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Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

2015 – Associate Professor of Humanities  
 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

**PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2018 – 2020 Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education  
 • Program Director, BSc in Global China Studies  
 School of Humanities and Social Science  
 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2010 – 2015 Assistant Professor of Humanities,  
 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2009 – 2010 Visiting Assistant Professor of Humanities,  
 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2008 – 2009 Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow, European University Institute,  
 Florence, Italy

**EDUCATION**

2008 Ph.D. in Modern European History  
 Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
 Committee: Anson Rabinbach, Princeton University (adviser); Harold James, Princeton University; Anthony Grafton, Princeton University; Peter Gordon, Harvard University

2003 M.A. in Modern European History  
 Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

1999 A.B. *magna cum laude* in Philosophy  
 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

**GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

2023 – 2024	General Research Fund grant for “The Führer’s Successor: Constitutional Theory and Conciliarism in Nazi Germany” (principal investigator), awarded by Research Grants Council, Hong Kong (HK\$430,000)
2014 – 2017	General Research Fund grant for “The Third Reich and International Thought” (principal investigator), awarded by Research Grants Council, Hong Kong (HK\$563,500)
2013 – 2015	Research Infrastructure Grant, “World War I, Economic Warfare, and the Freedom of the Seas” (principal investigator), awarded by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Vice-President for Research & Graduate Studies (HK\$50,000)
2006 – 2007	Josephine De Kármán Dissertation Fellowship
2005 – 2006	Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University
2004 – 2005	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Fellowship
2001 – 2004	Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University
1998	Phi Beta Kappa (Senior 48), Harvard University
1998	Top Paper, New England Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
1997 & 1998	First Prize, Poetry Contest, <i>The Harvard Advocate</i>
1996	Detur Prize, Harvard University

**PUBLICATIONS****Books:**

*Max Weber in Politics and Social Thought: From Charisma to Canonization* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, “Ideas in Context” series, 2012).

**Edited Volumes:**

*Max Weber at 100: Legacies and Prospects*, ed. Joshua Derman and Peter E. Gordon, Oxford University Press, forthcoming,

**Articles, Book Chapters, Review Essays:**

“Max Weber, Imperialism, and the Fate of Globalization,” in *Max Weber at 100: Legacies and Prospects*, ed. Joshua Derman and Peter E. Gordon, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

With Peter E. Gordon, “Max Weber after 100 Years: Editors’ Introduction,” in *Max Weber at 100: Legacies and Prospects*, ed. Joshua Derman and Peter E. Gordon, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

“Prophet of a Partitioned World: Ferdinand Fried, ‘Great Spaces,’ and the Dialectics of Deglobalization, 1929–1950,” *Modern Intellectual History* 18, no. 3 (2021): 757–81.

“Max Weber and the Idea of the Occident,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Max Weber*, ed. Edith Hanke, Lawrence A. Scaff, and Sam Whimster (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), 519–33.

“Modern Imperialism and International Law: Carl Schmitt and Ernst Rudolf Huber on the ‘International Legal Order of Great Spaces,’” in *Empire and the Social Sciences: Global Histories of Knowledge*, ed. Jeremy Adelman (London: Bloomsbury, 2019), 123–40.

“The Idea of Thalassocracy in Nazi Germany: Carl Schmitt and Ernst Wolgast on Sea Power in History,” in *Thalassokratographie: Rezeption und Transformation antiker Seeherrschaft*, ed. Hans Kopp and Christian Wendt (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2018), 233–60.

“Max Weber,” in *Liberal Moments: Reading Liberal Texts*, ed. Alan S. Kahan and Ewa Atanassow (London: Bloomsbury, 2017), 123–30.

“Politics without Magic: Max Weber in Weimar Germany,” in *The Anthem Companion to Weber*, ed. Alan Sica (London: Anthem, 2016), 231–55.

“Beyond the Other Shore: German Intellectuals in the United States” [review essay], *Modern Intellectual History* 12, no. 1 (2015): 235–52.

“Carl Schmitt on Land and Sea,” *History of European Ideas* 37, no. 2 (2011): 181–89.

“Max Weber and Charisma: A Transatlantic Affair,” *New German Critique* 113 (2011): 51–88.

“Skepticism and Faith: Max Weber’s Anti-Utopianism in the Eyes of his Contemporaries,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 71, no. 3 (2010): 481–503.

“Constructing a German-Jewish Heimat: Berthold Rosenthal’s *Heimat History of the Jews of Baden*,” European University Institute Working Paper MWP 2010/13.

“Philosophy Beyond the Bounds of Reason: The Influence of Max Weber on the Development of Karl Jaspers’ *Existenzphilosophie*, 1909–1932,” in *Max Weber Matters: Interweaving Past and Present*, ed. David Chalcraft, Fanon Howell, Marisol Lopez Menendez, and Hector Vera (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008), 55–71.

## Reviews:

Matthew Specter, *The Atlantic Realists: Empire and International Political Thought between Germany and the United States* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2022); for *Journal of Modern History* 96, no. 1 (2024): 173–74.

