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Present Post

Sept 2005 - date *Associate Professor in Politics* at SGIA, **Durham University**

Previous Appointments

2004 – 2005 *Lecturer in Political Theory* at the Department of Politics, **University of Sheffield**
1999 – 2004 *British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow* at the Centre for Politics, Law and Society
at **University College London**

Higher Education Qualifications

1994 - 1998 **University of York** DPhil in Politics;
1993 - 1994 **University of York** MA in Political Philosophy ‘The Idea of Toleration’
1986 - 1992 **Sofia University** BA in Philosophy (With Distinction)

Research Grants and Awards

2019: awarded £1,000 by the 2019 PSA Specialist Group Pushing the Boundaries funding competition towards a workshop ‘200 Years of Modern Liberty: Bicentenary Celebration of Benjamin Constant’s Lecture on Ancient and Modern Liberty’.
2019: a former PhD student was awarded Durham University Postdoctoral Bursary to write a joint authored paper with me and submit it to an internationally recognised journal.
2010: Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities Interdisciplinary scholarship to fund a PhD student under my supervision (value £31,170)

Publications since 2010

Monographs

(2020) *Rethinking Positive and Negative Liberty* (London: Routledge)

Edited collections

(2012) co-edited with Gary Browning, Raia Prokhovnik *Dialogues with Contemporary Political Theorists* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan)

(2010) co-edited with Peter Stirk *Multiculturalism and Moral Conflict* (London: Routledge)

Journal Articles and book chapters

- (2021) ‘Moral and Personal Positive Freedom’ in John Christman edited *Positive Freedom* (Cambridge University Press), 45-64
- (2019) ‘Where does real freedom begin? T.H. Green, P.P. Nicholson and the necessary but elusive binaries of freedom’ in *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies*, 25:1, 129-60.
- (2019) with Avital Simhony ‘Introduction. Peter Nicholson: achievement and Legacy’ in *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies*, 25:1, 3-16.
- (2014) “Do We Owe More to Fellow Nationals? The Particular and Universal Ethics in Bosanquet’s General Will and Miller’s Public Culture” in Thom Brooks (ed) *Ethical Citizenship. British Idealism and the Politics of Recognition* (Basingstoke, Palgrave), 200-23.
- (2014) “Welfarist and Moral Justifications of the Strong State: Reconciling Hobhouse’s and Bosanquet’s Perspectives on the Role of the State” in Catherine Marshall and Stephane Guy, editors *The Victorian Legacy in Political Thought* (Oxford: Peter Lang), 145-66.
- (2013) “Can social justice, economic redistribution and voluntariness fit into a single concept of liberty? Pettit versus Hobhouse” *International Journal of Social Economics*, 40:12, 1108-1122.
- (2013) “T.H. Green” in Hugh LaFollette, edited, *Wiley-Blackwell's International Encyclopaedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell), pp. 2238-2243.
- (2012) “Liberty as welfare: the basecamp counterpart of positive freedom” *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies* 18:2, pp. 133-165.
- (2012) “Defending Isaiah Berlin’s Distinctions between Negative and Positive Freedoms” in Bruce Baum and Robert Nichols, eds. *Isaiah Berlin and the Politics of Freedom: Berlin’s ‘Two Concepts of Liberty’ 50 years Later* (London: Routledge) pp. 73-86.
- (2012) “Late nineteenth and early twentieth century British Thought” in Gerald Gaus and Fred D’Agostino, editors, *The Routledge Companion to Social and Political Philosophy* (London: Routledge), pp. 146-57.
- (2012) “Subaltern Studies, Post-colonial Marxism and ‘Finding Your Place to Begin from’: An Interview with Dipesh Chakrabarty” in Raia Prokhovnik, Gary Browning and Maria Dimova-Cookson, editors, *Dialogues with Contemporary Political Theorists* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan), pp. 58-73.
- (2012) “Republicanism, Philosophy of Freedom and the History of Ideas: An Interview with Philip Pettit” in Raia Prokhovnik, Gary Browning and Maria Dimova-Cookson, editors, *Dialogues with Contemporary Political Theorists* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan), pp. 155-169.
- (2011) “Justice as a secondary moral ideal: the British idealists and the personal ethics perspective in understanding social justice” *European Journal of Political Theory* 10:1, pp. 46-70.

