

**Nicolas Guilhot**  
Curriculum Vitae  
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**Current Position**

Professor of Intellectual History  
European University Institute  
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**Permanent Position (on leave through September 2025)**

Research Professor / Directeur de Recherche  
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Paris

**Employment History**

2014: CNRS Research Professor - Laboratoire de Théorie du Politique, CRESPPA, 2018-2020;  
Center for International Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (CIRHUS), New York  
University, 2014-2017  
2009-2014 : CNRS Senior Researcher - CIRHUS, New York University, 2012-2104; Centre de  
Recherche sur les pouvoirs locaux en Caraïbe, Schoelcher, 2010-2012  
2007-2009: Program Officer, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York  
2006-2007: Lecturer, London School of Economics, Center for the Study of Human Rights  
2003-2007: CNRS Researcher, Centre de Sociologie Européenne, Paris  
2002-2003: Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, European 5<sup>th</sup> Framework Program, Department of  
Sociology, London School of Economics

**Visiting Positions**

2020: Visiting professor, City University of New York, Political Science Department  
2017-2018: Member, School of Social Science, Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton.  
2012-2016: Visiting scholar, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, NYU  
2009-2010: Visiting scholar, Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU  
2005-2006: Visiting assistant professor, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA),  
Columbia University & Fulbright research scholar, Department of History, Columbia University

## **Education**

*Habilitation à diriger des recherches* (HDR), Ecole Normale Supérieure – Cachan, Paris, 2014  
Ph.D. in Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute, Florence, 2001  
M.Phil. in Soviet and East European Studies, Sciences Po, Paris, 1994  
Masters in the History of Philosophy, Université Paris 1 – Sorbonne, Paris, 1993  
B.A. in Modern Literature, Université Paris 4 – Sorbonne, Paris, 1993

## **Awards, Grants and Fellowships**

2025: Moynihan Center Public Scholars fellowship (CCNY) and Remarque Institute Fellowship.  
2016: Partner University Fund. New York University (NYU) and Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris. Joint project “Crossroads of Intellectual History,” 2017-2020, co-written with Stefanos Geroulanos and Gisèle Sapiro, \$250,000.  
2011: European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant, SH6 (History). ERC-2011-Stg, Contract no. 284231, 2011-2016, “HIPODEMA: A History of Political Decision-Making in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.” Principal Investigator, €628,000  
2011: Partner University Fund & Mellon Foundation. Université des Antilles et de la Guyane and University of Pennsylvania joint project, “From Imperial Science to International Relations Theory,” 2012-2015. Co-PI with Robert Vitalis (UPenn), \$239,000.  
2011: French Ministry of Oversea Territories. Grant in support of « From Imperial Science to International Relations » project, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane and University of Pennsylvania, €8,000.  
2011: Research support grant, French Embassy in Washington, D.C., €4,000.  
2007: Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Research Fellow.  
2006: Rockefeller Archive Center conference grant. “The Invention of International Relations Theory” workshop, Tarrytown, \$14,000.  
2005: Rockefeller Archive Center grant-in-aid. Travel and research in the archives of the Rockefeller Foundation, \$2,000.  
2005: Fulbright Fellowship, Department of History, Columbia University  
1998: Doctoral dissertation grant, European University Institute.  
1996: Lavoisier Doctoral Grant, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## **Work in Progress**

“*A Story One Tells.*” *Conspiracy Theories, Liberalism, and the End of History*, under contract with Harvard University Press.

“Verum Factum: Conspiracy, Truth and Intellectual History,” article in preparation for *History and Theory*

## **Scholarly Publications**

### **Books**

*After the Enlightenment: Political Realism and International Relations in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017)

*The Democracy Makers: Human Rights and the Politics of Global Order* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2005)

Korean: 민주주의를 만드는 사람들 : 인권과 국제 질서[양장] (Seoul: Hanul books, 2014)

*Financiers, Philanthropes. Sociologie de Wall Street 1970-1990* (Paris: Editions du Seuil, 2004).  
2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2006.

### **Edited volumes**

Daniel Bessner and Nicolas Guilhot, eds. *The Decisionist Imagination: Democracy, Sovereignty and the Social Sciences*, ed. with Daniel Bessner (Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2018 / Paperback 2023).

Brian Schmidt and Nicolas Guilhot, eds. *Historiographical Investigations in International Relations* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).

Nicolas Guilhot, ed. *The Invention of International Relations: Realism, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Rise of IR Theory* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011).

### **Peer-reviewed articles**

“‘A Primitive Kind of Superstition’: The Idea of the Paranoid Style in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 84, no. 2 (2023): 365-390. (Most read article of the *JHI* in 2023).

“Conspiracies and the Liberal Imagination,” *Social Research* 89, no. 3 (2022): 627-649.

French translation: “Conspirations et imaginaire libéral,” *Entêtement*, 13 April 2023, <https://entetement.com/conspirations-et-imaginaire-liberal/>

“Automatic Leviathan: Cybernetics and Politics in Carl Schmitt’s Postwar Writings,” *History of the Human Sciences* 33, no. 1 (2020): 128-146.

“The French Connection: Jean-Baptiste Duroselle, Raymond Aron et l’essor des relations internationales en France,” *Revue Française de Science Politique* 67, no. 1 (2017): 43-67.

“The ‘First Modern Realist’: Felix Gilbert’s Machiavelli and the Making of the Realist Tradition in International Relations,” *Modern Intellectual History* 13, no. 3 (2016): 681-711.

