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Current Position **King's College London**, London, UK
Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor, with tenure) in History and Political Economy, Department of Political Economy (Jul. 2023 - current)
HPE research group co-lead (Sept. 2025-current)

Other Appointments **Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE)**
Secretary (2024-27)
Metagovernance Project
Research Director (2021- current)

Previous Positions **King's College London**, London, UK
Program Director, History and Political Economy Undergraduate Degree (Sept 2020-Sept 2025)
Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in History and Political Economy, Department of Political Economy (Sept. 2020 - Jun. 2023)
Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Program Director, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (2018-2020)
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Associate Director, Ostrom Workshop (2016-2018)
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Maurer School of Law (2016-2018)

Education **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA
PhD Classics/MA Political Science joint program (Jun. 2015)
Advisors: Barry Weingast and Josiah Ober
Visiting Student, Political Science Department (Jan.-Jul. 2008)
Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy
MA Philosophy (Mar. 2009), *Summa cum Laude*
BA Philosophy (Dec. 2005), *Summa cum Laude*

Books *Governance Archaeology: Collective Governance in Global History*, Elements in Law, Economics, and Politics (invited), in progress.
A Moral Political Economy: Past, Present, and Future, Elements in Political Economy Series, Cambridge University Press, 2021 (with Margaret Levi).

Creating a Constitution: Law, Democracy, and Growth in Ancient Athens, Princeton University Press, 2019.

*Articles in
Peer-Reviewed
Journals*

- Learning like a State: Organizational Learning and State Capacity in Ancient Greece. 2025. *Journal of Institutional Economics*. 21(e17), (with M. Pyzyk). <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1744137425000128>.
- Governance Archaeology. Research as Ancestry. 2023. *Daedalus*, 152(1): 245–257 (with N. Schneider), https://doi.org/10.1162/daed_a_01985.
- Judicial Review by the People Themselves: Constitutional Litigation in Ancient Athens. 2021. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organizations*, 39(1): 1–26 (with Randall Calvert and Barry Weingast), <https://doi.org/10.1093/jleo/ewab033>.
- Democratic Stability: A Long View. 2020. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 23: 59–75, <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-polisci-052918-012050>.
- Selected for the 2024 special article collection on Democracy, Politics, and Society
- Tradeoffs of Inclusion: Development in Ancient Athens. 2020. *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(1): 144–170, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414019843557>.
- Is Development Uniquely Modern? Athens on the Doorstep. 2019. *Public Choice*, 181(1–2): 29–47 (with J. Ober and B.R. Weingast), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-018-00632-w>.
- Development and Political Theory in Classical Athens. 2016. *Polis: Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought*, 33(1): 71–91 (with J. Ober and B.R. Weingast), https://brill.com/view/journals/agpt/33/1/article-p71_5.xml.
- Building Legal Order in Ancient Athens. 2015. *Journal of Legal Analysis*, 7(2): 291–324 (with G.K. Hadfield, and B.R. Weingast), <https://doi.org/10.1093/jla/lav003>.
- Translated into Russian and reprinted in *Actual Problems of Economics and Law Journal*. Vol. 10(4), 2016.
- What is the Rule of Law Good For? Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law in Classical Athens. 2014. *Buffalo Law Review*, 62(1): 119–156.

*Book
Chapters*

- Lessons from the Graveyard. 2025. Invited afterword for the volume *How Republics Die. Creeping Authoritarianism from the Ancient to the Modern World*. Edited by Vervaeke, F.J., D. Rafferty, and C. J. Dart. De Gruyter.
- Beyond New Institutional Economics: Can Ancient History Still Engage the Social Sciences? 2024. In Bernard, S. and S. Murray (eds.) *Models, Methods, and Morality: Assessing Modern Approaches*

