challenges posed by climate change to 40 Harvard graduate and undergraduate students
- Won the Harvard University Bok Center Prize for Excellence in Teaching

Democracy in the Digital Age

Harvard University Writing Program, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

- Designed and taught a seminar on the influence of information technology on contemporary democracy to 120 Harvard freshmen
- Won the Harvard University Bok Center Prize for Excellence in Teaching

Freedom and Democracy

Open Society Foundation, Summer School in Istanbul, Summer 2012

- Designed and taught a seminar that drew on both the history of political thought and contemporary philosophy

- Taught OSF scholars from the Middle East and the Caucasus headed to the United States for graduate study

Religion in Contemporary Europe

Harvard University, Department of Government, 2013-2014

- Supervised an undergraduate for a Senior Thesis on the relationship between religion and politics in contemporary Europe.

Teaching Fellow:

Democracy: Sophomore Tutorial in Government, Teaching Fellow

Harvard University Department of Government, Spring 2011 & Spring 2013

- Taught a weekly two-hour seminar that introduces political science concentrators to political theory, comparative politics, international relations, and American government.
- Won Harvard University Bok Center Award for Distinction in Teaching.

The Past and Future of the Left, Teaching Fellow

Harvard University Department of Government, Spring 2010

Professor Roberto Unger

- Taught a weekly one-hour discussion section to complement lectures.
- Won Harvard University Bok Center Award for Distinction in Teaching.

Justice, Teaching Fellow

Harvard University Core Curriculum, Fall 2008

Professor Michael Sandel

- Taught a weekly one-hour discussion section to complement lectures.
- Won Harvard University Bok Center Award for Distinction in Teaching.

PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

Talks:

“The Democratic Disconnect”

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

Chicago (IL), April 2016

“Reasons to Value Responsibility”

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

Chicago (IL), April 2016

“Europe and the Refugee Crisis”

Harvard University German Department

Lunch Talk, April 2016

“The Democratic Disconnect”

World Congress on Democracy (Plenary Session)

Council of Europe
Strasbourg, November 2015

“How Big a Threat Are Europe’s Populist Movements?”
Harvard Kennedy School of Government
Workshop on Populism, November 2015

“Germany and the Legacy of the Past”
German National Library
Frankfurt, Germany, November 2015

“The Age of Responsibility”
Harvard University, Department of Government
Political Theory Workshop, October 2015

“Jews, Muslims and Germans”
Haus der Geschichte, Baden Württemberg
Laupheimer Tage 2015, June 2015

“The End of Liberal Democracy?”
New America Foundation
Washington, DC, May 2015

“The Rise of Illiberal Democracy and the Allure of Undemocratic Liberalism”
FRED Talk
New York City, March 2015

“The Legacy of the Holocaust and Jewish Life in Today’s Germany”
Brandeis University in co-operation with the German Consulate at Boston
Waltham, MA, March 2015

“Pitchfork Politics: The Populist Threat to Liberal Democracy”
Council of Foreign Relations, Annual Dinner
New York City, October 2014

“Stranger in My Own Country: A Jewish Family in Modern Germany”
92nd Street Y
New York City, January 2014

“The Virtue of Rule-Breaking in Ideal Theory and the Real World”
New England Political Science Conference,
Portland (ME), May 2013

“The Welfare State in the Age of Responsibility”
Harvard University, Department of Government
Political Theory Workshop, April 2012

“When are We Morally Responsible for Our Actions?”
Harvard University, Department of Government
Political Theory Workshop, October 2012

“What is Populism?”

Princeton University, Center for Human Values
Workshop on Populism, February 2012

“Dishonest Politicians: A Taxonomy”

Harvard University, Department of Government,
Political Theory Workshop, May 2011

“Political Theory, History and Truth”

Midwest Political Science Conference
Chicago, April 2011

“Philo-Semitism in German Academia: The Case of Theodor Lessing”

Politics of the Past Symposium
Villa Lante in Rome, January 2010

“Is Liberalism’s ‘Idea of Politics’ Irredeemably Apolitical?”

Graduate Conference in Political Thought and Intellectual History
Cambridge University, March 2009

Organizer / Panelist / Etc.:

The Legacy of Totalitarianism (Book Presentation)

Harvard University Davis Center
Cambridge (MA), December 2015

2nd Annual Summit on the Future of Europe

Co-Organizer and Rapporteur
Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University
Cambridge, MA, September 2014

The Age of Exhaustion: Can Our Old Ideas Make Sense of a New World?

Organizer and Panelist
New America NYC & The Nation
New York City, March 2015

World Congress on Democracy

Panelist
Council of Europe
Strasbourg, October 2014

1st Annual Summit on the Future of Europe

Co-Organizer
Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University
Cambridge, MA, September 2014

A Political Philosophy for 21st Century Europe

Co-Organizer & Respondent to Philippe van Parijs’ “Shaping Europe’s Destiny”
Harvard University 2013

REFERENCES

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