“The Kuhning of Reason: Realism, Rationalism and Political Decision in IR after Thomas Kuhn,” *Review of International Studies* 42, no. 1 (2016): 3-24.

“How Realism Waltzed Off: Liberalism and Decision-Making in Kenneth Waltz’s *Theory of International Politics*” (with Daniel Bessner), *International Security* 40, no. 2 (2015): 87-118. Reviewed on the International Security Studies Forum: <https://issforum.org/articlereviews/59-waltz>

“Portrait of the Realist as a Historian: On anti-whiggism in the history of International Relations,” *European Journal of International Relations* 21, no. 1 (2015): 3-26.

“Imperial Realism: Postwar IR Theory and Decolonization,” *International History Review* 36, no. 4 (2014): 698-720. Top 10 SSRN downloads (PSN: Other International Relations Theory & Conflict), June 2015.

“Cyborg Pantocrator: Or how IR Theory turned Decisionism into Rational Choice,” *The Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 47, no. 3 (2011): 1-23. Reviewed on HNet-Diplo: <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-AR12.pdf>.

“American Katechon: International Relations Theory as Secularized Political Theology,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 17, no. 2 (2010): 224-253.

“The Realist Gambit: Postwar American Political Science and the Birth of IR Theory,” *International Political Sociology* 2, no. 4 (2008): 281-304.

“Limiting Sovereignty or Producing Governmentality? Two Human Rights Regimes in U.S. Discourse,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 15, no. 4 (2008): 502-516.

Spanish translation: “¿Limitando la soberanía o produciendo gobermentalidad? Dos modelos de Derechos Humanos en el discurso político de Estados Unidos”, *Revista Política* 49, no. 1 (2011): 219-241.

“Toward a Transnational History of the Social Sciences” (with Johan Heilbron and Laurent Jeanpierre), *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Social Sciences* 44, no. 2 (2008): 146-160.

French translation: “Vers une histoire transnationale des sciences sociales,” *Sociétés contemporaines* 73 (2009): 121-145.

German translation: “Auf dem Weg zu einer transnationalen Geschichte der Sozialwissenschaften”, in *Soziologieggeschichte, Wege und Ziele*, ed. Christian Dayé & Stephan Moebius (Frankfurt: Suhrkamp, 2015), 402-430.

“Entre juridisme et constructivisme: Les droits de l’homme dans la politique étrangère américaine”, *Critique Internationale*, n. 38 (2008): 113-135.

“Democratization Studies and the Construction of a New Orthodoxy,” *Democracy & Society* 4, no. 2 (2007): 1, 8-10.

“Reforming the World. George Soros, Global Capitalism, and the Philanthropic Management of the Social Sciences,” *Critical Sociology* 33 (2007): 447-479.

“‘A Network of Influential Friendships.’ The Fondation pour une Entraide Intellectuelle Européenne and East-West Cultural Dialogue, 1957-1991,” *Minerva* 44, no. 4 (2006): 379-409.

“Une vocation philanthropique. George Soros, les sciences sociales et la régulation du marché mondial,” *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*, no. 151-152 (2004): 37-48.

“‘The Transition to the Human World of Democracy.’ Notes for a History of the Concept of Transition, from Early Marxism to 1989,” *European Journal of Social Theory* 5, no. 2 (2002) 219-243.

Chinese translation: “过渡到民主的人类世界”——过渡概念的历史说明，从早期的马克思主义到 1989，in *The Challenges and Future of Capitalist Democracy*, Library of Advanced Oversea Studies in Marxism, ed. Chunyu Wang, Renmin University Press, forthcoming 2021.

“Les professionnels de la démocratie: logiques savantes et logiques militantes dans le nouvel internationalisme américain,” *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*, no. 139 (2001): 53-65.

“De la transition à la consolidation. Une lecture rétrospective des *democratization studies*,” *Revue Française de Science Politique* 50, no. 4-5 (2000): 615-631 (with Philippe Schmitter).

### Book chapters

“Les pratiques du don. La philanthropie en France et aux États-Unis,” entretien avec Anne Bory, Nicolas Guilhot, Sabine Rozier et Olivier Zunz, in *Philanthropes en démocratie*, ed. Sylvain A. Lefèvre and Anne Monier (Paris: P.U.F. / La vie des idées, 2021).

“Introduction,” in *The Decisionist Imagination: Democracy, Sovereignty and the Social Sciences*, ed. Daniel Bessner and Nicolas Guilhot (Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2018)

“Rational Choice as Neo-Decisionism: Decision-Making in Economics and Political Science After 1945” (with Alain Marciano), in *Scientific Imperialism: Exploring the Boundaries of Interdisciplinarity*, Routledge, ed. Uskali Mäki, Adrian Walsh, and Manuela Fernández Pinto (London: Routledge, 2017).

“The International Circulation of International Relations Theory,” in *Circulating Social Science Knowledge: Global Intellectual Controversies, Initiatives and Dialogues*, ed. Wiebke Keim and Christian Ersche (Ashgate: Farnham, 2014).

“International Human Rights versus Democracy Promotion: On Two Different Meanings of Human Rights in US Foreign Policy,” in *Making Human Rights Intelligible: Toward a Sociology of Human Rights*, ed. Mikael R. Madsen and Gert Vershraegen (New York: Hart, 2013).

“Politics Between and Beyond Nations: Hans Morgenthau’s *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*,” in *Classics of International Relations*, ed. Peter Wilson and Casper Sylvest (London: Routledge, 2013).