- to the Greco-Roman Economy*. Palgrave Studies in Ancient Economies.
- The Rule of Law Through the Ages. 2024. In Sevel, M. (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of the Rule of Law*.
- Democratic Collapse and Recovery: Athens 413-403. 2024. In Archon Fung, David Moss, and Arne Westad (eds.) *When Democracy Breaks: Studies in Democratic Erosion and Collapse from Ancient Athens to the Present Day*. Oxford University Press (with J. Ober).
- Modern Non-Hierarchical Organizations. 2023. In Richerson, Peter J., Jenna Bednar, Thomas E. Currie, Sergey Gavrilets, and John Joseph Wallis (eds.) *Institutional Dynamics and Organizational Complexity*. Open Access Book, Cultural Evolution Society, institutionaldynamicsbook.culturalevolutionsociety.org (with Nathan Schneider).
- Digital Repression and Cyber Peace. 2022. In *Cyber Peace: Charting a path toward a sustainable, stable, and secure cyberspace*. Cambridge University Press. (with Jessica Steinberg and Cyanne Loyle).
- Rethinking Mass and Elite: Decision-Making in the Athenian Law-Courts. 2018. In *Ancient Greek History and Contemporary Social Science*. Edinburgh University Press (with B.R. Weingast).

Academic
writing for
popular outlets

- Historical Political Economy Needs More History* (2023), **Broadstreet**, <https://broadstreet.blog/2023/09/27/historical-political-economy-need-s-more-history/> (with Giacomo Benati).
- The Sensitive Politics of Information For Digital States* (2023), **Noema**, <https://www.noemamag.com/the-sensitive-politics-of-information-for-digital-states/> (with Cyanne E. Loyle and Jessica Steinberg).
- A Council of Citizens Should Regulate Algorithms* (2020), **WIRED**, <https://www.wired.com/story/opinion-a-council-of-citizens-should-regulate-algorithms/>.
- Toward Trustworthy AI: Mechanisms for Supporting Verifiable Claims About AI Development* (2020), **OpenAI**, <http://www.towardtrustworthyai.com/> (with multiple co-authors).
- The Past and Future of Governance* (2020), **SIOE Blog**, <https://www.sioe.org/news/past-and-future-governance>.
- Development and Classics* (2016), **Eidolon**, <https://eidolon.pub/development-and-classics-8411b3571c37>.
- Legal Order: Lessons From Ancient Athens* (2015), **Oxford University Press Blog**, <https://blog.oup.com/2015/10/legal-lessons-ancient-athens/>.

Under Review, Working Papers, and In Progress

How to Build Inclusive Institutions Collective Governance in Global History. Working Paper (with Riley Wong).

Writing and State Capacity: An empirical investigation of 4th millennium BCE Mesopotamia. Working Paper (with Giacomo Benati and Gabriel Leon-Ablan).

Governing Human Flourishing, Working Paper (with Jenna Bednar and Josiah Ober).

Bargaining States: Digital Information and State Capacity in the 21st Century. Working Paper (with Cyanne Loyle and Jessica Steinberg).

Printing and States. Regulating Newspapers in 19th century England. In progress (with Gabriel Mesevage).

Beyond the Exception: Women's Participation in Collective Governance Through History (with Ali Cirone).

Rules for Self-Rule: A Multi-Stage Model. Working Paper.

Book Reviews

Miller, M.K. 2021. *Shock to the System: Coups, Elections, and War on the Road to Democratization*. Princeton, NJ, Princeton University Press. In *Political Science Quarterly*. 2023, 138(1): 113-4.

Allen, D. Christesen, P. and Millett, P. 2018. *How To Do Things With History: New Approaches to Ancient Greece*, Oxford University Press. In *Polis: Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought*. 2020, 37 (2): 348-351.

Ober, J. 2015. *The Rise and Fall of Classical Greece*. Princeton University Press. In *Perspectives on Politics*. 2016, 14(4): 1138-9.

Saxonhouse, A. 2006. *Free Speech and Democracy in Ancient Athens*. Cambridge University Press. In *Il Pensiero Politico: Rivista di Storia delle Idee Politiche e Sociali*. 2008, 41(2): 249-251.

