

## *CURRICULUM VITÆ*

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### Appointments

Co-Director, Hopkins-Nanjing Centre (Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies), February 2019–present. Oversight of bilingual postgraduate academic programme, foreign faculty, and campus operations employing approximately 70 local staff. Coordination of partnership with Nanjing University and integration with other SAIS campuses in Washington and Bologna.

Resident Professor of Political Science, Hopkins-Nanjing Centre, 2008–present

Lecturer on Social Studies, Harvard University, 2004–2008

Visiting Scholar, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2003–2004

Lecturer in Politics, Princeton University, 2002–2003

### Education

Princeton University, PhD in Politics, 2002. Thesis: *Ethoses and the Global Culture War*. Advisers: Paul Sigmund, Richard Falk, George Kateb.

Princeton University, MA in Politics, 1998. General examination fields in political theory, comparative politics, China, and Latin America.

Harvard College, AB summa cum laude in Social Studies, 1996. Phi Beta Kappa. Courses on social theory, political science, history, economics, statistics, Latin America, Middle East, and Africa. Thesis: *Community, Peasants, and the Shining Path Guerrillas: A Field Study in Ayacucho, Peru*. Hoopes Prize for excellence in senior thesis work and Hammond Prize for best thesis on a Latin American topic. National Science Foundation Honourable Mention (1996).

### Research and Teaching Interests

Globalisation, cosmopolitanism, ethics and public policy, world political thought, rural politics, and alternative development.

## Books

*Beyond the Global Culture War* (Routledge, 2006) offers a new perspective on the rise of liberal modernity and the global culture war it has sparked. The book identifies four ethos, or self-understandings, that have contended in all civilisations through history. In its first third, the book traces how the ethos underlying liberalism managed to break through to dominance in modernity. Then it turns to the global culture war today. On one side is the liberal vision of an “end of history.” On the other is the backlash from communitarians, populists, Islamists, the Christian Right, Chinese and Hindu nationalists, and the like. The book proposes a more multidimensional challenge to liberal modernity than traditionalists around the world are now able to offer.

*A Path of Our Own: An Andean Village and Tomorrow's Economy of Values* (ISI Books, 2009). This book examines a Quechua-speaking village in Peru, as inspiration for reflecting on how traditional communities encounter the modern world. It draws on field research conducted in 1995 and 2006, as well as over a century of alternative economic thought. The book's narrative element traces the experiences of the village through the social changes of the 1940s to 1970s, the disruption of traditional practices, the violence of a Maoist insurgency, and the neoliberal reforms of the 1990s and later. A broader normative argument follows, that neither liberalism nor Marxism have offered a vision of development that aligns with peasant values. The book brings the resources of a traditionalist critique of liberalism to bear on themes of global social justice. It also maps out space for an “economy of values” that can build on the strengths of these communities, rather than presupposing their disappearance with modernisation. Translated as *Nuestro propio sendero: Una comunidad andina y la economía de valores del mañana* (Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, 2011).

*Deep Cosmopolis: Rethinking World Politics and Globalisation* (Routledge, 2015). Too often, observers of globalisation assume that the common ground across cultures is a thin layer of consumerism and perhaps human rights. If so, then anything deeper and more traditional would be placebound, and probably destined for the dustbin of history. This book offers a radically different argument about how traditions and global citizenship can meet. Digging into some fascinating premodern cases, it reveals patterns of “deep cosmopolitanism” quite unlike that of liberal globalisation today. In their more cosmopolitan moments, everyone from clerics to pilgrims to empire-builders was inclined to look for ethical parallels—points of contact—among civilisations and traditions. In modernity, that promise was largely forgotten. We now have an impoverished view of what it means to embrace a tradition and what kinds of conversations across traditions are possible. The book's second half draws out lessons of deep cosmopolitanism for our own time. If revived, it has something to say about everything from the rise of new non-Western powers like China and India, to religious tolerance, to global civil society, to cross-border migration.