“Des réseaux d’amitiés influentes: La Fondation pour un Entraide Intellectuelle Européenne et le dialogue Est-Ouest, 1956-1992,” in *L’argent de l’influence*, ed. Ludovic Tournès (Paris: Autrement, 2010).

“Internationalisation des sciences sociales: les leçons d’une histoire transnationale » (with Johan Heilbron & Laurent Jeanpierre), in *L’espace intellectuel en Europe : De la formation des Etats-Nations à la mondialisation*, ed. Gisèle Sapiro (Paris: La Découverte, 2009).

“The Social Sciences,” in *Palgrave Dictionary of Transnational History*, ed. Akira Iriye and Pierre-Yves Saunier (London: Palgrave, 2009) (with Johan Heilbron and Laurent Jeanpierre).

“Americanism and its Critics, from the Congress for Cultural Freedom to the Open Society Foundation”, in *The Political Consequences of Anti-Americanism*, ed. Richard Higgot and Ivona Malbasic (London: Routledge, 2007).

“Des reconversions dans la permanence : le néoconservatisme, un gauchisme de droite,” in *Les reconversions militantes*, ed. Sylvie Tissot (Limoges: Presses Universitaires de Limoges, 2006).

“Les néoconservateurs : sociologie d’une contre-révolution,” in *La radicalisation politique en questions*, ed. Annie Collovald and Brigitte Gäiti (Paris: La Dispute, 2006).

“Los profesionales de la democracia : militantes y científicos en el nuevo internacionalismo americano,” in *Repensar los Estados-Unidos. Para una sociología del hiperpoder*, ed. Loïc Wacquant (Barcelona: Anthropos, 2005).

“From Transition to Consolidation. Extending the Concept of Democratization and the Practice of Democracy” (with Philippe C. Schmitter), in *Democratic and Capitalist Transitions in Eastern Europe. Lessons for the Social Sciences*, ed. Michel Dobry (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2000).

“Les enjeux de la mondialisation,” in *Les enjeux du débat public contemporain*, ed. Hugues Jallon (Paris: La Découverte, 1999).

“La crise de l'Etat-Nation,” in *Les enjeux du débat public contemporain*, ed. Hugues Jallon (Paris: La Découverte, 1999).

### **Book reviews and review essays**

“The Man Who Lived at the End of History,” *The New Statesman*, 15 February 2024. <https://www.newstatesman.com/ideas/2024/02/ernesto-de-martino-history-apocalypse>

“Cold War Liberalism Is Still With Us. Is That a Good Thing?” *The Chronicle of Higher Education—Review*, 2 October 2023 (roundtable organized by Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins). <https://www.chronicle.com/article/cold-war-liberalism-is-still-with-us-is-that-a-good-thing>

“Authors’ Response” (with Daniel Bessner), *H-Diplo Roundtable XXI-I on The Decisionist Imagination*, August 2019, <https://hdiplo.org/to/RT21-1>

Review of Steven Pinker, *Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress*. New York: Viking, 2018. *H-Diplo Commentary*, July 2018, <http://tiny.cc/CR1>.

“Author’s Response,” *H-Diplo Roundtable*, January 2018, <http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XIX-21>

Review of Udi Greenberg, *The Weimar Century: German Emigrés and the Ideological Foundations of the Cold War*, *Journal of Politics, Religion and Ideology* 16, no. 2-3 (2015): 302-304.

“Trevor Paglen: Drone Photographs,” *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* 5, no. 1 (2014): 55-56.

“‘Transforming the Nature of the Struggle’: An Interview with James C. Scott,” (with Nils Gilman), *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* 5, no. 1 (2014).

French translation: « James Scott. “La domination du point de vue de ceux qui la déjouent” », *Critique* 11, no. 810 (2014) : 905-920.

“The Anthropologist as Witness: Humanitarianism between Ethnography and Critique,” *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* 3, no. 1 (2012): 81-101.

“Author’s Response,” *H-Diplo Roundtable*, November 7, 2011. [www.h-net.org/~diplo/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-Roundtable-3-5.pdf](http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-Roundtable-3-5.pdf)

Review of Isaiah Berlin, “Historical Inevitability.” *H-Net Diplo*, September 6, 2010, <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/essays/#guilhot-berlin>.

Review of Mark Mazower, *No Enchanted Palace: The End of Empire and the Ideological Origins of the United Nations*, *H-Net Diplo Roundtable*, October, 25 2010, <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XI-47.pdf>

Review of Luc Boltanski and Eve Chiapello, *Le nouvel esprit du capitalisme*, *European Journal of Social Theory* 3, no. 3 (2001): 355-364.

“Entre républicanisme et libéralisme: la conception néo-romaine de la liberté. A propos de Quentin Skinner, *Liberty Before Liberalism*,” *Mouvements*, no. 5 (1999): 144-147.

