

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education:

- 2016 MPhil, The New School for Social Research, Department of Politics.
- 2012 MA in Political Science with distinction, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.  
Thesis title: "Beyond liberal democracy? Critical assessment of political theories of Chantal Mouffe and Slavoj Zizek."
- 2010 *Magister* of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, (2005-2006 dean's leave) Thesis title: "Teologia polityczna a problem prawdy" [Political Theology and the Question of Truth]

### Fellowships and awards:

- 2017-2018 Katarzyna Kalwinska Fellowship, New School for Social Research
- 2016 Visiting Student, Centro de Investigación y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico
- 2016-2017 Dissertation Fellowship, New School for Social Research
- 2014-2016 "Bridge" Fellowship, New School for Social Research
- 2014 Janey 2014 Summer Research Grant – 2014 Janey Fellow, New School for Social Research
- 2013-2014 Katarzyna Kalwinska Fellowship, New School for Social Research
- 2012-2013 2012-2013 Fulbright Self-Placed Graduate Student Award – Fulbright Fellow
- 2012 The Outstanding Academic Achievement Award – university award for the highest GPA at the end of the program
- 2012 Full CEU Fellowship – departmental Financial Aid Upgrade for academic excellence

**Title of the PhD dissertation:** "Constituent Power, Federalism, Bordering: Principles of the Democratic Spatio-Political Imaginary"

**Qualifying exams:** Political Theory, Comparative Politics (with honors).

**Areas of expertise:** Political Theory (democratic theory, sovereignty, constituent power, federalism, modern political thought), Comparative Politics (borders and bordering, federalism, state-formation, constitution making, Latin America, American politics).

**Broader academic interests:** Spatiality of politics (political geography and geopolitics), political forms (States, federations, and empires), democratic politics in theory and practice.

**Academic publications:**

"Bordering the Sovereign: The Modern State and the Statocentric Spatio-Political Imaginary", *Stosunki Międzynarodowe – International Relations*, under revisions

"Which Autonomy, which Democracy? Mestizo and Indigenous Claims to Autonomy in Bolivia Compared", *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Studies*, under review

"Epistemic Superimposition: On the Phenomenon of Westplaining Russia's Invasion of Ukraine", co-authored with Jan Dutkiewicz, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, under revisions

"Challenging the Sovereign: Three Types of Early Modern Federal Theory", *Politik*, Vol. 19. No. 3, 2016 (peer-reviewed)

"Substantive equality, popular sovereignty, and antagonistic politics: An introduction to Carl Schmitt's democratic theory," *CEU Political Science Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 3, September 2012 (peer-reviewed)

"Chantal Mouffe vs. Carl Schmitt: The Political, Democracy, and the Question of Sovereignty," published in: *Internetowy Magazyn Filozoficzny Hybris* 16/2012, (peer-reviewed)

Translation of: Ulrich Preuss, "Political Order and Democracy: Carl Schmitt and His Influence" (in: *Carl Schmitt. Wyzwanie Polityczności*, Krytyka Polityczna Publishing House, 2011, Warsaw)

Translation of: David Harvey, "The Art of Rent" (in: *Ekonomia Kultury. Przewodnik Krytyki Politycznej*, Krytyka Polityczna Publishing House, 2010, Warsaw)

Translation of: Slavoj Žižek, "Against Human Rights" (in: *Žižek. Przewodnik Krytyki Politycznej*, Krytyka Polityczna Publishing House, 2009, Warsaw)

## **Work in Progress:**

"The Birth of the Concept of the Federal State in the American Antebellum Constitutional Debates", journal article

"Semi-Federalism, Multi-Stage Constituent Process, and Diffused Popular Sovereignty: The Principles and Implications of the Making of 1780 Constitution in Massachusetts", journal article

