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EMPLOYMENT

Watson Institute, Brown University

Providence, RI

Postdoctoral Fellow in International and Public Affairs
July 2020- Summer 2022

EDUCATION

Columbia University

New York City, NY

PhD in International and Global History (September 2020)

Dissertation: *Empire of inequality: the politics of taxation in the French colonial empire, 1900-1950s*

Advisor: Emmanuelle Saada

Committee members: Susan Pedersen, Emmanuelle Saada, Adam Tooze, Vanessa Ogle, Thomas Piketty

General Examinations fields: Debt, Taxation, and Power; French Empires; Comparative Empires; Colonial Southeast Asia

University of Cambridge

Cambridge, UK

MPhil in Modern European History (with distinction) (June 2014)

Thesis: *The politics of taxation in the French Empire: the case of Indochina, 1897-1939*

Advisor: Martin Daunton

London School of Economics and Political Science

London, UK

MSc Politics and Government in the European Union

Stream II: The International Relations of Europe (2011)

Sciences Po Paris

Paris, FR

Master in European Affairs (2011)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

“E. R. A. Seligman, initiator of global progressive public finance”, *Journal of Global History*, Volume 13, Issue 3, November 2018, pp. 352-373

“The cost of cheapness: the meaning of colonial “financial autonomy”” in Gurminder K. Bhambra and Julia McClure (Eds.) *Imperial Inequalities: States, Empires, Taxation* (Forthcoming, 2021)

WORKING PAPERS

“An imperial genealogy of international tax governance”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Global Taxation Is a Mess. Here’s How to Start Fixing It.” *The Nation*, December 20, 2019

“Quantitative Literacy for historians: who’s afraid of numbers?” (with Nicholas Mulder), *Perspectives on History*, Guest Blog, May 18, 2016

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

Max Weber postdoctoral fellowship, European University Institute (declined)

Core Program Fellowship, Camargo Foundation, Cassis, France, Spring 2019

Visiting PhD researcher, University of California Los Angeles, Prof. Minayo Nasiali, Fall 2018

Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellow, Summer Research Abroad, Sasakawa Fund, Japan, Summer 2018

GSAS International Travel Fellowship, Columbia University, 2017-2018

Alliance Doctoral Mobility Grant, Sciences Po Paris and Columbia University, Fall 2017

African Humanities Project Fellowship, Columbia Institute for African Studies, Summer 2017

Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF), 2016

Center for History and Economics “History Project” Research Grant, Harvard University and University of Cambridge, 2016

Global Innovation Fellowship graduate student mentor, Columbia University, 2016

History in Action Research Assistantship for the “Money, Numbers and Power Series” - American Historical Association and INET YSI, 2016

Swiss Study Foundation Summer Research Fellowship, Swiss Study Foundation, Zürich, 2015

Dean Alonso Summer Language Fellowship (Vietnamese), Columbia University, 2015

Weatherhead East Asian Institute Summer Training Grant, Columbia University, 2015

Richard Hofstadter Fellowship, Columbia University, 2014

Ellen McArthur Grant, University of Cambridge, 2014

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES, INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Organized Conferences and Events

“Capital and Ideology” – A closed workshop with Thomas Piketty, April 13, 2020, *Maison Française*, Columbia University (cancelled)

“New Political Economies of the French empire, 19th and 20th centuries”, *Maison Française*, Columbia University, February 28, 2020. One-day interdisciplinary conference co-sponsored by ISERP (Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy), the department of History, and the Heyman Center for the Humanities.

“Money, Numbers and Power Series”, Columbia University, Fall 2016. Co-sponsored by the American Historical Association and INET YSI. A semester-long speakers’ series bringing together economists, political scientists, and historians. Organized with Nicholas Mulder.