### **Op-eds, essays and interviews**

“Broadly Speaking: An Interview with Nicolas Guilhot,” *Journal of the History of Ideas BLOG*, 19 October 2023, <https://www.jhiblog.org/2023/10/19/broadly-speaking-an-interview-with-nicolas-guilhot/>

“How Not to Save Democracy,” *London Review of Books* blog, 22 December 2022. <https://www.lrb.co.uk/blog/2022/december/how-not-to-save-democracy>

“The Lull: Our Age of Catastrophic Uneventfulness,” *The Point*, Issue 28, Fall 2022. <https://thepointmag.com/politics/the-lull/>

“A New Reality?” (with Antonio Negri), *The New Left Review-Sidecar*, August 19, 2022. <https://newleftreview.org/sidecar/posts/new-reality>

Spanish: “¿Nueva realidad?” *El Salto*, August 24, 2022, <https://www.elsaltodiario.com/analisis/toni-negri-nicolas-guilhot-guerra-ucrania-rusia-otan-nueva-realidad>

Italian: “Nuova realtà?” *La storia le storie*, August 19, 2022 <http://www.storiastoriepn.it/nuova-realta-antonio-negri-nicolas-guilhot/>

“Cold War Liberalism is Back,” *Jacobin*, April 14, 2022. <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2022/04/cold-war-liberalism-russia-ukraine-putin-fukuyama>

“It’s the Politics, Dummy. The Corruption of Science and Expertise,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, November 2, 2021, [https://www.chronicle.com/article/future-expertise?cid=gen\\_sign\\_in#guilhot](https://www.chronicle.com/article/future-expertise?cid=gen_sign_in#guilhot)

“Bad Information,” *Boston Review*, August 23, 2021. <https://bostonreview.net/politics/nicolas-guilhot-bad-information> (Ranked in the Top 10 of the most read essays of 2021 in the *Boston Review*.)

French: « D’un chaman à l’autre : théories du complot et impasses du debunking », *Analyse Opinion Critique (AOC)*, November 9, 2021.

Italian: “I complottismi e il vuoto della politica,” *MicroMega*, January 2022, pp. 160-175.

“Dalle teorie del complotto alla psicologia del fascismo: percorsi storici e problemi presenti,” *Il Manifesto*, January 9, 2021, p. 2.

“Why pandemics are the perfect environment for conspiracy theories to flourish,” *The Conversation*, April 6, 2020, <https://theconversation.com/why-pandemics-are-the-perfect-environment-for-conspiracy-theories-to-flourish-135475>

Greek translation: “Γιατί οι πανδημίες αποτελούν το τέλειο έδαφος για να ανθίσουν οι θεωρίες συνωμοσίας,” *Efsyn.gr*, April 12, 2020, [https://www.efsyn.gr/stiles/apopseis/238949\\_giati-oi-pandimies-apoteloy-n-teleio-edafos-gia-na-anthisoyn-oi-theories](https://www.efsyn.gr/stiles/apopseis/238949_giati-oi-pandimies-apoteloy-n-teleio-edafos-gia-na-anthisoyn-oi-theories)

“The Trump era is a golden age of conspiracy theories – on the right and left” (with Samuel Moyn), *The Guardian*, February 13, 2020, <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/13/trump-era-conspiracy-theories-left-right>

« George Soros est avant tout un anti-nationaliste. C'est le fil rouge de toutes ses activités ». *L'Opinion*, October 16, 2018. Online version: <https://www.lopinion.fr/edition/international/george-soros-est-tout-anti-nationaliste-c-est-fil-rouge-toutes-164062>

"The Irrelevance of Democracy Promotion," *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development*, blog, June 9, 2014, <http://www.humanityjournal.net/blog/the-irrelevance-of-democracy-promotion/>

"Pratiques du don. La philanthropie en France et aux Etats-Unis." Conversation with Anne Bory, Sabine Rozier and Olivier Zunz, *La vie des idées*, March 27, 2012. <http://www.laviedesidees.fr/Pratiques-du-don.html?lang=fr>

"La philanthropie, une logique d'entreprise." Interview, *L'Humanité*, November 16, 2010, p. 13.

"Le temps des 'faiseurs de démocratie.'" Interview, *Sciences Humaines*, no. 14 (2009).

"La philanthropie, pointe avancée du nouveau capitalisme," *Politis*, no. 1074 (2009).

"Secularism, realism, and international relations," *The Immanent Frame*, SSRC blog, October, 31, 2007. [http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent\\_frame/2007/10/31/secularism-realism-and-international-relations/](http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2007/10/31/secularism-realism-and-international-relations/)

"De sulfureux philanthropes. Entretien avec Nicolas Guilhot." Interview, *Sciences Humaines*, no. 2 (2006): 53-55.

"D'une vérité à l'autre, les politiques de la Banque Mondiale," *Le Monde Diplomatique*, Sept. 2000.

"Derrida, politique per sottrarsi alle critiche," *Il Sole 24 Ore*, cultural supplement, Jan. 14, 1996.

"La science politique et la transition démocratique à l'Est," *Futur Antérieur*, n° 27 (1995).

## **Reports**

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"The Transatlantic Crafting of International Relations Theory," *Institute for the Study of Europe Newsletter*, Columbia University, Fall 2006.

## **Translations**

James C. Scott, *The Art of Not Being Governed* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008) - *Zomia. Ou l'art de ne pas être gouverné* (Paris: Seuil, 2013).

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Toni Negri, *Arte e Multitudine* (*Art et Multitude*, Epel, 2005).

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Michael Hardt, Antonio Negri, *Multitude: War and Democracy in the Age of Empire* (New York: Penguin, 2004) - *Multitude: guerre et démocratie à l'âge de l'empire* (Paris: La Découverte, 2005).

Elzbieta Ettinger, *Hannah Arendt / Martin Heidegger* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1995) - *Hannah Arendt, Martin Heidegger* (Paris: Seuil, 1995.)

### **Invited talks (selection)**

University of Edinburgh, Centre for International and Global Law & Centre for Ethics and Critical Thought (2020); Yale University, MacMillan Seminar Series (2019); New School for Social Research, Politics Speaker Series (2018); NYU Intellectual History Seminar (2014); Sciences Po, Futurepol Seminar (2014); Columbia University, ISERP (2014); University of Ottawa, Center for International Policy Studies (2013); University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs; University of Pennsylvania (Political Science Faculty Seminar); Columbia University (IR Faculty Seminar); University of Indiana, Bloomington; CERI/Sciences Po, Paris ; Goldsmith College, London; Université Libre de Bruxelles; Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris; Université Paris X-Nanterre; The Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University; New York University (Institute of French Studies).

