

STEFAN EICH

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Yale University, Ph.D. *Political Science*, Expected May 2016.

Ardon L. Judd Scholarship Fellow

Field Exams: Political Theory (with distinction) and Comparative Politics (with distinction)

Dissertation: *The Currency of Justice: Toward a Political Theory of Money*

Committee: Seyla Benhabib (chair), Bryan Garsten, Karuna Mantena, Adam Tooze (Columbia University)

University of Cambridge, 2009-2010.

M.Phil., *Political Thought and Intellectual History*. First Class Honours and Distinguished Performance.

University of Oxford, 2004-2007.

B.A. (hons.), *Philosophy, Politics and Economics*. First Class Honours (Double First).

DISSERTATION

The Currency of Justice: Toward a Political Theory of Money

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This dissertation recovers and explores an account of currency as a central political institution in the history of political thought. While political thought is replete with suspicions against the abstraction and acquisitiveness induced by money, I argue that currency is not only an economic tool but also a political institution constitutive of any political community and essential for the pursuit of social justice. The project is structured as a study of five historical episodes of monetary politics and the imprint they left in the history of political thought. Grounding my argument is the observation, developed in the first chapter through a reading of Aristotle, that currency (*nomisma*) was a central tool of civic reciprocity and commensurability in the ancient polis. The second chapter turns to John Locke's influential role in the Coinage Crisis of 1695 and offers an integrated account of Locke's philosophy of language and his political philosophy of money as characterized by a worry about the fragility of societal trust. The third chapter is framed through the introduction of paper money during the British suspension period (1797-1821) and traces how the experiment resonated with the German Romantics, in particular J.G. Fichte who based his proposal for a closed commercial state on the new possibilities of fiat money. The fourth chapter turns to the interwar period and offers a reading of John Maynard Keynes's call for the constitutionalization of money. The fifth chapter concludes by contrasting the domestic and international politics of money after the collapse of Bretton Woods with its eclipse in political theory since the late 1970s.

PUBLICATIONS

"The Currency of Justice: Aristotle on Money as a Political Institution of Civic Reciprocity" (under review).

"The Great Inflation" (co-authored with Adam Tooze), *Vorgeschichte der Gegenwart*, ed. Anselm Doering-Manteuffel, Lutz Raphael and Thomas Schlemmer (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2015).

"Restructuring Democracy and the Idea of Europe" (co-authored with Seyla Benhabib), *The Cambridge History of Modern European Thought*, ed. Warren Breckman and Peter E. Gordon (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

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WORKING PAPERS

“Max Weber, Politics and the Crisis of Historicism” (co-authored with Adam Tooze).

“From History to Evolution: Jürgen Habermas and the Philosophy of History”.

“From Kant to Hegel: German Romanticism and Paper Money”.

“The Linguistic Turn of the Economy: Money and Speech After Bretton Woods”.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSLATIONS

“Die Poetik des Geldes,” *Süddeutsche Zeitung, Feuilleton* (January 22, 2015), page 13.

“The Politics of Money,” *IWMpost*, No. 114 (Winter 2014/2015), pages 11-20.

“A weekend in February 1797 and the power of the central bank,” *NPR Marketplace*, National radio story about my research, by Sabri Ben-Achour (December 5, 2013).

Translation: Seyla Benhabib, *Gleichheit und Differenz* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013).

Translation: Seyla Benhabib, “Menschenrechte und die Kritik der humanitären Vernunft,” in: *Kosmopolitismus ohne Illusionen* (Berlin: Suhrkamp, forthcoming).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Ardon L. Judd Scholarship Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University.

Fellow, *Centre for Law, Economics and Society, University College London (UCL)*, January 2016-present.

Junior Research Fellow, *Institute for Human Sciences (IWM)*, Vienna, June-December 2014.

European Studies Council Fellow, *Yale University*, June-August 2011.

Loughman Scholarship, *University College, University of Oxford*, 2010 (declined).

AHRC Scholarship for D.Phil. in Political Theory, *University of Oxford*, 2010 (declined).

