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### Employment

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- 2017– Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Edinburgh, UK
- 2015–2017 Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany
- 2012–2015 Junior Research Fellow, Carlos III-Juan March Institute for the Social Sciences\*\*, and Visiting Professor, Carlos III University, Madrid, Spain
- \*\*Formerly the Center for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (CEACS) of the Juan March Institute*

### Education

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- 2012 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
*Dissertation:* “Power and Pesos: Bureaucracy, Expertise and the Politics of Money in Mexico and Argentina”  
*Committee:* Erik Olin Wright (chair), John Levi Martin, Gay Seidman, Joan Fujimura, Menzie Chinn (economics)
- 2005 M.A. Humanities and Social Thought, New York University  
*Thesis:* “Money and Morality in Early Capitalism: The School of Salamanca’s Analysis of Exchange” (Advisor: Craig Calhoun)
- 2000 B.A. Sociology (with honors), Whitman College

### Research Interests

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Comparative economic and political sociology; social networks; organizations; globalization; sociological theory; sociology of knowledge; Latin America and Southern Europe

## Peer-reviewed publications

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- 2019 “The inversion of the ‘really big trade-off’: Homeownership and pensions in long run perspective.” *West European Politics* (with Sebastian Kohl).
- 2018 “Varieties of indebtedness: Financialization and mortgage market institutions in Europe” *Social Science Research* 70 (first author with Edo Navot).
- 2017 “Washington dissensus: Ambiguity and conflict at the International Monetary Fund.” *Socio-Economic Review* 15(1). Advance access, December 2015.
- 2016 “Consensus, Polarization and Alignment in the Economics Profession” *Sociological Science* 3 (first author with John Levi Martin and Misha Teplitsky).
- 2015 “Cohesion, Consensus and Conflict: Technocratic elites and financial crisis in Mexico and Argentina.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 56(5).
- 2015 “Cycles of polarization and settlement: diffusion and transformation in the macroeconomic policy field.” *Theory and Society* 44(4).
- 2012 “Charisma, status and gender in groups with and without gurus,” second author with John Levi Martin and Benjamin Zablocki. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51(1).

## Work in progress

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- “Relational herding in financial markets: Mortgage securitization and the Spanish banking crisis” (with Jacob Habinek)
- “Brokers, Clients and Elite Political Networks in Mexico”
- “Over-confident hedgehogs? Subjective confidence and political ideology in the economics profession” (with Austin Kozlowski)

## Other publications

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- 2016 “Economists are just like the rest of us. Their views on controversies line up with their ideologies.” Monkey Cage blog, Washington Post, Dec. 13. Also published on the ASA Work in Progress blog. <http://tinyurl.com/jv2nxq2>
- 2016 “The IMF and global exchange rates: dissensus in Washington,” Oxford University Press blog, <http://tinyurl.com/jg7sae9>
- 2013 “Economic expertise in hard times.” Infolibre (Spain; published in English and Spanish), <http://tinyurl.com/hy3378x>
- 2010 “Review of Martin Wolf, *Fixing Global Finance*, The Johns Hopkins University Press.” *Journal of World Systems Research* 16(2).

## Invited Presentations

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“The economics agora online: Open surveys and the politics of expertise”. Keynote address at the Digital Day of Ideas, University of Edinburgh, May 2018.

“Over-confident hedgehogs? Subjective confidence and political ideology in the economics profession”. London School of Economics Sociology Seminar Series, March 2018.

“Power and pesos: bureaucracy, expertise and the politics of money”. Cultures of Economic Expertise workshop, London School of Economics, September 2017.

“Brokers, Clients and Elite Political Networks in Mexico.” Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City, October 2015; University of Kiel, October 2016; and Institute for Analytical Sociology, Linköping University, Sweden, May 2017.

“The Portfolio Society in Europe: Financial Intensification and Household Debt in Six European Countries.” Babies, Bonds and Buildings workshop, Central European University, Budapest, May 2015.

“A Paradox of Bureaucratic Autonomy: Central Bank Legitimacy, Transparency and Commitment.” Center for Social and Constitutional Studies, Madrid, December 2013.

“Washington Dissensus? Ambiguity and Conflict at the International Monetary Fund.” University of Edinburgh, February 2013.

## Conference Papers

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“The Diffusion of Financial Exuberance: Securitization in the Spanish Banking Sector.” Research report presented at the workshop Financial Innovation, Diffusion and Institutionalization: the Case of Securitization, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, June 2016.