### **Invited lectures**

“Liberal Internationalism in Crisis,” The Invisible University for Ukraine, October 17, 2022.

“‘Cracks in the Liberal World Order’: Liberal Internationalism, Climate Change, and the End of History,” The Center for the History of Global Development, Shanghai University, May 5, 2022.

“‘Cracks in the Liberal World Order’: Liberal Internationalism, Climate Change, and the End of History,” Department of Political Science, City College New York, March 11, 2022.

“Apocalypse of the Profane. Paranoia between History and Psychology,” HEC Department Colloquium, European University Institute, October 14, 2020.

“Teorie del complotto, tra epistemologia, psicologia, e religione,” Istituto di Storia del Pensiero Filosofico, Università Federico II, Naples, May 21, 2021.

“Teorie del complotto, tra epistemologia, psicologia e politica,” Fondazione di Palazzo Blu, Pisa, November 11, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=AKUjPMJRM3I>

### **Conferences and workshops convened**

“From Theories of Conspiracy to Conspiracy Theories,” international workshop, EUI, Florence, May 19-20, 2022.

“Decisionism, Decision, Decision-Making.” International workshop, CIRHUS, New York, Oct. 16-17, 2015. (ERC grant no. 284231).

“Historiography of International Relations Theory Workshop,” CIRHUS, New York, Sept. 23, 2014.

“Decisionism Then and Now.” International Workshop, CNRS, Paris, May 20, 2014. (ERC grant no. 284231).

“Seeing Disciplines, Their Histories, and Our Futures Through The Caribbean.” 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop of “From Imperial Science to International Relations” series. Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Schoelcher, Dec. 12, 2013.

“The Rise of the Decision Sciences.” International Research Workshop, CIRHUS, New York, May 20-21, 2013 (ERC grant no. 284231).

“From Imperial Science to International Relations”: planning meeting for the Partner University Fund call for projects. Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Martinique, Dec. 9-10, 2011.

“Du Public au Commun” seminar series. Coordinator with Saverio Ansaldi, Laurent Baronian, Pierre Dardot, Patrick Dieuaide, Giorgio Griziotti, Christian Laval, Jason Francis Mc Gimsey, Jean-Marie Monnier, Antonio Negri, Elicio Pantaleo, Bernard Paulré, Franck Poupeau, Judith Revel, and Carlo Vercellone. Paris, 2011. <http://dupublicaucommun.com/>

“Think Tanks and the Crisis of Public Knowledge.” Series of two international workshops sponsored by the Katherine McArthur Foundation, Social Science Research Council, New York, June 13-14, Sept. 25-26, 2008.

“Debating Minerva.” Colloquium on the Department of Defense “Minerva Initiative” funding social science research, Social Science Research Council, New York, Oct. 25, 2008.

“The Rise of International Relations Theory, 1945-1955.” International workshop, Rockefeller Archive Center, Tarrytown, Sept. 24-25, 2007.

“The International Circulation of Ideas. Producers, Brokers and Agents.” International workshop, Maison des Sciences de l’Homme / ESSE network / Centre de Sociologie Européenne, Paris, June 22-23, 2006.

### **Moderated panels**

“The Politics of History: Fifteen Years of IR History.” International Studies Association (ISA) annual convention, Toronto, March 26-29, 2014.

### **Conference and workshop presentations**

“Populist Eschatology: On the Uses of the Apocalyptic Tradition in the Making of a Modern Political Concept,” Populist Political Theology, NYU, Kandersteg, 17-20 April 2024.

“Complottismo, Populismo, e Democrazia,” Crisi e trasformazione della democrazia, Università degli Studi, DSPS, Florence, 25 October 2023.

“On Paranoia as a Political Sentiment,” The State and the Sciences of Human Plasticity, NYU Remarque Institute, Kardamyli, Greece, October 20-21, 2023.

“Sketch for a History of the Deep State,” COST Action CA15101 (Comparative Analysis of Conspiracy Theories) conference, Univerzita Karlova, Prague, September 19-21, 2019.

“Conspiracy Theory as Political Theory,” COST Action CA15101 (Comparative Analysis of Conspiracy Theories) conference, Universidad de Huelva, Spain, May 23-24, 2019.

“Realism and the Neoliberal Age.” Workshop on “Realism, Liberal Internationalism, History: Conceiving a New Research Agenda.” Duke University, February 8-9, 2019.

“Cybernetics, International Relations, and Political Decision-Making,” Cybernetics and the Human Sciences, Remarque Institute, New York University, Dec. 2-3, 2016.

“The Shape of Things to Come: International Relations Theory and the Future,” Prediction, Sciences Po, Paris, Apr. 15-16, 2016.

“How Realism Waltzed Off,” History of Postwar Social Science Workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, Dec. 4, 2015.

“Architects of the World: (re)Thinking the Global Crisis, 1919-1939,” Université de Genève, Oct. 29-31, 2015.

“Réalisme, républicanisme et décision souveraine: le Machiavel de Felix Gilbert,” Actualités du Machiavélisme, Journée annuelle d’étude Raymond Aron, CESPRA, EHESS, Paris, June 9, 2015.

