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Present Position

Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas-Austin — America in the World Consortium
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2023-2024

Previous Employment/Roles

Friedrich Meinecke Institute of History, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany — Marie Curie-Sklodowska
Research Fellow 2022–2023

Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, University of Vienna, Austria — Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2019-
2021; Visiting Lecturer, 2022 – present

Belfer Center for International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University,
United States — Ernest R. May Fellow in Applied History 2021-2022

Hoover Institution, Stanford University, California, United States — Peter & Frances Duignan Visiting
Research Fellow, 2018-2019

United Arab Emirates, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abu Dhabi, UAE— Policy Advisor & Speech Writer,
2010-2012

Education

Harvard University — PhD in History (2014-2019)

Dissertation: ‘Decolonization in Britain’s Empire of Protectorates, 1945-65’; Advisor: Maya Jasanoff;
Committee: David Armitage (Harvard), Caroline Elkins (Harvard), Niall Ferguson (Stanford) External
Reader: Sir David Cannadine (Princeton)

Harvard University — MA in History (2012-2014)

General Examination fields: Modern Britain & the Empire (Maya Jasanoff), Modern Middle East (Roger
Owen), American Foreign Relations (Erez Manela), Intellectual History / History of Political Thought
(David Armitage)

Yale University — MA International Relations (2008-2010)

London School of Economics and Political Science — BSc International Relations & History (1st class),
(2004-2007)

American University of Beirut — Certificate in Arabic Language Proficiency (2009)

Publications

The British Empire of Protectorates (book manuscript, under contract with Penguin Books, exp.2025)

'Egypt's other nationalists and the Suez crisis of 1956' *The Historical Journal*, Vol.59, 1, March 2016

'The radical nationalist as constitutional head of state: Nigeria, 1960-66', in Harshan Kumarasingham, *Viceregalism: Political Crises in the Post-war Commonwealth* (Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies Series) (Cambridge University Press, 2020)

'The problem of protectorates in an age of decolonisation: Britain and West Africa, 1955-60', in Lauren Benton, Bain Attwood & Adam Clulow, eds., *Protection and Empire: A Global History* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)

'Britain's Egyptian allies and the Suez Crisis', in Wm. Roger Louis, ed., *Effervescent Adventures with Britannia* (I.B. Taurus, 2017) (Published lecture delivered to the UT Austin British Studies Seminar)

I am also a relatively regularly contributor of reviews for literary magazines, including *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The Literary Review*, *The Claremont Review of Books*, *The New Criterion*, and others.

Other Publications: Articles & Reviews

'Things Fall Apart: *Imperial Island: A History of Empire in Modern Britain* by Charlotte Lydia Riley', *Literary Review*, Issue 522, September 2023

'On the Polo Fields of Egypt: *A Cultural History of the British Empire* by John M MacKenzie', *Literary Review*, Issue 518, May 2023

'When African Royalty Went Dog Racing: *Emirs in London: Subaltern Travel and Nigeria's Modernity* by Moses E. Ochonu', *Literary Review*, Issue 514, December 2022

'Hotel Trauma: review of Najwa Barakat, *Mr N* (translated by Luke Leafgren), *Times Literary Supplement*, Issue No.6234, September 23, 2022

'Drills and Spills: *A Pipeline Runs Through It: The Story of Oil from Ancient Times to the First World War* by Keith Fisher', *Literary Review*, Issue 510, August 2022

'Full of Gas: *Inside Qatar: Hidden Stories from One of the Richest Nations on Earth* by John McManus', *Literary Review*, Issue 509, July 2022

'Bombastic Lecture on the Evil Empire: *Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire* by Caroline Elkins', *The Critic*, June 2022

'Good faith impugned: Bruce Gilley, *The Last Imperialist: Sir Alan Burns's Epic Defense of the British Empire*', *The New Criterion*, April 2022, Volume 40, Number 8

‘Imperious Historians’: Review of Priya Satia, *Time’s Monster: How History Makes History* (2020) , *Claremont Review of Books*, Winter 2021/2

‘The Iraqi Spies who helped defeat ISIS’: Review of Margaret Coker, *The Spymaster of Baghdad: A True Story of Bravery, Family, and Patriotism in the Battle against ISIS* (2021), *National Review*, 17 July 2021.