Kaius Tuori, *Empire of Law: Nazi Germany, Exile Scholars and the Battle for the Future of Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020); for *Central European History* 55, no. 2 (2022): 312–14.

Max Weber, *Economy and Society: A New Translation*, ed. and trans. Keith Tribe (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019); for *Journal of Modern History* 94, no. 2 (2022): 484–85.

Benjamin A. Schupmann, *Carl Schmitt's State and Constitutional Theory: A Critical Analysis* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017); for H-Diplo, review essay 283, October 29, 2020.

Elizabeth S. Goodstein, *Georg Simmel and the Disciplinary Imaginary* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2017); for *American Historical Review* 123, no. 5 (2018): 1769–70.

Michael Kaiser and Harald Rosenbach, eds., *Max Weber in der Welt: Rezeption und Wirkung* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014); for *Max Weber Studies* 16, no. 2 (2016): 278–83.

Peter Ghosh, *Max Weber and The Protestant Ethic: Twin Histories* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014); for *Journal of Modern History* 88, no. 4 (2016): 979–81.

Udi Greenberg, *The Weimar Century: German Émigrés and the Ideological Foundations of the Cold War* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014); for H-DIPLO Roundtable Review 17, no. 2 (2015), <http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XVII-2>.

Howard Eiland and Michael W. Jennings, *Walter Benjamin: A Critical Life* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2014); for *Central European History* 48, no. 2 (2015): 270–71.

Joachim Radkau, *Max Weber: A Biography* (Cambridge: Polity, 2009); for *Review of Politics* 73, no. 1 (2011): 184–87.

## **EDITORIAL SERVICE**

Book Reviews Editor, *Max Weber Studies* (2016 –).

Editor, “Ideas in Motion,” special issue, *New German Critique* 113 (2011).

Co-editor, “Carl Schmitt, Humanity and Rights: Early Modern Readings, Contemporary Appraisals,” special issue, *History of European Ideas* 37, no. 2 (2011).

## **CONFERENCES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Conferences and Panels Organized:**

Co-organizer of the panel, “Re-Envisioning Empire: Adaptations and Contestations of World Order, 1930s–1960s,” American Historical Association, Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, January 7–10, 2021. Canceled due to COVID-19.

Co-organizer of the conference, “Max Weber Centennial Conference,” Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 15–16, 2020. Canceled due to COVID-19.

Co-organizer of the workshop, “Philosophical Perspectives on Dignity,” Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, 27 June 2018.

Co-organizer of the conference, “Germany and Global History: Ideas, Practices, Institutions,” Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, 10–11 May 2018.

Co-organizer of the panel, “The Limits of Empire: Imperial History in the Wake of the Transnational Turn,” American Historical Association, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 4 January 2014.

Co-organizer of the conference, “The Challenge of Carl Schmitt: Human Rights, Humanitarianism and International Law,” European University Institute, Florence, 29–30 June 2009.

Co-organizer of the conference, “On Objective Knowledge in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Karl Popper and Beyond,” European University Institute, Florence, 13 March 2009.

Organizer of the panel, “Becoming Modern: Rethinking the Intellectual History of Weimar Germany,” American Historical Association, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 6 January 2008.

### **Invited Papers, Presentations, and Participation:**

“Prophet of a Partitioned World: Ferdinand Fried and the Dialectics of Deglobalization, 1929–1950,” POLIS Research Seminar, Cambridge University, March 11, 2021. Delivered via Zoom.

“Prophet of a Partitioned World: Ferdinand Fried and the Dialectics of Deglobalization, 1929–1950,” World Order Colloquium, Princeton University, November 19, 2020. Delivered via Zoom.

“The Idea of the Occident in Max Weber’s Sociology of Politics and Religion,” at the conference “Max Weber: Politics and Religion,” University of Buenos Aires, 11 October 2018.

“The Concept of a Großraum, 1930–1950,” at the conference “Reinhart Koselleck and Begriffsgeschichte in the Twentieth Century,” Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach, 15 June 2018.

“Thalassocracy and Nazi Germany,” at the workshop “The Modern Reception of Ancient Sea Power,” Freie Universität Berlin, 30 May 2015.

Invited participant at the conference “Liberty and the Commerce and Culture of Cities,” Liberty Fund, Singapore, 12–15 March 2015.

Invited participant at the conference “Adam Smith, Liberty, and Responsibility: East and West,” Liberty Fund, Hong Kong, 28–31 August 2014.

“Charisma and Leadership,” presentation for HKUST Leadership and Public Policy Executive Education program, Oxford-HKUST Leadership and Public Policy Series, 25 April 2014.

“National Socialism, Universal History, and the *Nomos* of the Earth,” at the workshop “Empire and the Social Sciences,” Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, 28 March 2014.

Invited participant at the conference “Liberty, Civil Society, and Community: West and East,” Liberty Fund, Hong Kong, 22–25 August 2013.