“Philanthropic Foundations and Social Science Research: Past, Present and Future,” 6<sup>th</sup> SWAN Progress Meeting & Stakeholders Workshop Program 2015, Sofia, Apr. 20-24, 2015.

“How Realism Waltzed Off: Kenneth Waltz and the ideological modernization of classical realism” (with Daniel Bessner), ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans, Feb. 17-21, 2015.

“The First Modern Realist: Felix Gilbert’s Machiavelli and the Invention of the Realist Tradition,” ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, March 26-29, 2014.

“Imperial Realism: Postwar IR Theory and Decolonization,” From Imperial Science to International Relations workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 27, 2014.

“Imperial Realism: Postwar IR Theory and Decolonization,” Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) conference, Chicago, April 11, 2014.

“The Kuhning of Reason: Realism, Rationalism and What Saint Thomas did for IR,” ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, Apr. 2-7, 2014.

“IR Theory from Decisionism to Rational Choice,” ISA Annual Convention, San Diego, Apr. 1-4, 2012.

“French Connections: Writing the History of IR Theory in a Transatlantic Perspective,” The Circulation of Knowledge and Power in Europe and North America, European Science Foundation Exploratory Workshop, Strasburg, Nov. 2-5, 2011.

“From Decisionism to Rational Choice in International Relations Theory,” APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, Sep. 1-4, 2011.

“Why Area Studies are So Last Century...And Yet the Way Forward: Lessons from the Past and Some Proposals for Their Future Development,” APSA, Sep. 1-4, 2011.

“Cyborg Pantocrator: International Relations Theory between Decisionism and Rational Choice,” 8<sup>th</sup> History of Economics as History of Science Spring Workshop, ENS Cachan, Paris, June 11, 2011.

“American Katechon: When Political Theology Became International Relations Theory,” ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans, Feb. 17-20, 2010.

“Émigré Scholars and the Making of International Relations Theory,” Social Science History Association (SSHA), 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Long Beach, Nov. 12-15, 2009.

“‘Je suis en cheville avec la Fondation Rockefeller’, Premiers éléments sur l’essor des relations internationales et des études européennes 1945-1960” (with Antonin Cohen), Association Française de Science Politique (AFSP), Annual Congress, Grenoble, Sept. 7-9, 2009.

“From Political Theology to International Relations,” CHEIRON Conference – International Society for the History of Behavioral & Social Sciences, Penn State University, June 25-27, 2009.

“American Katechon: When Political Theology Became International Relations Theory,” The Cold War and the Social Sciences: Approaches and Arguments, Heyman Center for Humanities, Columbia University, Apr. 10, 2009.

“La réaction réaliste : l’émergence d’une théorie des relations internationales à l’âge des sciences sociales, 1945-1954,” Making the World Safe for Democracy ?, Research workshop, CERI – Sciences Po, Paris, June 4, 2007.

“The Realist Counter-Enlightenment: The Rockefeller Foundation and the Search for a Theory of International Relations in the Social Science Era, 1945-1954,” Workshop on ‘Private Wealth, Public Knowledge,’ Rockefeller Archive Center, Tarrytown, March 22-23, 2007.

“A Theoretical Counterrevolution: The Rockefeller Foundation, Behavioral Sciences and the Making of IR Theory,” ISA Annual Convention, Chicago, Feb. 28 – Mar. 3, 2007.

“The human rights debate in the 1970s and the turn toward democracy promotion,” International conference “In the Name of Democracy: US Electoral Intervention in the Americas,” Yale University, April 7-8, 2006.

“From Cold War Anticommunism to Democracy Promotion: the ideological legacies of the Congress for Cultural Freedom,” international conference “Anti-Americanism and International Relations Workshop,” Central European University, Budapest, Sept. 16-17, 2005.

“Les droits de l’homme entre souveraineté et gouvernementalité,” Association Française de Science Politique (AFSP), Annual Congress, Lyon, Sept. 14-16, 2005.

“The Moralization of Wall Street,” International workshop, The Moralization of Capitalism ?, CERI Sciences Po, Paris, May 24-25, 2004.

“Reforming the World. George Soros and the Philanthropic Management of the Social Sciences,” international conference “The Foundations of Globalisation,” University of Manchester, Nov. 6-7, 2003.

“From Money Jungle to Business Ethics : the Moral Regulation of Capitalism since the 1970s,” 8<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium, “The Moral Republic?”, David Bruce Centre for American Studies, Keele University, Sept. 10-13, 2003.

“Du trotskisme au reaganisme: reconversions paradoxales de la gauche antistalinienne aux Etats-Unis,” Departmental workshop, department of sociology, Université de Limoges, March 20-21, 2003.

“The Deregulation of Financial Markets as the Redefinition of Class Boundaries: a Sociology of Wall Street in the 1980s,” Cumberland Lodge Sociology Weekend School, LSE, Windsor, Jan. 24-26, 2003.

“Philanthropy and Financial Capital: The Double Agents of Globalization,” international conference, “Globalization: Power and Movement,” University of Copenhagen, Nov. 27, 2002.

“De la révolution permanente à l’anti-radicalisme : les dynamiques de reconversion des néoconservateurs aux Etats-Unis,” Association Française de Science Politique (AFSP), Annual Congress, Lille, Sep. 18-21, 2002.

“Professional Crusaders: The Making of the Democracy Expert,” Joint Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association and Research Committee on the Sociology of Law (RCSL) of the International Sociological Association, Budapest, July 4-7, 2001.

“Social change as 'transition': from Marxism to contemporary democratization studies,” 34<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Tel Aviv, July 11-15, 1999.