Under revision based on publisher external review: *The World's Constitution: Traditions and Liberty in the Future Global Order*. The contours of world state formation are likely to become a live political issue in this century sooner than many think. This project lays out a vision of global order capable of reconciling cosmopolitanism, tradition, and ordered liberty. Chapters tackle the challenges of migration and membership, the flow of resources through spaces of social and economic life recovered from the state, deterritorialised legal pluralism, and the mechanisms of sovereignty, representation, and guardianship to sustain such a constitutional settlement for the long term.

### Academic Articles

Under revision: "Intersectionality and Sphere Pluralism: An Unlikely Dialogue About Equality and Liberty in a Global Space."

Forthcoming in *Telos*. "Supranational Governance and the Problem of the Dignified Constitution."

"The Health Sphere Beyond Borders: Coverage Portability and Justice in a Global Space." *Bioethics* 35:1 (January 2021).

Co-editor and co-author (with Heba Elsayed) of introduction to *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication* special issue, 13:2 (2020), on "Cosmopolitanism in the Arab World: Developments, Continuities, and Changes Since the Arab Spring."

"When Open Borders Must Stay Open: Expectations and Freedom of Movement." *Polity* 51:2 (April 2019).

"Resonance of the Arab Spring: Solidarities and Youth Opinion in the Global South." *International Political Science Review* 39:2 (2018).

"Swanning Back In? Foreign Fighters and the Long Arm of the State." *Citizenship Studies* 21:3 (2017).

"Can the Global South Take Over the Baton? What Cosmopolitanism in 'Unlikely' Places Means for Future World Order." *Third World Quarterly* 37:6 (February 2016).

"The Rise of the Cosmopolitan Traditionalists: From the Arab Spring to a Global Countermovement?" *International Political Science Review* 36:4 (September 2015).

"Not an Immigrant Country? Non-Western Racism and the Duties of Global Citizenship." *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory* 62:142 (March 2015).

"After Empire: Tradition and the Politics of Resentment," *Modern Age* 56:1 (Winter 2014).

"Interreligious Dialogue and Cosmopolitan Faith," *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 92:1/2 (Spring/Summer 2009). Expanded version in *Secular Faith* eds. Vincent W Lloyd and Elliot Ratzman (Eugene OR: Cascade Books).

"Taking Back the Cosmopolis," *Modern Age* 50:2 (Spring 2008). Lead article in debate on cosmopolitanism and localism, with three responses.

"The Countermodern Moment: A World-Historical Perspective on the Thought of Rabindranath Tagore, Muhammad Iqbal, and Liang Shuming," *Journal of World History* 19:2 (Spring 2008). [Also translated into Turkish for *Review of the Faculty of Divinity of Dokuz Eylül University* 41 (2015).]

"The Calm Before the Storm? Revolutionary Pressures and Global Governance," *International Political Science Review* 27:1 (January 2006).

"Ecumenicism" and "Political Thought" in *Berkshire Encyclopædia of World History* (January 2005).

### Lectures/Presentations/Public Engagement

Panel remarks for “US Perspectives on China and the Nature of the Chinese Challenge to US National Interests.” Institute for Peace and Diplomacy, June 2021.

“Safety, the Self, and Society: Modern Western Political Culture in the Perspective of the Pandemic.” HNC–SAIS virtual event, June 2021.

Panel remarks for “Global Lessons: The Rôle of Education in an Increasingly Connected Yet Complex World.” Committee of 100 virtual conference, May 2021. Also quoted in *Xinhua*.

Panel remarks for “Utopia and Dystopia in the Post-Covid World.” HNC–Simone Weil Centre virtual event, February 2021.

“Mentalities of Power: A Response to Lourié’s ‘Road to Transhumanism.’” Commentary essay for *Landmarks* (Simone Weil Centre), 17 October 2020.

Panel remarks for “Strained Cooperation or a Final Rupture? China–US Relations Amidst a Global Pandemic.” HNC–SAIS virtual event, May 2020.