## **Teaching experience:**

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| Fall 2022   | American Federalism, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland (main instructor)  |
| Fall 2022   | American History and Society, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland (discussion sections)   |
| Spring 2022 | Politics in the Age of Social Media, Fake News, and Conspiracy Theories, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland (main instructor)        |
| Fall 2021   | American Expansion, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland (main instructor)   |
| Fall 2021   | American History and Society, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland (discussion sections)   |
| Spring 2021 | American Political Thought, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland (main instructor)   |
| Fall 2020   | Conceptualizing the American Political Sphere, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Warsaw Poland (main instructor)                                   |
| Fall 2020   | American History and Society, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland (discussion sections)   |
| Fall 2017   | Power in the U.S., Brooklyn College, CUNY, New York, USA (main instructor)  |
| Fall 2017   | Modern Political Philosophy, Lehman College, CUNY, New York, USA (main instructor)  |
| Fall 2017   | Boundaries and Belonging, The New School, New York, USA (teaching assistant)  |
| Spring 2017 | Introduction to American Politics and Government, City College of New York, CUNY, New York, USA (teaching assistant for two sections, including Honors section) |
| Spring 2016 | Introduction to American Politics and Government, City College of New York, CUNY, New York, USA (teaching assistant for two sections)                           |
| Fall 2015   | Introduction to American Politics and Government, City College of New York, CUNY, New York, USA (teaching assistant for two sections)                           |

## Conference presentations:

- 2023 "Federalism, bordering, and the federalist response to the boundary problem", conference paper delivered at 2023 Western Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, April 6-8, 2023
- 2022 "Scales of Internalization: Towards a Spatial Understanding of the Federation as the Union of Unions", conference paper delivered at 2022 Canadian Political Science Association Conference, virtual, May 27-June 3, 2022
- 2021 "Carl Schmitt's Constitutional Theory of the Federation and the Failure of the Statist Spatio-Political Imaginary", conference paper delivered at 2021 Canadian Political Science Association Conference, virtual, June 7-10, 2021
- 2019 "Federalism, bordering, and the federalist response to the boundary problem", conference paper delivered at 2019 Canadian Political Science Association Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, June 4-6, 2019
- 2018 "Critical Political Theory and Reading History Against the Grain: Bottom-Up Federalism as the Path not Taken", conference paper delivered at Interdisciplinarity: Conceptual Explorations, 21st International Conference on the History of Concepts, University of Málaga, Málaga, Spain, 25-28 September 2018
- 2017 "Bordering the Sovereign: On the Colonial Roots of the Modern State", conference paper delivered at Trespassing the Borders: Redefining Postcolonialism from Peripheral Experiences, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, 11 March 2017
- 2015 "Semi-Federalism, Multi-Stage Constituent Process, and Diffused Popular Sovereignty: The Principles and Implications of the Making of 1780 Constitution in Massachusetts", a paper presented at the Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism Graduate Workshop "Constitution Making and Un-Making: Democratic Reform, Past and Present," University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA, September 30, 2015
- 2014 "Bordering Autonomy: *Mandar Obedeciendo* and the Spatial Limits in the Self-government of the Zapatista Communities", work in progress presented at the 2014-15 Janey Annual Workshop, The New School for Social Research, New York, USA, December 5, 2014
- 2014 "Spatial limits in self-government of the Zapatista communities in Mexico, Chiapas," conference paper delivered at the Warwick Graduate Conference in Political Geography "Contested Political Spaces: Urban, Land, and Other Struggles...", University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, November 27-28, 2014

- 2014 "Territoriality of Constituent Power and Democratic Borders: Johannes Althusius on Popular Sovereignty and Federalism," conference paper delivered by New York State Political Science Association 2014 Annual Conference, St Johns University, New York, USA, April 25-26, 2014
- 2013 "Mysterious Charm of Sovereignty: Giorgio Agamben's Homo Sacer and the Problem of Constituent Power," conference paper delivered at the Matter, Life, Resistance, International Conference in Political Theory, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, July 1-2, 2013
- 2013 "Democracy and Capitalism in Political Theories of Chantal Mouffe and Slavoj Zizek: Theoretical Differences and Practical Implications," conference paper delivered at the NYSPSA 2013 Annual Conference, University of Syracuse, Syracuse, USA, April 19-20, 2013
- 2013 "Territoriality and Constituent Power: Towards Democratic Theory of Anti-Imperialism," conference paper delivered at 2013 MPSA National Conference, Chicago, USA, April 11-14, 2013
- 2012 "Radicalizing or transcending liberal democracy? A comparison of theories of Chantal Mouffe and Slavoj Zizek," conference paper delivered at University of Exeter's College of Social Sciences and International Studies Annual Postgraduate Research Conference 2012 Contemporary Challenges in Social Sciences, Exeter, UK, May 3, 2012
- 2010 "Polityka narkotykowa a klasy społeczne" [Drug policy and social classes], presentation delivered at the conference *Aspekty prawne, medyczne i społeczne polityki narkotykowej w Polsce* [Legal, medical and social aspects of drug policy in Poland], April 9 2010, Szczecin, Poland
- 2008 "Women Bodies in Poland," conference paper delivered at International Congress Women's Worlds/Mundos de Mujeres 2008 in Madrid, Spain (co-author: Karolina Walecik)