Videos/ Podcasts

Democracy Paradox, with Josh Ober, May 9, 2024. <https://democracyparadox.com/2024/05/14/when-democracy-breaks-ancient-athens-with-josiah-ober-and-federica-carugati/>

KQED Forum, Toward a Moral Political Economy, with Alexis Madrigal, Margaret Levi, Henry Farrell, and Manuel Pastor, May 9, 2023, <https://www.kqed.org/forum/2010101893085/toward-a-moral-political-economy>.

Interview with Peter Boettke, Hayek Program Podcast, <https://www.mercatus.org/hayekprogram/hayek-program-podcast/peter-boettke-federica-carugati-reframing-modern-political>.

The Political Economy of Ancient Greece, LearnIOE Mini-lectures, <https://www.learnioe.org/video/topic/political-institutional-dynamics>.

How to Build a Digital Civil Society: Lessons from Athens, recording not available.

Featured work [*The Economist*](#), [*La Repubblica*](#), [*Politics and Society*](#).

An [Art Exhibit](#) related to Governance Archaeology was part of the *United Nations Internet Governance Forum* (Katowice, Poland, Dec. 2021).

*Teaching
recognitions*

Higher Education Academy, Fellow

Teaching

King's College London, London, UK

- *History and Political Economy: Approaches and Methods* (undergraduate)
- *World Economic History* (undergraduate)
- *Political and Economic Philosophy* (undergraduate)
- *Institutions and Economic Development* (postgraduate)

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Political Science Courses

- *Making Democracy Work* (undergraduate)
- *Institutional Analysis: Concepts and Applications* (postgraduate)

Law School Courses

- *Comparative Law: Law Without the State*

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

History and Political Theory Courses

- Primary Instructor
 - *The Greeks* (undergraduate)
- Teaching Assistant
 - *Origins of Political Thought* (postgraduate and undergraduate)
 - *The Greeks* (undergraduate)
 - *Gender and Power in Ancient Rome* (undergraduate)

Awards

Recognition Award for contribution to King's College London, awarded for work on the development of the History and Political Economy undergraduate programme.

Grants

Center for the Study of Governance and Society, *Writing, Knowledge, and State Capacity*, £5K, awarded July 2024.

Center for the Study of Governance and Society, *State Capacity and Information Technology*, £10K, awarded December 2023.

Cornell University – King's College London Global Strategic Collaboration Award (with Alexandra Cirone and Gabriel Leon-Ablan), £7K, awarded November 2023.

Ethereum Foundation, Governance Archaeology for Decentralized Communities (with Nathan Schneider), \$80K, awarded April 2023.

Center for the Study of Governance and Society, *Governance Archaeology*, £10K, awarded December 2022.

Center for the Study of Governance and Society, *State Capacity and Organizational Learning in Ancient Greece*, £5K, awarded June 2022.

British Academy Leverhulme Small Research Grants, *Science of Participation*, PI. £10K, awarded September 2021.

Eutopia Foundation, *Governance Archaeology for Online Communities*, PI. \$25K, awarded December 2020 (with Nathan Schneider).

Ford Foundation, *Institutions for a New Moral Political Economy*, collaborator. \$50K, awarded May 2019.

Hewlett Foundation: Beyond Neoliberalism, *Creating the Framework for a New Moral Political Economy*, collaborator. \$100K, awarded December 2018.

AI in Medicine: Inclusion and Equity Seed Grant, *Intimate AI: The Impact of Machine Carers on Home Care*, collaborator. \$25K, awarded October 2018.

Stanford Classics Department Mediterranean Fund Travel Grant, PI. 2-5K, awarded 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014.

Fellowships

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University-Bloomington (2015-16).

Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute (2015-16, declined).

Graduate Fellow, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation (2014-15).

Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship (2011-14).

PhD Fellowship, Stanford University (2009-11).

Dissertation Abroad Fellowship, University of Bologna (2008).