“The evaluation of democracy programs as a political stake,” International Democracy Foundations Meeting, Montreal, May 28-29, 1998.

“Defining and measuring the consolidation of democracy” (with Philippe Schmitter), 5<sup>th</sup> conference of the European Science Foundation Network, Paris, May 15-17, 1998.

## **Discussant**

Presentation of Carla Benedetti’s *La letteratura ci salverà dall’estinzione* (Einaudi, 2021), Istituto per la Storia del Pensiero Filosofico e Scientifico Moderno, Università Federico II, Napoli, September 16, 2021.

International Studies Association, “The World of the Right 1: Radical Conservatism and International Order” (panel chair and discussant), Toronto, March 27-30, 2019.

Remarque Institute’s Kandersteg Seminar, “‘The Manner of the King that Shall Reign Over You’: Reconceptualizing Sovereignty,” March 11-15, Kandersteg, Switzerland, 2015.

“‘Architects of the World’: The Council on Foreign Relations, Chatham House, and a Century of Global Knowledge Regime Construction.” Princeton University, Feb. 23-24, 2015.

“Next Generation Philanthropy Scholars,” Rockefeller Archive Center, October 17, 2014.

“History of International Law Workshop,” Columbia University, Heyman Center for the Humanities, May 26, 2014.

Remarque Institute’s Kandersteg Seminar, “The New International Economic Order,” Kandersteg, Switzerland, March 30 - May 4, 2014.

“Why does Morgenthau matter now?” International Studies Association (ISA) annual convention, Toronto, March 26-29, 2014.

“Behavioral Sciences in the Postwar Era: Community of Discourse or Community of Practice?” (chair), History of Science Society Meeting, Boston, Nov. 21-24 2013.

“US Foreign Policy Meets Elite Studies,” ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 2-7, 2013.

“Informal or Formal? International Organization Decision-Making and Procedures” (chair), ISA Annual Convention, San Diego, Apr. 1-4, 2012.

“Mobilizing Necessary Knowledge for Public Policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Presidential sponsored roundtable, ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans, Feb. 17-20, 2010.

“Hans J. Morgenthau and the Politics Among Nations – 60 Years Later,” Roundtable, ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, March 26, 2010.

“Les révolutions dans l’espace post-soviétique”, Paris, CNRS/EHESS/MSH, Paris, Oct. 21, 2005.

Journée d’étude PRI, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, March 24, 2003.  
Discussant of: Axel Schäfer, *American Progressives and German Social Reform, 1875-1920. Social Ethics, Moral Control and the Regulatory State in a Transatlantic Context* (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2000).

## **Courses taught**

### **Postgraduate seminars**

Intellectual History, EUI, Department of History, Fall 2024.

Advanced Academic Writing (with Alexia Yates), EUI, Department of History, Fall 2024.

The Ends of History (with Goran Gaber, Max Weber Fellow), EUI, Department of History, Spring 2024.

Advanced Academic Writing (with Corinna Unger), EUI, Department of History, Spring 2024.

Histories of Knowledge (with Lauren Kassell), EUI, Department of History, Fall 2023, Spring 2022.

Core Seminar (Departmental Seminar), EUI, Department of History and Civilization, Fall 2021

Intellectual History: Methods, Debates and Questions, EUI, Department of History and Civilization, Fall 2021

Figures of Conspiracy: History, Politics, Religion, EUI, Department of History and Civilization, Spring 2021

March Paper Seminar (Ph.D. dissertation training seminar), EUI, Department of History and Civilization, Spring 2021

Jumping Scales: Studying and writing about transnational processes (co-convened with Sally Engle Merry), dissertation seminar, Institute for Public Knowledge / Department of Sociology, New York University, Spring 2009, 2010.

Full Spectrum: Democracy and Human Rights in the Age of Emergencies, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, 2008-2009.

European Business, Culture, and Politics in the “American Century” (INAFU8010), School of International and Political Affairs, Columba University, Spring semester 2006.

International Relations: Actors, Stakes, Theories. Université des Antilles et de la Guyane (UAG), Fort-de-France.

Masters course in the joint political science program between the UAG and the University of the West Indies, academic year 2010-2011.

Foundations and Key Issues in Human Rights (SO424), London School of Economics, Center for the Study of Human Rights / Department of Sociology, 2006-2007.

Political Sociology (SO203), London School of Economics, Department of Sociology, 2002-2003.

### **Undegraduate courses**

Conspiracy & Politics (PSC 31922), Department of Political Science, City College, CUNY, Spring 2020.

Human Rights Philosophy and History - PSC 31265, Department of Political Science, City College, CUNY, Fall 2020.

### **Invited teaching**

“Invisible University”/C.E.U. initiative for Ukrainian students. Instructor in the course “Ideologies on the move,” October 17, 2022.

Roundtable on the future of academic expertise, U.S. Military Academy West Point, Nov. 4, 2021.

### **Professional training**

“Historical approaches to disinformation and conspiracy theories,” European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO), 25 January 2023.

## **Academic Service**

### **Graduate student advising**

*Ph.D. supervised:*

Veerle Veerbeek, “A visual catalogue of atrocities. The role and impact of visual evidence in the prosecution of crimes against humanity since Nuremberg (1945).”

Aleksandr Lemeshinski, “Architecture as Soft Power in West Germany during the Cold War: Exhibitions, Buildings, Literature.”

Helen Grixti, “The “Spirituali” Connection: Intellectual reformers’ patronage of the theme of Tobias and the Angel in early sixteenth-century Venetian art and literature.”

