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## Research Statement

My research sits at the intersection of international relations and political theory, focusing on broad questions of borders, sovereignty and security. My book, *The Politics of Borders: Sovereignty, Security and the Citizen after 9/11* (Cambridge University Press, 2017), examines the evolution of border security in response to the linked challenges of terrorism and immigration. It treats *globalization*-era themes such as sovereignty, migration and global justice, as well as *securitization*-era ones such as identity-management, risk-assessment, and the rise of Big Data. This research builds upon my doctoral work, which won the 2016 Leo Strauss Award for the best dissertation in the field of Political Philosophy, granted by the American Political Science Association (APSA). Other fields of interest include theories of identity and nationalism, critical theory, the history of political thought and the philosophy of social science.

## 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**

## Publications

### Books

- *The Politics of Borders: Sovereignty, Security, and the Citizen after 9/11*, Cambridge University Press (2017)

### Journal Articles & Book Chapters

- "From Sovereignty to *Imperium*: Borders, Frontiers and the *Spectrum of Linearity*," *Geopolitics* (forthcoming 2017).
- "A "21<sup>st</sup> Century Border"? Cooperative Border Controls in the US & EU after 9/11," *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 31 (2): 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 Publishers, 2013.
- "The Power of Arms: Rethinking Armed Parties and Democratization through the Palestinian Elections," *Democratization* 19 (2): 1 – 28, 2012 (with Ellen Lust).
- "The Case for Peace Before Disarmament," *Survival* 51 (4): 127-148, 2009 (with Ellen Lust).
- "From Nationalism to Europeanism: Can the HDZ reform itself?," *Problems in Post-Communism* 53 (3): 36-43, 2006.
- "The EU in the Balkans: Rotten Carrots?," *Central European Political Science Review* 14 (4): 112-125, 2004.

### Works in Progress

- "Bombing to the Max: How Aerial Bombardment During the 2009 Gaza War Affected Palestinian Attitudes toward Militancy and Violence," under review at the *American Political Science Review* (with Nancy Hite-Rubin and Daphna Canetti).

- “Borders and the New Politics of Security,” conference paper, being revised for submission.
- “Migration and the Settling of the American West: Re-visiting Frederick Jackson Turner’s case for Democracy at the Frontier,” conference paper, being revised for submission.
- “Promoting Peace by Going to War? How the Gaza War (2008-2009) Affected Israeli and Palestinian Attitudes Towards Peace” (with Daphna Canetti, Nancy Hite-Rubin and David Romney), drafted paper, being revised for submission.
- “What is a Migrant? Adjudicating between Legal and Normative Definitions,” working draft.

#### **Other Publications: Articles, Op-eds, & Letters**

- “To Work, Mideast Peace Must First Address Daily Concerns,” *The Christian Science Monitor*, (with Daphna Canetti and Nancy Hite-Rubin), April 28, 2014.
- “Non-Military Solutions,” *New York Times At War Blog*, March 16, 2010.
- “For the Palestinians, Disco’s Last Days?,” *The International Herald Tribune*. Op-Ed, March 22, 2006.
- “After Milosevic: History’s Verdict,” *New York Times*. Letter, March 14, 2006.
- “Hating the Regime, Fearing Uncle Sam,” *Los Angeles Times*, Op-Ed, October 27, 2005.

#### **Media Features & Press Appearances**

- 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.

#### **Conference Presentations & Talks (select)**

- “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.
- “Venn Sovereignty: Borders and Bordering after 9/11,” presented at the International Relations Research Colloquium, Oxford University, February 12, 2015; the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 29, 2014; and at the Critical Theory Roundtable, St Louis, MO, October 18-20, 2013; the 10th Annual International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) Conference, Malmo, Sweden, August 26-7, 2013.
- “Liberal Borders? Rethinking Sovereignty and Justice at the State’s Edge,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, May 2-4, Portland, ME.
- “Trends in Bordering: Unpacking New Border Security Initiatives,” presented at the conference “Walls and Fences: The Politics and Ethics of Borders,” held at Yale University, April 13-14, 2012.
- “Right of Way? Defining the Scope of Freedom of Movement within Democratic Societies,” presented at “Freedom of Movement and Discrimination: The European Union in Comparative Perspective” conference, York University, November 28, 2011, and again at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, NH, April 27, 2012.
- Participant at the National Science Foundation (NSF) Workshop on Interpretative Methods in Political Science, Toronto, Canada, September 1-2, 2009.

## Teaching Appointments

**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)

## Grants & Awards

**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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