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Academic Appointments

2020-2022 **Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs**
Postdoctoral Research Associate

Education

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

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

2021-2022 **Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies**, Washington, DC
Visiting Scholar

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

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
Comparative Historical Analysis
Research Design and Methods

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2020 “Cartels, competition, and coalitions: the domestic drivers of international orders.” *Review of International Political Economy* (Online), DOI: 10.1080/09692290.2020.1788971.
- 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.
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Edited Volumes

“Antitrust, Free Trade, and Fissuring” in *The Cambridge Handbook of Labor in Competition Law*, edited by Sanjukta Paul, Shae McCrystal, and Ewan McGaughey (forthcoming 2022).

Book Project

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

The book project, based on 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 in the United States and France, I challenge existing conventional wisdom regarding “national models” of political economy and the origins of economic policy change. I draw on insights from microeconomics, psychology, sociology, and bureaucratic politics 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. The changes to these policy regimes occur primarily because of accumulating diminishing returns to competition or market power, but which are initially ignored by policymakers committed to the policy regime.

Work in Progress

“Monopoly Politics: Price Competition, Learning, and the Evolution of Policy Regimes” (*Revise and Resubmit at World Politics*)

“Statism and National Champions: Political Economy and Institutional Change in Post-War France” (working paper)

Adam Smith Meets George Orwell: Markets, Antitrust, and the Politics of Language (working paper)

Politics and Poison Pills: Rethinking Conceptualization and Research Design for Endogenous Institutional Change (working paper)

“International Banking Crises and Authoritarian Sovereign Default: A Democratic Advantage?” (working paper)

Awards and Fellowships

2021-2023	Economic Security Project, Anti-Monopoly Fund Grant (\$30,000)
2018-2020	Department of Political Science Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University
2017	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Open Pool Funding Recipient
2014-2016 & 2017-2018	Brown University Presidential Fellowship

Research Presentations

2021	“Adam Smith Meets George Orwell: Markets, Antitrust, and the Politics of Language,” APSA, Virtual due to COVID-19.
2021	“Adam Smith Meets George Orwell: Markets, Antitrust, and the Politics of Language,” SASE, Virtual due to COVID-19.
2021	“Monopoly Politics: Price Competition, Learning, and the Evolution of Policy Regimes” and “Statism and National Champions: Political Economy and Institutional Change in Post-War France,” Council for European Studies, Virtual due to COVID-19.
2021	“Monopoly Politics: Price Competition, Learning, and the Evolution of Policy Regimes” and “Financial Crises, Diversionary Conflict, and Authoritarian Regimes: A 200-year Assessment,” MPSA, Virtual due to COVID-19.
2020	“Politics and Poison Pills: Rethinking Conceptualization and Research Design for Endogenous Institutional Change,” APSA, Virtual due to COVID-19.
2020	“Monopoly Politics: Price Competition and Learning in the Evolution of Policy Regimes” and “Rethinking Statism: The Politics of Competition and Investment in Post-War France,” SASE, Virtual due to COVID-19.
2020	“Monopoly Politics: Price Competition and Learning in the Evolution of Policy Regimes” and “Rethinking Statism: The Politics of Competition and Investment in Post-War France,” Council for European Studies (cancelled due to COVID-19).
2019	“Liberalization, Protectionism, and Pervasive Market Regulation: Cartels, Trade, and Competition in Practice,” SASE, New York, NY.
2019	“Cartels, Trade, and National Champions: Policy Regimes of Competition and Market Power in Post-war France,” Council for European Studies, Madrid, Spain.
2019	“Self-Undermining Policy Regimes: Competition and Market Power in the U.S. and France,” MPSA, Chicago, IL.
2018	“Ententes and National Champions: Post-War French Competition Policy in Comparative Perspective,” EHESS Political Economy Workshop, Paris, France.

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

Teaching

Brown University

Summer - Fall 2020	Global Markets: Money, Power, Taxes and Growth (Executive MBA Course) Teaching Assistant for Mark Blyth
Fall 2020	Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (Political Science, Graduate) Primary Instructor
Spring 2017	Quantitative Research Methods (Political Science, Graduate) Teaching Assistant for Robert Blair
Spring 2017	The Politics of Health and Disease (Political Science, Undergraduate) Teaching Assistant for Prerna Singh
January 2017	Math Prefresher for Political Science (Political Science, Graduate) Primary Instructor
Fall 2016	Money and Power in International Political Economy (Political Science, 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, Elite Interviews, 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*, the *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, and *International Relations*
- 2021 Co-organizer, “Disorganized Labor Meets the Franchise Economy” Virtual Workshop at Rhodes Center for International Finance, Brown University
- 2019-2020 Editor, Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Newsletter
- 2016 - 2018 Research Assistant, Jeff Colgan
- 2014 - 2015 Coordinator for Brown Graduate Comparative Politics Research Workshop
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Professional Experience

- 2013 - 2014 ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act) Litigation Paralegal, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC
- 2011 - 2012 Paralegal, Morelli Ratner PC
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References

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