“Intersectionality and Sphere Pluralism: An Unlikely Dialogue About Equality and Liberty in a Global Space.” HNC–SAIS virtual event, April 2020.

Panel remarks at Nanjing event of China Town Hall, National Committee on US–China Relations, November 2019.

Panel remarks on US universities operating in China, Aspen Institute conference for senior Congressional staffers, Yale Centre Beijing, November 2019.

Participant in roundtable on educational exchange and academic freedom hosted by Ambassador Terry Branstad, US Embassy Beijing, September 2019.

Podcast interview on “Deep Cosmopolitanism” with Dorothy’s Place (Solidarity Hall), September 2019.

“Supranational Governance and the Problem of the ‘Dignified Constitution.’” Telos conference, Berlin, June 2019.

“From the Political Honeycomb to the Unbundling of Sovereignty: Cosmopolitanism, Tradition, and Liberty in the Future Global Constitutional Settlement.” Telos conference, Ragusa (Sicily), September 2018.

“Paths to Free Movement: Opening Borders as a Political Project for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Hopkins–Nanjing Centre, June 2017.

“Brexit and the Constitution of Free Movement: When Globalisation Takes One Step Backward.” Hopkins–Nanjing Centre, December 2016.

“Why Every Country Must Become an Immigrant Country.” Berghahn Books Blog, December 2015.

“The Arab Spring and the Emergence of a Global Public: Perspectives from the Global South.” Hopkins–Nanjing Centre, December 2015.

“The TPP and China.” Interview with *SAIS Observer*, October 2015.

“Palmyra, Centurions, and Fighting ISIS from the Bottom Up.” *Front Porch Republic*, June 2015.

“From the Great Game to Global Society: Political Culture, Soft Power, and the West Versus China in the Muslim World.” Conference on The New Silk Web, Hopkins-Nanjing Centre, November 2014.

“China’s Maritime Development.” Interview with *SAIS Observer*, November 2014.

“Obstacles to China’s Soft Power in the Global South.” Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) alumni event, Nairobi, May 2014.

“Reading Global Perspectives on the Ground: Issues in Multi-Country Survey Research.” Centre for Public Policy and Governance, Forman Christian College University, Lahore, February 2014.

“China’s Soft Power: From Geopolitics to the Rise of Global Society.” Centre for Public Policy and Governance, Forman Christian College University, Lahore, February 2014.

“Liberty and Circuits of the Sacred.” *Front Porch Republic*, January 2014.

“China’s Soft Power in the Global South: Challenges on the Ground.” Hopkins China Forum and Young China Watchers, Shanghai, December 2013.

“Global Growth to 2050: Demographic Trends and World Order.” Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam (Kerala), September 2013.

“El ascenso del Sur Global y el orden cosmopolita del siglo XXI.” Mesa de Partes, Ayacucho (Peru), July 2013.

“Not An Immigrant Country? Non-Western Racism and the Duties of Global Citizenship.” Hopkins-Nanjing Centre, May 2013.

“Rural Communities, Modernity, and Space for an Economy of Values: A Global Perspective.” Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, January 2013.

“Deep Cosmopolitanism: A Different Model of Globalisation.” Lahore School of Economics, Lahore, January 2013.

“The Arab Spring and the Cosmopolitan Imagination.” Department of English, Forman Christian College University, Lahore, January 2013.

“Global Growth to 2050: Demographic Trends and World Order.” Centre for Public Policy and Governance, Forman Christian College University, Lahore, January 2013.

“China’s Southward Push and the Limits of Soft Power.” China Watcher Third Annual María Weber Conference, Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale, Milan, December 2012.

“Memory and the Damming State.” *Front Porch Republic*, November 2012.

“Southward 2050: Demographic Trends and World Order / 2050 年向南走：人口趋势与世界秩序.” Bilingual seminar on “Opportunities and Challenges of China’s Development,” sponsored by Jiangsu Academy of Social Sciences, Nanjing, October 2012.

