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Education

2020
(expected) **Brown University**
Ph.D., Political Science
Comprehensive Exams: Comparative Politics (distinction) and International Relations
Committee: Mark Blyth (chair), Richard Locke, Nitsan Chorev (Sociology)

Dissertation

“Monopoly Politics: Price Competition and Learning in the Evolution of Policy Regimes”

My dissertation explains why many advanced industrial states have experienced long-term policy alternations between favoring price competition and promoting the market power of dominant firms. Using original archival evidence from eight archives across the United States and France, I challenge existing conventional wisdom regarding “national models” of political economy and the origins of economic policy change. Both the endurance and eventual changes to these policy regimes occur primarily because the rising, secondary costs of competition or market power are initially ignored by policymakers committed to the approach. Showing that many states sustain policy regimes in favor of one or the other for extended periods, I draw on insights from sociology, psychology, and economics to argue that policymakers are drawn to simple mental models of competition or market power that forestall policy reconsideration and predispose leaders to see policies in simple terms of whether they promote competition or not.

2016 **Brown University**
M.A., Political Science

2011 **University of California at Berkeley**
B.A., Political Science (Highest Honors)
Distinction in General Scholarship
Intensive Russian Language Program at International University in Moscow (Fall 2009)

Academic Affiliations

May 2019 **Max Planck Institute for European Legal History**, Frankfurt, Germany
Dialogue Scholarship

Fall 2018 **Sciences Po Centre d'études européenne et de politique comparée**, Paris, France
Visiting Researcher

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2018 “Periodizing, Paths, and Probabilities: Why Critical Junctures and Path Dependence Produce Causal Confusion.” *Review of International Political Economy* 25(1): 122-143, DOI: 10.1080/09692290.2017.1387586.

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative and International Political Economy
Business-State Relations
Price Competition and Market Power
Antitrust and Intellectual Property Rights
The Politics of Trade and Finance
The Politics of Economic Ideas
Institutional Change
Comparative Historical Analysis

Work in Progress

“Cartels, Competition, and Coalitions: the New Deal and Shifting Policy Orders” (under review)

“Ententes and National Champions in Post-War France”

“Liberalization, Protectionism, and Pervasive Market Regulation: Cartels, Trade, and Competition in Practice”

“Financial Crises, Diversionary Conflict, and Authoritarian Regimes: A 200-year Assessment” (with Tim Turnbull)

“Culture and Technology as Ambiguous Variables” (with Sanne Verschuren)

Awards and Fellowships

2014-2016 & 2017-2018 Brown University Presidential Fellowship

2017 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Open Pool Funding Recipient

2018-2020 Department of Political Science Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University

Research Presentations

2019 “Liberalization, Protectionism, and Pervasive Market Regulation: Cartels, Trade, and Competition in Practice,” presented at Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), New York, NY.

2019 “Cartels, Trade, and National Champions: Policy Regimes of Competition and Market Power in Post-war France,” presented at Council for European Studies, Madrid, Spain.

2019 “Self-Undermining Policy Regimes: Competition and Market Power in the U.S. and France,” presented at MPSA, Chicago, IL.

2018 “Ententes and National Champions: Post-War French Competition Policy in Comparative Perspective,” presented at EHESS Political Economy Workshop, Paris, France.

2018	“From Restricted Markets to Trust-Busting: Revising the American Industrial Regime 1930-1955,” presented at Balsillie School Global Political Economy Dissertation Workshop, Waterloo, Canada.
2016	“Monopoly Politics: Competition, Consolidation, and Inequality in a Globalized World,” presented at the Brown University Comparative Politics Graduate Workshop.
2016	“From Big Business to Foreign Enemies: The Inverted Diffusion of Antitrust,” presented at the Brown University Comparative Politics Graduate Workshop.
2016	“Let Not Time Deceive You: Contingency and Periodization in Comparative Political Economy,” presented at the Brown University Comparative Politics Graduate Workshop.

Teaching

Brown University, Department of Political Science

Spring 2017	Quantitative Research Methods (Graduate) Teaching Assistant for Robert Blair
Spring 2017	The Politics of Health and Disease (Undergraduate) Teaching Assistant for Prerna Singh
January 2017	Math Prefresher for Political Science (Graduate) Primary Instructor
Fall 2016	Money and Power in International Political Economy (Undergraduate) Teaching Assistant for Mark Blyth

Methodological Training and Skills

Quantitative Methods	Ordinary Least-Squares, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Panel and Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data, Observational Causal Inference (instrumental variables, propensity-score matching, regression discontinuity designs, difference-in-differences), Survival Analysis. University of Michigan, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR): 2016 attendee.
Qualitative Methods	Archival Research, Comparative Historical Analysis, Process Tracing. Syracuse University, Institute for Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research (IQMR): 2017 attendee.
Languages	French (fluent), Russian (basic), German (basic), Modern Greek (basic)
Software	Stata, R, L ^A T _E X

Academic Support

Reviewer for *Review of International Political Economy*

2016 - 2018 Research Assistant, Jeff Colgan

2014 - 2015 Coordinator for Brown Graduate Comparative Politics Research Workshop

Professional Experience

2013 - 2014 ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act) Litigation Paralegal, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC

2011 - 2012 Paralegal, Morelli Ratner PC

References

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