Professional Service

London School of Economics and Political Sciences
External examiner (2024-5)

King's College London
Program Director, History and Political Economy Undergraduate Degree (Sept 2020- current)

Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE)
Secretary, 2024-2027
Board of Directors, 2020-2023
Committee Chair, Ronald Coase Best Dissertation Award, 2021
Committee Member, Ronald Coase Best Dissertation Award, 2020
Program Committee Member, 2018

Journal Of Institutional Economics

Jury Member, Ostrom Prize

Reviewer

Routledge; Bloomsbury Academic Publishing; Cambridge University Press; Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B; Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press Elements in Political Economy; Public Choice; Political Science Quarterly; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Politics; American Political Science Review; Polis; Perspectives on Politics; Constitutional Political Economy; Journal of Legal Studies; Journal of Economic History; Wallenberg Foundation; ESRC.

Conferences and Workshops

2025

Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics Annual Meeting, Sydney, Aug. 24-6.

European Political Science Association, Madrid, Jun. 26-8.

The Society of Humankind: Roman Justice From Antiquity to the Enlightenment, NYU, May 28-31.

Mechanism Design for Decentralised Justice: Law in the Age of Crowds and Code (Panel Chair and Presenter), KCL, Apr. 24.

Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy, Jan. 31.

2024

Centre for Competition Policy Seminar Series, University of East Anglia, Nov. 29.

Hamburg Lectures Series in Law and Economics, University of Hamburg, Oct. 30.

First Annual Historical Political Economy Conference (presenter and discussant), USC, Oct. 19-20.

Gaps of development and application of AI left by Silicon Valley Workshop, Nuffield Foundation, Oct. 3.

Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics Annual Meeting, Chicago, Jun. 27-9.

WOW7, Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop (chair and presenter), IU Bloomington, Jun. 19-21.

History and Democracy, King's College London, Jun. 7.

Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy, Corsica (France), May 19-24.

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Workshop, Brown University, Apr. 24.

The Calculated Economy in the Era of Machine Learning, Santa Fe Institute, Apr. 8-9.

2023

Lotteries and Democracy (presenter and final roundtable participant), Yale University, Dec. 1.
Democracy After Athens, Theoretical Approaches in Antiquity Durham, Sept. 20-22, 2023.
The New Institute Rethinking Capitalism Expert Workshop (presenter and panel chair), The New Institute (Hamburg), Sept. 4-8.
Judicial Renaissance III, National Judicial College, Athens, Sept. 4-7, 2023.
Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics Annual Meeting, Panel on “Centralization, Decentralization, and Political Development: Lessons From Historical Political Economy,” and Roundtable “HPE in/and/as SIOE” (organizer and participant), Frankfurt, Aug. 24-6.
Recreating Democracy Workshop, Harvard University, May 16-7.
Democracy Past and Future: A Symposium in Honor of Josiah Ober, Stanford University, May 5-6 (organizer and participant).
A New Moral Political Economy, Stanford University, Mar. 9-10.
Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, Feb. 17.
Conference on Ancient Philosophy of Law, Organized by Christopher Bobonich, Antony Hatzistavrou, and Josiah Ober, (online) Jan. 20-22.

2022

International Workshop On Reimagining Democracy (IWORD), Harvard University, Dec. 6-8.
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Session “(En)visioning Democratic Futures,” Montreal, Sept 15-18.
Classics Department Lecture Series, University of Toronto, Sept. 14.
Summer Institute *Organizations and their Effectiveness*, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Jul 19.
Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics Annual Meeting, Session “Bureaucracy, Governance, and State Capacity,” Toronto, Jun. 23-25.
Ernst Strungmann Forum, Frankfurt, May 8-13.

2021

Morality and Models: Assessing Modern Approaches to the Ancient Economy, University of Toronto, Nov. 5-6.
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Roundtable “Reshaping Capitalist Democracies” and Panel “Civic Media: Local Government and Elected Officials' Use of Digital Tools.” Seattle, Sept 30-Oct 3.
Spinoza Political Economy Seminars, London School of Economics, Jul. 20.