“Why the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Won’t Belong to China, or India.” Landour, Himalayas, August 2012.

“Cosmopolitanism in Egypt’s Revolution: The Fourth Wave of Democratisation in Global Perspective.” Hopkins-Nanjing Centre, May 2012.

“A Sheeshah Pipe for the Porch?” *Front Porch Republic*, May 2012.

“Driving Around the Panopticon.” *Front Porch Republic*, February 2012.

“Mafia Among the Mountain Folk.” *Front Porch Republic*, July/October 2011.

“Nuestro propio sendero: Una comunidad andina y la economía de valores del mañana.” Book presentation at the Feria Internacional del Libro, Lima, July 2011.

“Untaxing the Virtues.” *Front Porch Republic*, April 2011.

“Recent Events in the Middle East: What Kind of Global Turning Point?” Panel participant, Hopkins-Nanjing Centre, Nanjing, February 2011.

“Of Dragons and Crescents.” *Front Porch Republic*, January 2011.

“Class and Clerisy.” *Front Porch Republic*, October 2010.

“The Ties that Stretch and Bind.” *Front Porch Republic*, September 2010.

“Have We Forgotten the Women?” *Front Porch Republic*, July 2010.

“Knowing One’s Place at the Ballot Box.” *Front Porch Republic*, July 2010.

“儒教—伊斯兰教对话与深刻世界主义” Conference on Dialogue Between Chinese and Islamic Civilisations, Nanjing University, Nanjing, June 2010.

“Castles Built on Sand.” *Front Porch Republic*, April 2010.

“An Arch Needs Many Stones: A Response to ‘God’s Economy.’” *Front Porch Republic*, March 2010.

“Perils of the Stationary State.” *Front Porch Republic*, March 2010.

“From Olive Trees to Overcapacity.” *Front Porch Republic*, January 2010.

“What Colour Is the Village Green?” *Front Porch Republic*, December 2009.

“Empire’s Heir?” *Front Porch Republic*, October 2009.

“The Other Side of China, and What It Might Say When It Speaks.” *Front Porch Republic*, September 2009.

“Closing the Circles: An Economy of Values, and Where to Look for It.” *Front Porch Republic*, August 2009.

“Tocqueville on the Shores of Titicaca.” *Front Porch Republic*, August 2009.

“On the Grid: When Electricity (and Other Things) Came to the Countryside.” *Front Porch Republic*, July 2009.

“On Feeling ‘Forgotten’: Agrarian Aspirations in the Andes.” *Front Porch Republic*, July 2009.

“China’s Cosmopolitanisms: Past and Present.” Council on International Educational Exchange, Nanjing University, November 2008.

“A Future for the Andean Peasantry: Building an Economy of Values.” Conference on Rethinking Development in the Age of Globalisation, Southern New Hampshire University, April 2008.

“Revolution and Global State Formation: A Deep Traditionalist Account.” Conference of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 2008.

“A Path of Their Own: An Andean Peasant Village and the ‘Economy of Values.’” University of Navarra economics and law programme at Princeton, July 2007.

Speaker for panels on “World Poverty: Is Globalisation the Answer?” and “Counter Movements.” Conference on Rethinking Development in the Age of Globalisation, Southern New Hampshire University, April 2007.

“Four Orders of Universalism.” Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong, March 2007.

“The Small Transformation: Reflexions on Countermodernity in the Andes.” Social Studies faculty research colloquium, Harvard University, November 2006.

“Alternative Perspectives on Globalisation.” Harvard College Globalisation Project, October 2006.

“Una comunidad campesina, el desarrollo, y los valores andinos.” Universidad Nacional San Cristóbal de Huamanga, Ayacucho (Peru), August 2006.

“Globalisation and the Global Culture War.” Harvard Summit for Young Leaders, Shanghai, August 2006.

Talks at Harvard Coop and Princeton U-Store on *Beyond the Global Culture War*, May/June 2006.