Invited Talks

“The cost of cheapness: the meaning of colonial “financial autonomy””, *Imperial inequalities workshop*, University of Sussex, Online conference co-organized with the Tax Justice Network, October, 15, 2020

“Empire of inequality: the politics of taxation in the French colonial empire, 1900-1950s” *ISERP Interdisciplinary Seminar Series*, Columbia University, April 3, 2020 (cancelled)

“The politics of European fiscal privilege in the French colonial empire”, *European History and Politics Workshop*, Columbia University, October 2019

“Is there a spatial turn in economic history?”, *Center for History and Economics Paris Center* launching event, *Centre de sociologie des organisations*, Sciences Po Paris, June 2019

“Empire, taxes, and loopholes: taxation and colonial capitalism in the French empire, 1920s-1950s”, *UCLA European Colloquium*, November 2018

“Histoire politique et sociale de l’impôt en situation coloniale”, *Université pour Tous, Centre Diocésain des Glycines*, Algiers, Algeria, March 2018

“Empire of inequality: the politics of taxation in the French colonial empire, 1918-1939”, *État, Institutions, Sociétés seminar, Sciences Po, Paris*, February 2018

“Was there an *indigénat fiscal*? Colonial fiscal power, law and exception in the French colonial empire, 1881-1939”, *Law and its History Workshop*, Columbia Law School, February 25, 2017

“Paying for subjection: the politics of taxation in the French colonial empire, 1918-1939”, *Global Histories of Taxation and State Finances since the late 19th century, Conference of the Laureate of the 2016 International Research Award in Global History*, Basel, Switzerland, December 1-3, 2016

Conference presentations

“The Political Economy of European Colonialism”, Speaker on the “Mind the Methodological Gap: Economics, History, and Economic History” panel, *American Historical Association Annual Conference*, Seattle, January 2021 (accepted)

“Taxation in time of crisis: the politics of anticolonial tax resistance in the French empire in the 1930s”, *French Colonial Historical Society Annual Conference*, Sherbrooke University, Montréal, June 2019

“Tax justice in the colonies: the politics of taxation and inequality in colonial Algeria, 1918-1939”, *Society for the Study of French History 2018 Annual Conference*, University of Warwick, UK, July 2018

“Fiscal Justice in the Colonies? The Politics of Taxation in the French Colonial Empire 1900-1939”, *Cultures and Knowledge of the economy 2016 Summer School*, German Historical Institute, Paris, June 2016

History Across Borders Workshop, Columbia University, USA, January 2016

French Colonial Historical Society Annual Conference, Pannasatra University, Siem Reap, Cambodia, June 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External reviewer: *The Business History Review*, *International Labor and Working-Class History*

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Rapporteur, “Beyond France”, Columbia University Seminar co-convened by Tabettha Ewing, Gregory Mann, and Emmanuelle Saada, 2016-2017; 2019-2020

Co-organizer, “Money, Numbers and Power Speakers Series”, Columbia University, 2016

Coordinator, New York Southeast Asia Network (NYSEAN), Columbia University, 2015-2016

Co-convenor, History Across Borders workshop, Columbia University, 2015-2016

Professional Membership: American Historical Association, French Colonial Historical Society

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Watson Institute, Brown University, main instructor

Spring 2021 *French colonialism in global perspective* (junior seminar)

Columbia University, Teaching Fellow

Spring 2020 *American Civilization since 1865* – Prof. Premilla Nadasen

Fall 2019 *American Civilization to 1865* – Prof. Andrew Lipman

Spring 2017 *Modern France and its Empire* – Prof. Emmanuelle Saada

Fall 2016 *Politics of Terror: The French Revolution* – Prof. Charly Coleman

Fall 2015 *Capitalism in Crisis: A Global History of the Great Recession* – Prof. Adam Tooze

Columbia University, Graduate Student Mentor

2015-2016 Global Innovation Fund senior thesis program

OTHER ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 – 2013: **Pompeu Fabra University - Economics department**, Barcelona, Spain –Research Assistant to Prof. Hans-Joachim Voth. Conducted research on the ERC-funded project “Securities in Times of Insecurity: Asset returns and Holdings during Political, Social and Economic Crises 1900- 1950”

2011-2012: Public Affairs Officer - **Inmarsat SA**, Switzerland

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Capitalism and Empire, Racial capitalism, History of economic life

Fiscal history, History of inequality, History of capitalism

Modern European History, French colonialism in global perspective, Comparative empires

Colonial Southeast Asia, Colonial Africa, Colonial North Africa

LANGUAGES

French (native)

English (fluent)

Vietnamese (reading)

German (reading)

Arabic (beginner)