Economic History Seminar, London School of Economics, May 13.

2020

Cyber Peace Colloquium, Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University
Bloomington, Apr. 17 and 24.

Digital Civil Society Lecture Series, Stanford University, Apr. 21.

2019

Common Currency: The ‘Cambridge Circus’ and the Reinvention of
Economics, Cambridge University, Nov. 7-9.

Workshop in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, George Mason
University, Oct. 24.

Institutions and Law-Making Conference, Emory University, Mar. 1-3;
Stanford Classics Department Lecture Series, Stanford University, Jan.
18.

2018

World Justice Project Scholars Conference, Duke University, Oct. 26-7;
Smart Cities Conference, Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University
Bloomington, Oct. 3-5;

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Panel
“Political Theory In/And/As Political Science,” Boston, Aug.
31-Sept. 2;

Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy, Corsica
(France), May 21-26;

International Conference *Political Theory In, And, As Political Science*,
McGill University, May 10-12;

Creating a Framework for a New Moral Economy Workshop, Center
for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University,
May 3-5;

Research Group on Political Institutions and Economic Policy (PIEP),
Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University Bloomington;

Center for Law, Society and Culture, Indiana University Bloomington,
Apr. 13;

Manuscript Conference for Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson,
Northwestern University, Mar. 9-10;

Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, Charleston SC, Mar. 1-3.

2017

Conference *From Parchment to Practice: Implementing New
Constitutions*, University of Chicago Law School;

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Panel “The
Old Institutionalism: Theoretical Reflections on Ancient Greek
Institutions,” San Francisco;

Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE) Annual Meeting, Columbia University.
Research Group on Political Institutions and Economic Policy (PIEP), Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University Bloomington.

2016

Midwestern Consortium of Greek Historians and Political Theorists, Ann Arbor, Michigan;
Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics, NYU School of Law;
Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE) Annual Meeting, Paris, France;
3rd Institutions, Trade, and Economic Development (InsTED) Workshop, Indiana University-Bloomington;
World Justice Project Scholars Conference on “The Rule of Law, Non-Law, and Social Order,” Stanford Law School;
Conference on the Political Economy of Judicial Politics, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University;
Center for Constitutional Democracy Lecture Series, Maurer School of Law, Indiana University-Bloomington;
Ostrom Workshop Lecture Series, Indiana University-Bloomington.

2015

American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Washington, DC;
Leventis Conference on Ancient Greek History and Contemporary Social Science, University of Edinburgh, UK.

2014

Symposium on Private Orderings, Centre for Corporate Reputation, Said Business School, Oxford University.

2013

International Conference on the “Use and Abuse of Law in the Athenian Courts,” University College London, UK.

2012

Conference on “Legal Regimes and Legal Change in Antiquity,” UC Berkeley, CA.

Additional Coursework

Statistics for Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Science (STAT 05 W); Stanford Continuing Studies, Winter 2020.
The Ethics of Technological Disruption (POL 55); Stanford Continuing Studies, Winter 2019.

Work Experience

Advisor, Center for Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality (CWEGE), Amrita University (2022 -)

Constitutional Reforms Advisor, Myanmar (Burma), with the Center for Constitutional Democracy, Maurer School of Law (2016 – 2018).

Data Management Consultant, Timap for Justice, Sierra Leone, Summer 2013.

Intern, Legal Resources Centre, Cape Town, South Africa, Summer 2012.

Project Collaborator

- *Rebooting Government with Design Thinking*, Stanford University, Spring 2013.
- *ORBIS*, The Stanford Geospatial Network Model of the Roman World, Stanford University (2011-12).

*Other
Experience*

Professional Basketball Player (1996-2009).

Languages

Italian (native)

English (fluent)

French (good reading knowledge; basic spoken language)

German (basic reading knowledge)

Ancient Greek (reading knowledge)

Latin (reading knowledge)