“Do Housing Bubbles Redistribute Wealth? Evidence from Spain.” Presented at the workshop Inequality: the Wealth-Credit-Housing Nexus and its Political Consequences, Max Planck-Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo), Paris, April 2016.

“The Portfolio Society in Europe: Financial Intensification and Household Debt in Six European Countries.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Socio-Economics, London, July 2015.

“Brokers, Clients and Elite Political Networks in Mexico.” Presented at the Comparative Political Networks workshop, Carlos III University, Madrid, June 2015 and Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2016, and American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 2016.

“A Paradox of Bureaucratic Autonomy: Central bank Legitimacy, Autonomy and Commitment. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 2014.

“Accounting for Household Debt: Inequality, Social Policy or Financialization?” Financialization and its Consequences Conference, Carlos III-Juan March Center for the Social Sciences, Madrid, June 2014.

“Washington Dissensus? Ambiguity and Conflict at the International Monetary Fund.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 2013.

“Strategic Transparency: Crisis, Legitimacy and Central Bank Strategies in the Global Diffusion of Inflation Targeting.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Socio-Economics, Milan, June 2013.

“Cycles of contention and settlement: Rethinking the Dynamics of Change in the Macroeconomic Policy Field.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Vancouver, November 2012.

“A Theory of the Bureaucratic Field: Elite Circulation, Professional Networks and the Policy Process.” Presented at the 6th Junior Theorists Symposium, Denver, August 2012.

“Washington Dissensus? Ambiguity and Conflict at the International Monetary Fund.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, August 2012.

“Conflict and Consensus among Elite Economists in the State.” Presented at the 2nd International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology, Buenos Aires, August 2012.

“Rethinking the Political Economy of High Inflation: Latin America in the 1980s.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Boston, November 2011.

“Shifting the Center: Financial Crises and the Transnational Field of Economics.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, August 2011.

“Network Cohesion and Policy Consensus among Economic Experts.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 2010.

“Money and Morality in Early Capitalism: The School of Salamancas Analysis of Exchange.” Presented at Politics and Culture: The Third Annual NYLON Conference, London, March 2005.

## Grants and Fellowships

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2009	Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (\$15,000)
2009	Research Travel Grant, Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$1,000)
2008	International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (\$25,000)
2007	Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (\$5,000)
2007	Summer Research Fellowship, Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$3,000)
2006	Research Travel Grant, Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$1,000)
2004	Graduate School of Arts and Science Tuition Scholarship, New York University

## Other awards

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2012	American Sociological Association Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (declined)
2012	Honorable mention for “Cohesion, Consensus and Conflict in Bureaucratic State Elites,” Ronald S. Burt Student Paper Award from the Economic Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association
2008	Distinction on Preliminary Examination, Sociology of Economic Change and Development
2008	Distinction on Preliminary Examination, Sociology of Science
2005	Gillen Welcome Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2000	Eli Chertok Award for excellence in writing a senior thesis in sociology, Department of Sociology, Whitman College

## Teaching Experience

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2015	Invited instructor: Mini-course on political networks, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City
2015	Lecturer: Theories of International Relations (Globalization and Development), IE School of International Relations, Madrid, Spain <i>–Award for highest student evaluations within department in semester</i>
2012	Lecturer: Classical Sociological Theory, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2010	Lecturer: Problems of American Racial and Ethnic Minorities, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2008	Lecturer: Problems of American Racial and Ethnic Minorities, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2008	Teaching Assistant: Survey of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2005	Teaching Assistant: Survey of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## Professional Service

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Organizer of Futures of Finance and Society conference, University of Edinburgh, December 2018

Organizer of workshop on Financial Innovation, Diffusion and Institutionalization: the Case of Securitization, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, June 2016

Organizer of workshop on Inequality: the Wealth-Credit-Housing Nexus and its Political Consequences, Max Planck-Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies, April 2016

Organizer of Comparative Political Networks conference, Carlos III-Juan March Institute, Madrid, June 2015

Jury, Burt Student Paper award, Economic Sociology section of the American Sociological Association, 2015

Reviewer for *The American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Theory and Society*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *World Politics*, *Current Sociology*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Æconomía*, *European Societies*, *Finance and Society*, Routledge, Bristol University Press.

Graduate Forum member, New York University, 2005; Organizer and Moderator, Draper Colloquium, New York University, 2003–04

## Professional Affiliations

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American Sociological Association; Social Science History Association; Society for the Study of Socio-Economics

## Languages

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Fluent Spanish; Intermediate French; Basic German