‘Professor of Protest: *Places of Mind: A Life of Edward Said* by Timothy Brennan’, *Literary Review*, Issue 496, May 2021

‘Oil Powers: what drives America’s relationship with Saudi Arabia’:Review of Victor McFarland, *Oil Powers: A History of the U.S.-Saudi Alliance* (2020), *Times Literary Supplement*, 12 February 2021

‘Eternal lessons from Wagner’s last opera’: Review of Roger Scruton’s *Wagner’s Parsifal* (2020), *National Review*, December 26, 2020

‘There wasn’t a country: Revealing the ‘inner life’ of wartime Biafra’, *Times Literary Supplement*, 18/25 December 2020, No.6143/3

‘A kind of tolerance: What the past greatness of Islamic cities can teach us’: Review of Justin Marozzi, *Islamic Empires: Fifteen Cities that Define a Civilization* (2019), *City Journal* (February 2021)

‘The rum diaries: Richard Atkinson, *Mr Atkinson’s Rum Contract: The Story of a Tangled Inheritance*’, *The New Criterion*, November 2020, Volume 39, Number 2

‘Whither Arabistan?’: review of Chelsi Mueller, *The Origins of the Arab-Iranian Conflict: Nationalism & Sovereignty in the Gulf between the World Wars* (2019) and Kim Ghattas, *Black Wave: Saudi Arabia, Iran and the Rivalry that Unravelling the Middle East* (2019), *Literary Review*, October 2020, Issue 490

‘What the world has lost in Iran’: review of Laurence Louer, *Sunnis and Shi’a: A Political History* (2020), *National Review*, May 9, 2020

‘Going bananas: Two very different writers consider the impact of the US occupation of Iraq’: review of Muhsin al-Ramli, *Daughter of the Tigris* (trans. Luke Leafgren) and Abbas Khider, *A Slap in the Face* (trans. Simon Pares), *Times Literary Supplement*, 8 May 2020, No.6110

‘Older than the Koran’: review of Tim Mackintosh-Smith, *Arabs: A 3,000-Year History of Peoples, Tribes and Empires* (2019), *Claremont Review of Books*, Spring 2020

‘Andrew Roberts’ *Leadership in War: An Antidote to Cynicism*’, *National Review*, January 6, 2020

‘Sanctioned by sharia?’: review of Jonathan Brown, *Slavery & Islam* (2019), *Literary Review*, Issue 482, December 2019

‘Caravans & cat skins’: review of Francos-Xavier Fauvelle, *The Golden Rhinoceros: Histories of the African Middle Ages* (2018) and Toby Green, *A Fistful of Shells: West Africa from the Rise of the Slave Trade to the Age of Revolution* (2018), *Literary Review*, February 2019, Issue 472

‘Speak for humanity: The confused and tragic plight of Yemen’: review of Asher Orkaby, *Beyond the Arab Cold War: The International History of the Yemen Civil War, 1962-68*, Marieke Brandt, *Tribes and Politics in*

Yemen: A History of the Houthis Conflict, Ginny Hill, *Yemen Endures: Civil War, Saudi Adventurism and the Future of Arabia*, Helen Lackner, *Yemen in Crisis: Autocracy, Neo-Liberalism and the Disintegration of a State*, Isa Blumi, *Destroying Yemen: What Chaos in Arabia Tells us about the World*, and Mohammed Al Samawi, *The Fox Hunt: A Memoir of Coming to America*, *Times Literary Supplement*, 11 January 2019, No.6041

‘Close, but no cigar: America’s oldest alliance in the Middle East’: review of Bruce Riedel, *Kings and Presidents: Saudi Arabia and the United States since FDR*, *Times Literary Supplement*, 29 June 2018, No.6013

‘The perils of reform in Saudi Arabia’, *National Review*, December 5, 2017

‘Constitution-making in Asia: Decolonisation and State-building in the Aftermath of the British Empire, edited by H. Kumarasingham’, *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, 45:6 (2017)

‘Static revolutions How Egypt has struggled to achieve progress through political change’: review of Yoram Meital, *Revolutionary Justice: Special Courts and the Formation of Republican Egypt*, H.A. Hellyer, *A Revolution Undone: Egypt’s Road Beyond Revolt*, Eric Trager, *Arab Fall: How the Muslim Brotherhood Won and Lost Egypt in 891 Days*, and Robert F. Worth, *A Rage for Order: The Middle East in Turmoil, from Tahrir Square*, *Times Literary Supplement*, 13 January 2017, No.5937

Invited Presentations and lectures

- ‘Rethinking Britain's "Liberal Empire" and its Lessons’, Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center International Security Seminar, 10 February 2022
- ‘The British empire and re-thinking the origins of the modern international world’, Interdisciplinary Studies Lecture, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, 15 October 2019
- ‘Alliances & the limits of moral universalism: Revisiting the lessons of the British empire’, paper delivered at the second *Applied History Network Meeting*, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 3-4 May 2019
- ‘The Radical Nationalist as National Figurehead: Nnamdi Azikiwe and the end of Nigeria’s Westminster Constitution, 1960-66’, invited presentation, at ‘Crowns and Clones in Crisis: Constitutional Heads of State and Political Crises in the Post-War Commonwealth’, Christ’s College, Cambridge, 19-20 July 2017
- ‘Britain’s Egyptian allies and the Suez Crisis’, invited lecture, British Studies Seminar, University of Texas, Austin, 14 October 2016 (mp3: <http://liberalarts.utexas.edu/britishstudies/Lectures/Audio-Recordings.php>)
- ‘How the Suez Crisis was (and wasn’t) a Turning Point in History’, panelist at ‘The Suez Crisis: 60 Years’, Roundtable event at the Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 13 October 2016.
- ‘The ‘First Struggle for Sovereignty’: Malaya, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and Decolonization in Britain’s Empire of Protectorates, 1945-65’, presenter at the ‘Law, Empire & Global Intellectual History’ conference organized by the ‘Asia and Europe in a Global Context’ research cluster, Heidelberg University, 22-24 June, 2016
- ‘The ‘Great Breach of Faith’: Ending Protection and National Independence in West Africa, 1955-60’, invited panelist at a conference on ‘Protection & Empire’, convened at Harvard University, 1-2 April, 2016
- ‘Decolonizing an Illiberal Empire: Recasting Nigeria’s Struggle for Independence, 1945-60’, invited panelist at a conference on ‘Liberalisms within and beyond empire’, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 17-19 December, 2015.

