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EDUCATION

- 2018 – 2022 Ph.D. researcher (full time, funded) in School of Humanities, University of Brighton.
Thesis: *From Authority to Authoritarianism: Max Weber, Carl Schmitt and Hannah Arendt.*
(Accepted *without corrections*, examiners: Prof. Bonnie Honig (Brown University), Dr. German Primera Villamizar (University of Brighton).
- 2019 Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.
- 2019 Visiting Researcher at UC Berkeley, invited by the Critical Theory Consortium (Prof. Judith Butler) and sponsored by the Rhetoric department (Prof. Samera Esmeir).
- 2017-2018 Fellow researcher at the Centre for Applied Politics, Philosophy and Ethics (CAPPE), University of Brighton.
- 2015 – 2016 MA Political Philosophy / Critical Theory, University of Brighton (*distinction*).
- 2012 – 2015 Second BA Philosophy, Heidelberg University (no degree pursued).
- 2011 – 2015 BA Political Science and Slavonic Studies, Heidelberg University (*distinction*).

EMPLOYMENT

- since April 2022 Research Assistant (wiss. Mitarbeiterin) at the Chair for Modern Political Theory (Prof. Michael Haus), Institute for Political Science, Heidelberg University.
- 2018 – 2022 School tutor in the School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex.
- 2017 – 2018 School tutor in the School of Humanities, University of Brighton.
- 2017 Administrator (2-month cover) at British and Irish Modern Music Institute, Brighton.
- 2014 – 2015 Research assistant to Prof Michael Haus, Chair of Modern Political Theory at Heidelberg University.
- 2013 – 2014 School Tutor in School of Philosophy, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 "On the Politics of Nonviolence. An Interview with Judith Butler." *Interfere: Journal for Critical Thought and Radical Politics*, vol.1, 2020, 86-91. (peer reviewed, open access)
- "Violence and Orders. Introduction." *Interfere: Journal for Critical Thought and Radical Politics*, vol.1, 2020, 1-4, with Harrison Lechley. (peer reviewed, open access)
- 2019 "Heteronome Subjektivität: Dekonstruktive und hermeneutische Anschlüsse an die Subjektkritik Heideggers" (Review article in English). *Phenomenological Reviews*, March 2019. (peer-reviewed, open access, indexed)
- 2017 "Inclinations: A Critique of Rectitude (Review article)." *Contemporary Political Theory*, vol. 17, no. S4, Nov. 2018, pp. 185–88. (peer-reviewed, open access, indexed)

PRESENTATIONS & TALKS (*invited)

- 2023 *Invited speaker for the panel discussion with Prof. Bonnie Honig at the symposium for the 30th anniversary of *Displacement of Politics*, HU Berlin.

The Myth of Certainty: From Politics of Leadership to Democratic Authority (Panel: *Challenging the Metaphysics of Sovereignty: Feminist and Post-Colonial Critiques of Uncertainty* (Co-organiser)), Congress Political Theory in Times of Uncertainty, Bremen.

Institutional uncertainty: toward a feminist revision of Schmitt's decisionism (Panel: *Between Entlastung and Entfremdung: Revisiting 20thC Theories of the Institution* (Co-organiser)), Congress Political Theory in Times of Uncertainty, Bremen.
- 2021 *The Spectres of Commissarial Dictatorship: Carl Schmitt's Critique of Populism*.
Conference: *Democracy and Populism: Equality, Truth, and Disagreement in the Age of Covid*, University of Brighton.

*Invited talk *From Authority and New Authoritarianism(s): The Case of Carl Schmitt* for the Critical Theory, for the Research Cluster at the University of Sussex.
- 2019 *Invited colloquium lecture *New Authoritarianism(s)* at UC Berkeley, US, funded by Humanities and Social Science Association (HSSA).
- 2018 *Invited talk on *Reading Arendt After Post-Structuralism* for the Power, Conflict, Ideologies research group at National University of Ireland, Galway.

Appropriating Human Rights. Rancière's critique of Arendt.
Conference: *Contemporary Challenges to Human Rights* at School of Law, University of Brighton.

Appropriating Human Rights: Arendt and Rancière.
Conference: *Radical Interventions*, Centre for Applied Politics, Philosophy and Ethics (CAPPE), University of Brighton.
- 2016 *Taking Communitarianism beyond Borders*.
Conference: *Political Theory on Refugees*, University of Augsburg, Germany.

