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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Political Science, Carleton University
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017-2018  Carleton University, Instructor I (Full-time contract)

2015-2017  University of Toronto, Postdoctoral Fellowship in Political Theory, Department of Political Science
            Postdoctoral Associate, Centre for Ethics

EDUCATION

2011-2016  Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, France, Ph.D., Philosophy and Social Sciences, Specialization in Political Philosophy
            Dissertation: Political Philosophy and History: Leo Strauss, Raymond Aron and the Crisis of Historicism (In French) "Highest Honour with Unanimous Congratulations from the Jury"  Committee: Pierre Manent (Chair), Daniel Tanguay, Vincent Descombes, Philippe Raynaud, Marc de Launay

2012-2013  University of Chicago, Doctoral Visiting Fellow, Committee on Social Thought

2009-2011  University of Ottawa, M.A., Philosophy (Dean’s Honour List)
            Nominated for University of Ottawa’s Best Master’s Thesis Award
            Dissertation: Contemporary Readings of Machiavelli: Leo Strauss, Quentin Skinner, Claude Lefort and the Question of Interpretation

2005-2009  University of Ottawa, Bachelor of Social Sciences (B.Sc.Soc), Joint Honours in Political Science and Philosophy (Dean Honour’s List), Summa cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Encountering History in the Making: Political Philosophy and the Challenge of Historicism

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Is Collingwood a Historician? Remarks on Leo Strauss’s Critique of Collingwood’s Philosophy of History”, Journal of the Philosophy of History (Forthcoming, Fall 2017)

“Qu'est-ce qu'une œuvre de pensée? Réflexions sur l'art de lire lefortien” (What is a “Work of Thought”? Remarks on Claude Lefort’s Art of Reading), Politique & Sociétés, vol. 34, no. 1 (2015), 149-171

“Le contextualisme de Quentin Skinner à l'épreuve du cas Machiavel” (Quentin Skinner’s Contextualism and the Machiavelli Case), Methodos. Savoirs et textes, no. 13 “Pratiques de l’interprétation”, (2013), 2-23

“Modernité, musique et atonalisme: entre l’esthétique de la rupture et la recherche de points de repère” (Modernity, Music and Atonalism), Phares, vol. 11, (2011), 71-92

“Entre langage et peinture: Louis Marin et la question de la représentation” (Between Language and Painting: Louis Marin and the Question of Representation), Phares, vol. 11, (2011), 52-70
REVISED AND RESUBMITTED

“What Can We Learn from Political History? Leo Strauss and Raymond Aron, Readers of Thucydides”, The Review of Politics

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS


BOOK REVIEWS AND REVIEW ESSAYS


OTHER ARTICLES


_translation (from English to French)_


MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“Historicism, Value Judgment and Reason: Max Weber and Raymond Aron’s Elective Affinities”
“Beyond Isaiah Berlin: Remarks on Skinner’s Third Concept of Liberty”
“A Practical Past? The Political Philosophy of Reinhart Koselleck’s Theory of History”

CONFERENCES

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“History of Concepts as a Critical Tool in Political Theory”
American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco 2017

“Temporality, language and politics: the debate between Gadamer and Koselleck”
Société de philosophie du Québec, ACFAS, McGill University, Montreal 2017

“A Practical Past? The Political Philosophy of Reinhart Koselleck’s Conceptual History”
Canadian Political Science Association, Ryerson University, Toronto 2017
“Les défis de la rationalité politique”
International Conference – “Penser la politique par ‘gros temps”, EHESS, Paris

“Between Language and History: The Koselleck/Skinner Debate”
Paper accepted for Conceptual Change in History Conference, University of Helsinki

“La politique du récit historique: Aron et la sagesse tragique de Thucydide”
Raymond Aron Annual Conference, EHESS, Paris

“Aron, Weber and the Crisis of Historicism”
Raymond Aron and the Renewal of French Democratic Thought, CRASSH, University of Cambridge

“La critique de la raison historique: Raymond Aron et l’héritage du néokantisme”,
Quebec Philosophical Association, ACFAS, Montreal, QC, May 2016

“What Can We Learn from Political History? Leo Strauss and Raymond Aron on Thucydides”,
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL, April 2015

“Action in History: Raymond Aron and the Antinomies of Political Decision”,
International and Interdisciplinary Conference Political Decision and Truth, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris-I), Paris

“From Historical Inquiry to Political Theory: Koselleck, Skinner and the Study of Conceptual Change”,
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL

“Claude Lefort, Machiavel et le statut de l’œuvre de pensée”,
CIRCEM 11th Annual Conference, University of Ottawa

“Entre mémoire et renouveau : Pierre Vadeboncoeur et la notion de culture”,
CIRCEM Graduate Conference, University of Ottawa