- ‘Britain’s Egyptian Allies in the Suez Crisis’, Harvard University, Center for European Studies Dissertation Workshop, 10 June 2014.
- ‘Self-Determination’: Assigned commentator on Professor Bradley Simpson’s book talk at Harvard University, Center for International and Global History, 1 June 2014

University Teaching

- University of Vienna, Diplomatic Academy: spring 2020, spring 2021, summer 2022, autumn 2022, *Int’l History of the Middle East* (Graduate level Seminar in the MA program in International Studies)
- London School of Economics, A/Y 2015-2016, *International History of the Twentieth Century* (Guest Teacher for two classes)
- Harvard University, Spring 2015: *Human History: Twelve Encounters*, Niall Ferguson & Maya Jasanoff (2 sections) (Won the Harvard University Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching)
- Harvard University, Fall 2014: *The Thought and Statecraft of Henry Kissinger*, Niall Ferguson (seminar teaching fellow)
- Harvard University, Fall 2014: *The British Empire*, Maya Jasanoff (2 sections)
- Yale University, Fall 2009: *Cold War International History*, John Lewis Gaddis (2 sections)
- Yale University, Spring 2009: *History of the Vikings*, Anders Winroth & Roberta Frank (2 sections)

University Service and Mentorship

- Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, MA Thesis Supervisor: Marion Neuman, ‘The State Shall Seek the Advancement of Iraqi Tribes and Clans: British State-building in Mandate Iraq’, passed June 2021.
- Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, MA Thesis Supervisor: Anastasia Perevalova, ‘What happened: explaining the origin of Arab-Israeli deals of 2020’, passed June 2021
- Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, MA Thesis Supervisor: Nathaniel Armstrong, ‘Abdel Nasser’s Dream, Nasr’s Reality: The Mukhabarat and Pan-Arabism’, passed June 2021.
- Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, MA Thesis Supervisor: Daniel Zemla, ‘Encircled but Resilient: Nuclear Energy in Austro-Czech Relations 1948-1989’, passed June 2021.
- Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, MA Thesis Supervisor: Yasmine Mesloub, ‘One Country, Three Systems: Hong Kong and Macao and the Transfer to China’, passed June 2020.
- Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, MA Thesis Supervisor: Guilherme Feirebrand, ‘100 Years of Syria: Reassessing the Origins of the Syrian Civil War in the Longue Duree’, passed June 2020
- Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, MA Thesis Supervisor: Stefan Wolf, ‘Poisoned Chalice or Diplomatic Triumph: Great Britain’s Return of Hong Kong to China, 1980-1997’, passed September 2020
- Harvard University, Co-Convener, Minda Da Gunzburg Center for European Studies Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop, 2014-2015 Academic Year.
- Co-Organizer, 15th Annual Graduate Student Conference on International History, ‘Transitions between states & empires in the *longue duree*’, March 2015
- Harvard University, Undergraduate Senior Thesis Reader, 2014-2015

Fellowships, Prizes & Honours

- Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Peter & Frances Duignan Visiting Research Fellowship, 2019-20
- American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) - Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2017-2018
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC): International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2015-2016
- The Krupp Family Foundation (Harvard Center for European Studies): Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2015-2016

- Harvard College Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2014-2015
- Harvard: Douglas C. Dillon Fellow, 2013-2014 (financial funding provided by the Douglas Dillon Fund to support the History Department for my tuition costs)
- Harvard: Summer Research Fellowships received from: Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (2013 and 2015); John Clive Memorial Fund (2014); Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (2014).
- Harvard University, Department of History, Full Ph.D. Scholarship (to cover tuition costs and a grant toward living expenses for six years)
- Yale University, Pierre B.A. Keller Fellowship (full scholarship for MA degree), 2008-2010
- London School of Economics, C.S. McTaggart Prize (awarded to top four undergraduate students annually, cross-university), 2006
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- Victoria College, Jersey, Channel Islands, Queen's Prize for History.

Other Professional Experience

- Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sarajevo
- Consultant, Democratization Dept, 01/09/2007-01/09/2008