#### **Invited talks:**

- 2024 "The Birth of the Concept of the Federal State in the American Antebellum Constitutional Debates" (working title), invited lecture American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, January 25, 2024 (scheduled)
- 2023 "Westplaining the War in Ukraine: Imperial Narratives, Colonial Matrices, and the Subjectivity of Semi-Periphery" (working title), invited lecture at the European Center, University of Indiana, Bloomington, September 12, 2023 (scheduled)
- 2017 "Autocratic Developments in Poland in Comparative Perspective," invited talk in the graduate seminar "Democratic Breakdowns" by Professor Jessica Pisano, New School for Social Research, New York, November 16, 2017

- 2017 "Constitutional Crisis in Poland," invited talk in the undergraduate seminar "Comparative Political Systems" by Dolunay Bulut, FIT, SUNY, New York, November 1, 2017
- 2015 "Principles of Political Power Organization and the Principles of Bordering," invited talk and discussion leading in the undergraduate seminar of the course "Borders and Walls" by Professor Jessica Pisano, Eugene Lang College, The New School, New York, April 9, 2015
- 2014 "Investigacion Social en The New School for Social Research," invited lecture given at La Universidad Intercultural de Chiapas, Unidad Academica Multidisciplinaria, Las Margaritas, Chiapas, Mexico, August 20, 2014
- 2013 "'Solidarity' as Resistance," invited talk given and discussion leading in the undergraduate seminar of the course "Resistance", Eugene Land College, The New School, September 17, 2013

### **Professional experience:**

- 2012 – present Contributing author, Krytyka Polityczna (krytykapolityczna.pl and politicalcritique.org), Tygodnik Powszechny, OKO.Press, Polityka.pl
- wrote articles and conducted interviews US & Polish politics & society
- 2012 – 2016 Editor, "Canon: The interdisciplinary Journal of the New School for Social Research"
- reviewed and edited submissions
- 2013 – 2016 Editorial board member, "Central European University Political Science Journal"
- 2011 – 2013 Editorial Assistant, "Central European University Political Science Journal"
- formatted articles for publication
  - formatted whole issues for publication
- April – May 2010 Research intern, Arenagruppen, Stockholm, Sweden
- conducted interviews
  - searched for reportage stories
  - researched for and wrote analyses and opinion pieces
- 2008 – 2011 Journalist/editor, "Krytyka Polityczna", Stanislaw Brzozowski Association, Warsaw, Poland
- conducted interviews, wrote opinion articles and analyses
  - managed the website of "Krytyka Polityczna"
  - edited submissions from external authors
  - edited books
- 2007 – 2008 Internet journalist/editor, Gazeta.pl, Agora S.A., Warsaw, Poland
- searched for news and information

- wrote news articles
  - managed the news section of the Gazeta.pl web portal
- September – October 2007      Intern, Gazeta.pl, Agora S.A., Warsaw, Poland
- searched for news and information
  - wrote news articles
- 2004 – 2005      Reporter, "Gazeta Stołeczna", Agora S.A., Warsaw, Poland
- conducted interviews and wrote news articles

**Additional education and training:**

- 2011      Drug Policy and Human Rights Summer School, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, July 11 – 22, 2011
- 2010      Democracy and Diversity Summer Institute, organized by the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, Wroclaw, Poland, July 10 – 26, 2010

**Languages:** Polish (native tongue), English (fluent in speaking, reading, and writing), Spanish (full professional proficiency), French (elementary reading proficiency), German (elementary proficiency), Ukrainian (elementary proficiency).