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Committee Member, “Penser la politique par ‘gros temps: Raymond Aron au XXle siècle”, International Conference, EHESS, Paris

Organizer, “Penser l’événement: la politique à l’épreuve de l’histoire ”, Raymond Aron Annual Conference
hosted by the CESPRA (EHESS) and the CRASSH (University of Cambridge), Paris

Co-organizer “Les formes du politiques. Quels apports de la philosophie politique aux sciences sociales ?”
(The Forms of the Political: The Contributions of Political Philosophy to Social Sciences),
International Congress - EHESS 40th Anniversary, Paris, June 2015

Organizer, Panel: “What Role for History in Normative Political Theory?/Quelle place pour l’histoire dans la philosophie politique normative?”, 6th International Congress of Francophone Political Science Associations (CoSPoF), University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Conference Committee Member and Organizer, 11th CIRCEM Annual Conference: Claude Lefort –
The Adventures of Democracy, University of Ottawa

INVITED TALKS

“Temporality, Crisis, Judgment: Weber, Aron and the Weimar Moment”
Réseau de recherche en pensée politique, Université d'Ottawa

“The Political Philosophy of Reinhart Koselleck’s Conceptual History”
Political Theory Workshop, University of Toronto
2016

“Understanding ‘History in the Making’: The Foundations of Raymond Aron’s Political Thought”,
Seminar on History and Theory of International Law, New York University
2016

“Conflicts of Interpretation: Strauss, Skinner and Lefort on Interpreting Machiavelli”,
Methods of Interpretation Workshop, EHESS, Paris
2015

“From Classical Thought to Practical Political Science: Pierre Manent’s Interpretation of Aron”
CIRCEM Workshop, University of Ottawa
2014

“Historicism and the Problem of Political Judgment”
CESPRA Workshop, EHESS, Paris
2013

“La question de l’œuvre et le statut de la parole interprétative” (Lefort’s ‘work of thought’ and interpretive discourse),
International Conference: Claude Lefort et la pensée du Politique, EHESS, Paris
2012

DISCUSSANT AND OTHER TALKS

“La référence religieuse dans la pensée allemande du 19ème siècle”, discussant for
Frédéric Ménager (Ph.D., EHESS) in the CESPRA Workshop, Paris
2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

A) TEACHING

WINTER 2017
Undergraduate Instructor: Modern Political Thought, University of Waterloo
Study of Foundational Texts in Modern Thought from Hobbes to Nietzsche

SPRING 2016
Graduate Instructor: Hannah Arendt and the Dimensions of Political Action, Political Science,
EHESS, Paris
MA Seminar

2014-2015
Graduate Instructor: Isaiah Berlin and His Critics: Debates on Pluralism, Political Science,
EHESS, Paris
MA Seminar

B) PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2014-2015
Coordinator of Academic Events – EHESS 40th Anniversary – EHESS, Paris
International Partnerships, Promotion of Scientific Research and Organization of Conferences

2008-2011
Coordinator of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Citizenship and Minorities
(CIRCEM), University of Ottawa

2009
Editing, Linguistic Revision and Online Publishing of Monde Commun Journal:
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS (SELECT)

2017  Raymond-Aron Award for best dissertation in the field of political thought
2016-2018 Postdoctoral Fellowship – Fonds de Recherche du Québec Société et culture
2013  University of Chicago/EHESS Excellence Scholarship
2011-2015 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
2011  Doctoral Fellowship, Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC) (declined)
2010-2011 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Master’s Scholarship (SSHRC)
2009-2011 Master’s Scholarship, Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC)
       M.A. Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) (declined)
2009-2011 M.A. University of Ottawa Excellence Scholarship
2009  University Gold Medal for highest standing in the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Social
       Sciences, University of Ottawa (2005-2009)
2008  School of Political Studies Excellence Award, University of Ottawa
2007  Rodrigue-Pageau Memorial Award for Academic Excellence
2005-2009 University of Ottawa Excellence Scholarship

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Postdoctoral Associate, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto
Member of HiSoPo Project (Social History of Political Ideas), funded by the French Political Science Association (AFSP)
Member of the Executive Board, Société des Amis de Raymond Aron, France
Member of the Raymond Aron Centre for Sociological and Political Studies (CESPRA), EHESS
Member of Amis de la mention Études politiques (AMEP) for Political Studies, EHESS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of the American Political Science Association (APSA)
Member of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)
Member of the Société québécoise de science politique (SQSP)
Member of the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA)
Member of the Quebec Philosophical Society
Member of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

LANGUAGES

French (Native)
English (Bilingual)
German (Proficient – Level B2.2)