Styring Scholarship, *The Queen’s College, University of Oxford*, 2005-2007.

Winner of the Bank of England Macroeconomics Challenge, *Oxford Economics Forecasting*, 2006.

PRESENTATIONS

“The Currency of Justice? John Maynard Keynes and the Political Theory of Money,” *Princeton University*.
November 10, 2015.

“The Allure of Dark Times: Max Weber, Politics and the Crisis of Historicism” (with Adam Tooze), *Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Conference*, Washington D.C., October 18, 2015.

“John Maynard Keynes and the Political Theory of Money,” *Yale University*, Political Theory Workshop.
October 1, 2015.

“The Currency of Justice. Aristotle on the Ambivalence of Money,” *Yale University*, Department of Political Science. April 7, 2015.

Discussant. “Perpetual Peace and Political Theory in the Enlightenment.” Isaac Nakhimovsky. *Yale University*, Political Theory Workshop. March 25, 2015.

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- “The Missing Political Theory of Money,” *Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna*. December 9, 2014.
- “From Kant to Hegel: German Romanticism and Paper Money,” Junior Fellows Conference, *Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna*. December 15, 2014.
- “The Currency of Justice: Aristotle on the Ambivalence of Money,” *Political Theory Workshop, University of Freiburg*. December 2, 2014.
- “From History to Evolution: Jürgen Habermas and the Philosophy of History,” *Harvard University, Center for History and Economics*. May 2, 2013.
- “Jürgen Habermas on the Philosophy of History,” *Yale University, Conference on the Franco-German Dialogue on the Philosophy of History*. April 15, 2013.
- “The Allure of Dark Times. Max Weber’s Political Realism?” (with Adam Tooze), *NYU*. March 25, 2013.
- “Political Theory and the Crisis of Historicism: Weber, Meinecke and Troeltsch” (with Adam Tooze). *Yale Law School, Legal Theory Faculty Workshop*. February 2, 2012.
- Discussant. “Between Politics and Political Theory: Habermas, Realism, and Political Action in Time.” David Lebow. *Yale University Political Theory Workshop*. December 7, 2011.
- “Max Weber, Politics and the Crisis of Historicism” (with Adam Tooze). *Yale University, Political Science Department, Conference: “Means and Ends: Rethinking Political Realism”*. April 22, 2011.
- “Max Weber in the Federal Republic.” *Cambridge University, Political Thought & Intellectual History Group*. May 2010.

TEACHING

Teaching areas: History of Political Thought (ancient, early-modern, and modern), Contemporary Political Theory, International Political Economy, Economic History, Politics of Money.

- “Introduction to Political Philosophy,” Yale University. Spring 2014.
- “European Political Thought from Weber to Derrida,” Yale University. Fall 2013.
- “Religion and Politics.” Yale University. Spring 2013 and 2015.
- “Anarchy and Authority,” Yale University. Fall 2012.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant. Seyla Benhabib, Department of Political Science, Yale University. 2010-2015.
- Research Assistant. Bryan Garsten, Department of Political Science, Yale University. 2011-2012.
- Greenhill & Co., Analyst. London. 2007-2009.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer, *European Journal of Political Theory (EJPT)*, 2015-Present.
- Assistant, *Conference for the Study of Political Thought*, 2015-Present.
- Co-convener, *Yale Political Theory Workshop*, 2013-2014.
- Co-founder and organizer (with Adam Tooze), *Historical Theory Reading Group*, Yale University, 2010-Present.
- Co-convener, “Inventing the Economy: An Interdisciplinary Workshop.” *Yale University*, April 5-6, 2013.

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Graduate Affiliate, *Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University*, 2011-2014.

Undergraduate Mentor, *Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University*, 2011-2014.

Alumni Mentor, *Oxford University*, 2010-2012.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Society for U.S. Intellectual History (S-USIH)

The American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (NOMOS)

LANGUAGES

English, German, French, reading proficiency in Spanish and Portuguese, basic Greek and Latin.

REFERENCES

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