Book reviews

(2021) ‘*The Problem of Value Pluralism. Isaiah Berlin and Beyond* by George Crowder (Routledge, New York and London, 2020)’, *Contemporary Political Theory*.
<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-021-00504-x>

(2021) ‘*Why Iris Murdoch Matters* by Gary Browning, (Bloomsbury Academic, London, 2018), *The European Legacy*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/10848770.2021.1943821>

(2020) ‘*The Cambridge Companion to Isaiah Berlin*, ed. Joshua L. Cherniss and Steven B. Smith (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 2018)’, *History of Political Thought*, 41 (3), pp. 507-10.

Citizenship

I am a member of the editorial board of the journal *Contemporary Political Theory*. The journal’s impact factor is 0.523. The journal is the top UK journal for political theory and fourth ranked political theory journal overall.

I was an External Adviser for the Internal Quality Audit of the School of Politics, Philosophy, International Relations and Environment at Keele University for two of their UG Programmes: BA (Hons) Politics (Single Honours) and BA/BSc (Hons) Politics (Dual/Combined Honours). The audit took place on 21-22 June 2018.

External examining

I am an External Examiner for the School of Politics and International Studies at the University of Leeds for the period 2019-2023.

PhD supervision

Supervision of 7 PhD students to successful completion; currently supervising 4 PhD students as a primary or joint supervisor.

Invited presentations to internationally established conferences

September 2021, invited presentation at ECPR conference, Political Theory section.

May 2021, invited presentation to Durham Centre for Law and Philosophy

November 2020, invited presentation to Political Theory workshop at Queen’s University Belfast: ‘Moral and Personal Positive Freedom’

September 2020, invited Chair and Discussant for APSA (American Political Studies Association) panel ‘Rethinking Positive Freedom in an Age of Instability and Difference’; my registration fee was paid by the APSA Women, Gender, and Politics Research Section.

January 2020, Oxford Political Thought conference; paper title: ‘Value pluralism and the duality of freedom: Isaiah Berlin and T.H. Green on the link between freedom and value’

December 2019, presentation at an international workshop dedicated to the bicentenary of Benjamin Constant's lecture on ancient and modern liberty at Durham University; paper title: 'Benjamin Constant on modern people and their two liberties'

April 2019, presentation for Political Studies Association conference Nottingham; paper title: 'Moral Development, Conflicts of Duty and Moral Dilemmas in the Context of Value Pluralism'

September 2018, presentation for Manchester Workshops in Political Theory; paper title: 'Value pluralism and the duality of freedom'

August 2018, Waseda University, Tokyo: Invited to deliver a plenary paper for a conference on 'British Idealism, Liberty and the Common Good'.

May 2017, Universite Pantheon-ASSAS, Paris: Invited to deliver a plenary paper for a conference 'Negative and Positive Freedom: A political, philosophical and juridical interpretation of Isaiah Berlin's two concepts of liberty'.

May 2013, Colloquium organised by the Centre for Comparative Research on Cultures and Societies, University of Cergy-Pontoise: 'Late 19th century networks in Philosophy and Political Thought',

May 2011, Conference 'Citizenship and Civic Virtue' organised by the Institute for Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism at the University of Gdansk,

Leadership roles within the discipline of political theory

A founder and convenor (together with Avital Simhony, ASU) of the PSA Modern Liberty specialist group; organised panels at the PSA conferences in Glasgow 2017, Cardiff 2018; a workshop on positive freedom for MANCPT political theory workshops in 2018, workshop on Benjamin Constant's lecture on liberty in 2019; three international online meetings in 2021, each hosting a presentation of an invited speaker.

Refereeing

A referee for *Political Studies*, *Political Theory*, *History of Political Thought*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *American Political Science Review*, and *International History Review*.