The Figure of the Refugee in Communitarian Theory.
Conference: *Radical Interventions the Centre for Applied Politics, Philosophy and Ethics (CAPPE)*, University of Brighton.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Institutional roles

- 2020 – 2021 Co-founder and senior editor of *Interfere: Journal for Critical Thought and Radical Politics*, funded by the Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics & Ethics (CAPPE), University of Brighton.

Co-editor of *Violence and Orders*, vol 1 of *Interfere Journal* with contributions by Paula Biglieri (University of Buenos Aires), Wendy Brown, Judith Butler (UC Berkeley), Jacques Lezra (UC Riverside), Daniel de Mendonça (University of Pelotas) and Frank B. Wilderson III (UC Irvine).
- 2018 – 2021 Elected representative of Humanities postgrad researchers, University of Brighton.
- since 2020 Mentor for Associate Teaching Fellowship trainees, University of Brighton.
- 2019 Board member of HSSA (Humanities and Social Science Association), UC Berkeley.

Academic Recognition

- 2021 Invited research visit to work with Prof Jacques Lezra, (UC Riverside), Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint Denis.

Reviewer for *Interfere: Journal for Critical Thought and Radical Politics*.

Reviewer for *Excursion Journal*.

Reviewer für *Networking Knowledge: Postgraduate Journal of Media, Communication and Cultural Studies Association*.
- Oct 2020 Reviewer for *Networking Knowledge: Postgraduate Journal of Media, Communication and Cultural Studies Association*.

Funding Acquisition and Grants

- 2019 Santander Placement Support Grant and Brighton Doctoral college funds for research visit at Rhetoric Department, UC Berkeley. (£4500)
Funding for the workshop on *The Role of the Spectator*, UC Berkeley, by Humanities and Social Science Association (HSSA) and Visiting Scholar and Postdoc Affairs (VSPA). (\$400)
- 2018 – 2021 University of Brighton Doctoral Studentship for PhD studies (full time). (£74,200)
- 2016 Active role in the acquisition of 12,600€ for the conference *Political Theory on Refugees* at Augsburg University, Germany, by Netzwerk Flüchtlingsforschung and Thyssen Stiftung.
- 2015 – 2016 Scholarship for graduate students abroad from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to fund MA at University of Brighton. (19,500€)
- 2013 Baden-Württemberg-Scholarship for exchange semester at the Institute of Philosophy, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia. (8,000€)
- 2012 – 2015 Germany Scholarship for full time studies to fund Bachelor's degree at Heidelberg University, Germany. (10,800€)
- 2012 Scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for summer school in Voronezh, Russia. (1500€)

Further conference and workshop organization

- 2023 Co-organiser for the international congress *Political Theory in Times of Uncertainty at the University of Bremen*.
- 2021 Workshop with Jacques Lezra (UC Riverside) *ACAB: The Police as Defective Institution*, funded by the Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics & Ethics (CAPPE). (£500)
- 2020 Co-founder of The Southern Philosophical Forum and co-organiser of the inaugural workshop on *Disagreement* at University of Brighton, funded by the Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics & Ethics (CAPPE). (£500)
- 2019 Coordinating support and chair for the conference "*Fascism? Populism? Democracy?*" of the International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs (ICCTP) at University of Brighton, together with Boğaziçi University, Turkey, & UC Berkeley, US.
- 2018 Co-organiser of the panel *Theoretical and Philosophical Approaches to Human Rights* at the conference *Contemporary Challenges to Human Rights* at University of Brighton Law School.
- 2014 Organiser of the Workshop with Enrique Dussel (Autonomous Metropolitan University, Mexico) on *Liberation Politics* at the Institute for Political Science, Heidelberg University, Germany.

Professional Association Memberships

- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- American Association for Political Theory (APT)
- Society of Women in Philosophy, UK (SWIP)

Outreach and extracurricular activities

- 2018 Certified Mental Health training for HE workers: Metal Health First Aid (MHFA).
- 2017 – 2018 Assistant to the legal advisor at Voices in Exile! (Charity supporting refugees, asylum seekers, and others without recourse to public funds in Sussex).
- Jan – Sept 2015 Founder and organiser of the critical discussion group "Postseminarismus" at Heidelberg University, Germany.
- 2012 - 2015 Volunteer at the art club "Zeitraumex!t" in Mannheim, Germany.
The director nominated me for the German honouring award for social commitment for my work.

Languages

Fluent: German, English, Russian; Advanced Latin proficiency; Basic: French