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2017-2018

*Postdoctoral  
position*

FELLOW, INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL CHANGE —  
*University of California, Santa Barbara*

2013-2017

*Education*

PH.D. IN GERMAN — *University of Cambridge*  
Dissertation: 'The Ends of Utopian Thinking: Marx, Adorno, Bloch'

2012-2013

M.Sc. IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY — *University of Oxford*  
Dissertation: 'The Discourse of the Thatcher Government: The Case of the 1981  
Budget'

2011-2012

DIPLOMA IN ECONOMICS — *University of Cambridge*

2008-2011

B.Sc. IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS — *School of Oriental and African Studies*  
Dissertation: 'Monetary Policy after the Financial Crisis'

*Visiting positions*

April 2016-September 2017 · 'Department of Practical Philosophy, Philosophy of  
Law and Social Philosophy — *Humboldt University of Berlin*

April-August 2015 · 'Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School' — *Free University of  
Berlin*

*Publications*

'The Possibility of Envisioning Utopias' in Henk de Berg and Catherine Moir  
(eds.), *The Idea of Materialism: Ernst Bloch between Hegel and Marx* (Brill,  
forthcoming in 2018)

'Imagining a Caring Society', *Nyx, a nocturnal*, Issue 10, August 2016

Review of *Utopia as Method: Imaginary Reconstitution of Society* by Ruth Levitas,  
*Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, 20 June 2014

*Talks*

Nov 2017 · 'On Ernst Bloch, utopian ideas and their realisation' —  
'Anticipation 2017', — Interdisciplinary conference — Senate House, London

Nov 2015 · 'Countering the *outopia* of utopia in Contemporary Critical Theory'  
— 'The Future of Critique and Emancipatory Practice', Interdisciplinary  
Conference On Critical Theory — European University Institute (EUI), Florence

Oct 2015 · 'The *outopia* of utopia in Critical Theory A Fatal Mistake?' —  
'Alterity, Resistance, and Social Change: Marxist and Postmarxist Approaches',  
Interdisciplinary German Socialism Network of the German Studies  
Association — Washington, D.C.

May 2015 · 'Mapping Eross struggle and victory' — '8th International Critical  
Theory Conference of Rome', John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University  
Chicago — Rome

May 2015 · 'The Emancipatory Potential of Conceptual Utopias' — 'Potsdamer Doktorandenforum fr Zeitgeschichte: Utopie und Alltag', Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam

Nov 2014 · 'Let me tell you a story of how Eros comes to rule the world' — 'Story and Plot', Cambridge German Graduate Symposium — Jesus College, University of Cambridge

Sept 2014 · 'Critical Theory and the Question of Violence: The 1968 Students Protests' — 'Enlightened Anarchism', Interdisciplinary Conference — Lapland University, Rovaniemi, Finland

Sept 2014 · 'Intellectuals and the 1968 Student Protests: Did Adorno, Bloch and Marcuse Practice What They Preached?' — German History Society Annual Conference — National University of Ireland Maynooth

July 2014 · 'The Concept of Utopia in the Marxist Tradition: Does Utopian Thinking Prevent or Facilitate Social Change?' — Eine heile Welt?/An Ideal World, Third Salzburg Institute Symposium — University of Salzburg

June 2014 · 'Negating Utopia: The Theoretical Renunciation of Utopian Thinking by the Frankfurt School' — DAAD Summer School 'Radical Traditions' — University of Manchester

May 2014 · 'The Utopian in Marx and Engels' Thought' — German Graduate Research Seminar — University of Cambridge

Feb 2014 · 'What is Critical Theory?' — Robinson College Research Day — University of Cambridge

#### Teaching

Jan to April 2018 · Course convenor and lecturer, 'The Politics of Utopia', Department of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara

2014-2016 · Supervisions on 'Social Theory' Paper, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge

Feb 2015 · Lecture on 'The Frankfurt School', 'German History and Thought since 1970' Paper, Department of German and Dutch, University of Cambridge

July 2014 · Lecture on 'The Communist Manifesto', Sutton Trust Summer School, University of Cambridge

Jan 2014 - present · Course convenor of and lecturer at Ph.D.-taught course 'Paper o: Neglects of Neoclassical Economics' ([www.cseppapero.com](http://www.cseppapero.com)), University of Cambridge

#### Awards

2015-2017 · Hanseatic Scholarship, Alfred Toepfer Stiftung

2015 · Funding for participation at the German History Society Annual Conference

2014 · Funding for participation at DAAD Summer School 'Radical Traditions'

2013-2016 · Slovene Human Resource and Development Fund Scholarship

2013-2015 · Tiarks German Scholarship Fund

2013 · Funding for participation at the Interdisciplinary Summer School, European Forum Alpbach

#### Outreach

2014-2017 · Co-convenor of Critical Theory and Practice Seminar Series, University of Cambridge ([www.criticaltheoryseminar.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.criticaltheoryseminar.blogspot.co.uk))

2011 – 2012 · President and co-founder of the Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism ([cambridgepluralism.org](http://cambridgepluralism.org))

#### Work Experience

Jun-Jul 2012 · Financial Service Authority (FSA) — London, United Kingdom

Jun-Jul 2011 · Institute for Macroeconomic Research and Analysis (IMAD) — Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Languages*

SLOVENIAN · Mothertongue

ENGLISH · Fluent

GERMAN · Advanced

MANDARIN · Basic

December 27, 2017