“Ten Questions for Adam K. Webb.” Online interview with Razib Khan, [www.gnXP.com](http://www.gnXP.com), June 2006.

Organiser of special forum, “Can Social Theory Handle Truth with a Capital T?” Social Studies, Harvard University, May 2006.

“Globalised Revolution.” Opinion piece for *Socialist Worker* magazine, London, January 2006 (invited as follow-up to article in *IPSR*).

“Against the ‘Federation of Steamboilers’: Countermodernity in the Thought of Rabindranath Tagore, Muhammad Iqbal, and Liang Shuming.” Conference of the American Political Science Association, September 2005.

“From Worlds Under Heaven to One-Worldism: Universalisms Ancient and Modern.” Conference of the American Political Science Association, September 2005.

“Cosmopolitan Character and the Classics of World Social Thought: Reclaiming the Widest Horizons.” Conference of the American Political Science Association, September 2004.

“Global Economic Justice in the Twenty-First Century.” New Jersey Spring Regional meeting of the Junior State of America, Princeton University, March 2004.

“World Political Thought: The Purposes and Potential of a Nascent Field.” Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2003.

“Antiliberalism and the World-State Project.” Conference of the American Political Science Association, August 2003.

“Premodern Ecumenism and Élite Political Culture: A Theoretical Exploration.” Conference of the World History Association, June 2003.

“A World, Not a Globe: Towards a Nonliberal Vision of Transnational Political Integration.” Conference of the New England Political Science Association, May 2003.

“The Cosmopolitans of 1600: Intercivilisational Dialogue and Social-Political Thought in Eurasia.” Conference of the New York State Political Science Association, April 2003.

“Antiliberal Resistance and the Insularity Problem: A Comparative Study.” Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2002.

“Worlds Become a Globe: Cultural Merging, Modernity, and the Liberal Manœuvres.” Conference of the Mid-Atlantic World History Association, October 2002.

“A Cosmopolitan Antiliberalism?” Conference at New School Graduate Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (New York) on “Crisis and Opportunity: Rethinking the Political,” May 2002.

“Timeless Clashes: A Value-Bloc Analysis of Hegemony and Systemic Evolution.” Conference at Northwestern University on Political Economy of the World System, March 1998.

“Community, Peasants, and the Shining Path Guerrillas: A Field Study in Ayacucho, Peru.” Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University, March 1996.

### **Teaching Experience**

Hopkins-Nanjing Centre:

Courses on “Ethics and Public Policy in Global Perspective,” “Modernity and World Social Thought,” “Comparative Politics,” “Perspectives on Globalisation,” and “Politics of Rural Development.”

First-year MA tutorial (bilingual course).

Second-year colloquium for MA thesis writers (extensive reading of prospectuses and thesis drafts in both English and Chinese).

Advising of MA theses on Sino-African relations, Asian values discourse, comparative responses to the Sichuan earthquake and Hurricane Katrina, Iranian internet politics, the foreign policy dimension of Iraqi coalition politics, comparative poverty relief in China and India, tourism development in Yunnan and Laos, theoretical aspects of nationalism and modernity, educational mobility and legitimacy in China, democratic transitions in Mexico and Taiwan, noncitizen local voting rights in Europe, youth and postmaterialist values in Singapore and China, historical apologies in Australia/Canada/Taiwan, identity of long-term foreign residents in China, image strategies of Olympic host cities, migration and disempowerment among rural Chinese women, Chinese sister city relationships, and soft power impact of Fulbright and Peace Corps exchanges; (reading of MA theses and running of final thesis defences in English and Chinese).

Harvard University:

Courses on “Introduction to Social Theory,” “Globalisation: Critical Perspectives,” and “The Global Culture Clash.”

Senior thesis writers’ workshop, reading of theses, general examinations, and curriculum advising.