Simon Neumaier, “Writing History Anew: The Dual Obligation in Early Socio-Economic History.”

Dennis Koelling, “Narrating Neoliberalism? Homo Oeconomicus as a Character in Popular Culture From the 1980s Until Today”

Ann Kristin Eriksen, “The artistic mapping of modern European cities”

Marina Simakova, “Discovering Popular Subjectivity: Intellect and Will in the Thought of Georges Sorel, Anatoly Lunacharsky, and Antonio Gramsci (1894-1922)”

Artur Banaszewski, “Disillusioned with communism. Zygmunt Bauman, Leszek Kolakowski and the global decline of orthodox Marxism, 1953-1981.”

Laurelin Middelkoop, “The Federal Idea in Commercial Society: the Abbé de Saint-Pierre & Jean-Jacques Rousseau.”

*As second reader:*

Thomas Ashby, “*De republica saeculari*: The Architectonic of Freedom and the Temporal Republic of Algernon Sidney,” EUI (defended 13 March 2024).

Margot Elmer, “An internationalist factory of ideas in Belgium: a transnational history of the Université Nouvelle de Bruxelles, 1894-1919.”

Martina Calì, “Narrative and rhetoric of prudence in early modern Venice.”

Georg-Henri Kaup, “Gathering the speakers: How an early modern imperial vision continues to animate Russia's foreign policy today”

Mikko Koskela, “Rhetoric and political thought through architecture – humanist urban planning in the 15th century”

Mónica Monmeneu González, “Art, associationism and female agency: the role of the European Lyceum Clubs”

Bert Drejer, EUI, “Liberty and Popular Sovereignty: Johannes Althusius (1563-1638) and Humanist Political Thought,” (defended April 17, 2023).

Nico Roman Weber, “International Order and the Pain of Negativity: Hegel’s Political Theology,” EUI, Law Department, (defended November 3, 2023).

*Ph.D. dissertation committees*

Daniel Jenkins Steinmetz, *The Other Intellectuals: Raymond Aron and the United States*, Columbia University, (Prospectus Committee), August 2016.

Guillaume Tronchet, Université Paris 1 Sorbonne, *Savoirs en diplomatie: une histoire sociale et transnationale de la politique universitaire française (années 1870 – années 1930)*, (defended December 5, 2014.)

Jenifer Telesca, *Red Gold: On the Global Politics of Regulating Marine Life*, NYU (defended October 30, 2013).

### **Habilitation committees**

Olivier Zajec, *Les fonctions politiques du conflit armé dans les relations internationales. Une approche réaliste interactionnelle*, Sciences Po, Paris, June 18, 2020.

### **Postdoctoral mentoring**

Kathleen McCrudden (Max Weber Fellow, EUI, 2021-2022)

Guillaume Lancereau (Max Weber Fellow, EUI, 2022-23)

Tetiana Zemliakova (Max Weber Fellow, EUI, 2022-2023)

Goran Gaber (Max Weber Fellow, EUI, 2023-2024)

### **University and departmental service**

Departmental Director of Research (September 2022-)  
Elected departmental representative at the Academic Council (2021-)  
Faculty representative at the Health, Safety and Security Committee (2021-)  
EUI coordinator, CIVICA research network “Democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” (2020-21)  
Deputy Director, CIRHUS, CNRS-New York University joint research center (2013-2015)  
Member of the Steering Committee, Centre de Sociologie Européenne, Paris (2004-2007)

### **Editorial committees**

Executive editor and founding member, *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism and Development*, University of Pennsylvania Press (2010-2019; Editorial board since 2019).  
Editorial associate, *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* (2010-)  
Editorial associate, *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales* (2003-)  
Editorial board member, *IPS. International Political Sociology* (2007-).  
Editorial associate, *Mouvements* (2001-2005)

### **Manuscript review**

Columbia University Press, Cambridge University Press, Stanford University Press, Duke University Press.  
*American Historical Review, Cultural Anthropology, Current Anthropology, History of the Human Sciences, International Organization; International Political Sociology; International Relations, International Theory, Modern Intellectual History, Constellations, Raisons Politiques, Critique Internationale, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, International Studies Quarterly, International Organization, Polity.*

### **Project evaluations**

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)  
Advisor to the Directorate General Research of the European Commission (2008) and rapporteur of the METRIS working group (Monitoring European Trends in Social Sciences and the Humanities – first exploratory report preparing for the H2020 program)

### **Grant committees**

Rockefeller Archive Center Grant Committee Member since 2014 (yearly).  
Remarque Institute, NYU, TEFE Fellowships (Technology, the Environment and the Future of Europe Initiative), 2023.

### **Tenure reviews and promotion committees**

Professor Kohl-Arenas, Milano School, The New School for Social Research, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Professor Carlo Invernizzi Accetti, City College New York, promotion to Full Professor, January 2022.

### **Languages**

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| French:          | native            |
| English:         | near native       |
| Italian:         | near native.      |
| Bulgarian:       | fluent            |
| German, Spanish: | working knowledge |

### **Professional memberships and affiliations**

Member of the Advisory Board, *Bibliothèques Sans Frontières* – Italian section, 2021-.

Member of the Advisory Board of the Consortium for Intellectual and Cultural History (<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cich/about.html>) 2015-.

Member, COST Action Network CA15101 (Comparative Analysis of Conspiracy Theories) (2019-2020)

International Studies Association (2007-2010, 2018)

Organizing Committee, HIRESS conference (2014)

American Political Science Association (2011-2012)