Advising of senior theses on a Rousseauvian account of the Pinochet régime, Arab-American transnational citizenship, Tanzanian educational policy, Islamist thought and strategy in



Morocco, images of the modern individual in 1980s Chile, the 1990s Canadian *shari'ah* court proposal, Druze diaspora identity, Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, the ethics of contract enforceability in a liberal state, and Maoist movements in India and Peru.

Supervised independent studies on theories of tourism, agrarianism, and alternative development.

Awarded Certificates of Distinction in Teaching for high teaching evaluations (2005–2008).

Nominee for Levenson Teaching Prize, 2007.

Princeton University:

“World Political Thought”/“Political Thought in the Non-Western Traditions” (half-semester workshops on political thought in the Islamic, Indian, and Chinese traditions; run in conjunction with advising Junior Paper research projects).

Advised senior thesis on contemporary Indian political thought and secularism.

Precepted courses on “Politics and Religion,” “Political Theory,” “Latin American Politics,” “Conservative Political Thought,” “The Just Society,” and “Political Systems of the Middle East.”

Ran sessions for undergraduates on writing and research techniques.

Junior Statesmen Summer School at Princeton. Four-week courses on American politics (2001–2004) and political philosophy (2005–2008) for selective secondary-level programme.

### Other Experience

Service on SAIS committees: HNC Joint Academic Committee, Crowell Committee (diversity and inclusion, and recruitment), Academic Instruction Planning Committee, Committee on Standardisation of Faculty Titles, Reopening Planning Committee, Co-Curricular Activities Committee (ex officio), Inter-Campus Cooperation Subcommittee (chair).

Member of Board of Directors, Simone Weil Centre for Political Philosophy.

Host for weekly Philosophy Interest Group discussion forum, Hopkins-Nanjing Centre.

Co-organiser of international conference on “The Silk Web in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Global Landscapes Among the West, China, and Southwest Asia,” Hopkins-Nanjing Centre, November 2014.

Interview-based fieldwork in Peru (1995 and 2006) and Egypt (2012); principal investigator and team manager for survey research in Peru (2013), Pakistan (2014), and Kenya (2014).

Reviewer for Routledge, *International Political Science Review*, *Polity*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Bioethics*, *Anamnesis*, *Global Intellectual History*, *Security Dialogue*, *Economic Change and Restructuring*, National Centre of Science and Technology Evaluation (Kazakhstan).

Took Harvard postgraduate-level classes on nonprofit management and social entrepreneurship (autumn 2006 and spring 2008). Prepared detailed business plan for global network to certify rural cooperative enterprises and build an alternative values-driven capital market.

Organised microdevelopment project to demonstrate solar oven technology in a Peruvian village, in conjunction with local interviews for book project (July–August 2006).

Nonresident tutor, Dunster House, Harvard University (2005–2008).

Faculty adviser, Harvard College Globalisation Project (2006–2008).

Member of travel fellowship selection committee, Harvard University (2005–2008).

Part-time consultant, Educational Testing Service, Princeton NJ (2002–2003). Design of examinations, curricula, and teacher training materials for a variety of social-science fields, especially political science and history, in the Advanced Placement and Praxis divisions.

Graduate Committee member, Department of Politics, Princeton University (1996–2002).

Volunteer instructor of African refugees in Sana'a, Yemen (September–December 1999). Part-time English language teaching at centre administered by Partners for Development and the United Nations High Commission on Refugees.

Harvard Organisation for the Promotion of Education member (1993–1996). Collaborated on development projects aimed at Bolivia, India, Philippines, etc.

Assisted disabled political artist with preparation of memoirs (summer 1994).

Volunteer with Amigos de las Américas (summer 1992). Rural development and community health programme in Azuay, Ecuador.

### Miscellaneous

Date of Birth: 19 July 1975    Citizenships: UK and USA

References: Richard Falk (Politics, Princeton/UCSB)  
George Kateb (Politics, Princeton)  
Anya Bernstein Bassett (Social Studies, Harvard)  
Cornelius Kubler (Asian Studies, Williams)  
Carolyn Townsley (Johns Hopkins)