Invited participant, Kandersteg Seminar on “Europe on the Brink: 1913 Revisited,” Remarque Institute at New York University, Kandersteg, Switzerland, 10–14 April 2013.

“*Betrieb* and Bureaucracy: Max Weber in Germany and the US,” at the conference “Crisis and Conflict in 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe: Conference in Honor of Anson Rabinbach,” Columbia University, Deutsches Haus, 1 May 2010.

“Charismatic Leadership: The History of a Concept, 1920–1968,” presentation at the Centre canadien d’études allemandes et européennes, Université de Montréal, 22 January 2010.

“Max Weber and the German Catastrophe: A Transatlantic Affair,” at the workshop “Ideas in Motion,” Davis Center, Princeton University, 28 March 2009.

Invited Participant, Kandersteg Seminar on “Intellectual History,” Remarque Institute at New York University, Kandersteg, Switzerland, 31 October – 4 November 2007.

### **Other Papers and Presentations:**

“Dividing the World: National Socialism and International Thought,” Project House Europe Workshop, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, May 22, 2023.

“Dividing the World: National Socialism and International Thought,” Berlin Global History Colloquium, Freie Universität, Berlin, May 15, 2023.

“Imperialism in an Age of Decolonization: The Nazi New Order in a Global Mirror, 1942–43,” American Historical Association, Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, January 7–10, 2021. Canceled due to COVID-19.

“German Visions of Global Order after an Axis Victory, 1939–1945,” University of Hong Kong, Department of History, 28 February 2019.

“German Visions of Global Order after an Axis Victory, 1939–1945,” Hong Kong Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Hong Kong, 3 November 2018.

“Dividing the World: German Visions of Global Order after an Axis Victory, 1939–1945,” Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong, 29 April 2018.

“Thinking about Politics in Nazi Germany,” Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong, 28 September 2015.

“Politics without Magic: Max Weber in Weimar Politics,” German History Society annual conference, Queen Mary, University of London, 4 September 2015.

“Carl Schmitt, ‘Great Spaces,’ and the Age of Imperialism,” at the conference “After the Leviathan,” Hong Kong University, 23 October 2014.

“Empires of Land, Empires of Sea: Writing World History in Weimar and Nazi Germany,” American Historical Association, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 4 January 2014.  
 “Charisma: The Transatlantic History of a Concept,” Hong Kong Sociological Association annual conference, Hong Kong, 6 December 2013.

“Charisma: The History of a Concept,” Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong, 6 April 2013.

“A History of Max Weber’s *Wertfreiheit* in Germany, 1920–1945,” German Studies Association, Annual Conference, Milwaukee, 6 October 2012.

“Studying Reception Through Concept History: Max Weber in German-Speaking Europe and the United States,” 15th International Conference of the History of Political and Social Concepts Group, Helsinki, 24 August 2012.

“Max Weber’s Concept of Value Freedom in German Thought,” at the conference “The Measurement of Values,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, 8 June 2012.

“Foundational Texts in Global Intellectual History,” Peking University — Hong Kong University of Science and Technology — University of Virginia Summer Conference on Foundational Texts and Traditions, Beijing, 17 August 2011.

“‘Charisma’ and Modern Political Movements: A Transatlantic Concept History,” at the conference “Max Weber and the Reconfiguration of Modernity,” Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University, 2 September 2010.

“‘They laugh, and at the same time they shudder’: Theodor W. Adorno and Siegfried Kracauer on the Obsolescence of Mass Culture,” International Society for the History of Rhetoric, Biennial Conference, Montreal, 24 July 2009.

“Carl Schmitt on Land and Sea,” at the conference “The Challenge of Carl Schmitt: Human Rights, Humanitarianism and International Law,” European University Institute, Florence, 29 June 2009.

“Max Weber and Political Thought in Weimar Germany,” International Society for Intellectual History Conference, Verona, 27 May 2009.

“Max Weber and German Fascism: The History of a Transatlantic Controversy, 1920–1964,” German Studies Association, Annual Conference, Minneapolis, 3 October 2008.

“The Reception of Max Weber among German Intellectuals, 1920–1933,” American Historical Association, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 6 January 2008.

“The Migration of a Discourse: Max Weber and his German Interpreters in the United States, 1933–1953,” German Studies Association, Annual Conference, San Diego, 5 October 2007.

“Scholarship and its Discontents: The Controversy over Max Weber’s ‘Value Freedom,’ 1904–1933,” Society for European Philosophy / Forum for European Philosophy, Annual Joint Conference, University of Sussex, 8 September 2007.

“Politik im Zeichen der Entzauberung: Deutsche Intellektuellen zwischen Liberalismus und Konservatismus während der Weimarer Republik,” research colloquium of Wolfgang Hardtwig, Humboldt University Berlin, 9 May 2006.

“The Politics of Disenchantment—Karl Jaspers and the Legacy of Max Weber in the Weimar Republic,” German Studies Association, Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, 30 September 2006.

“The Politics of Disenchantment: Karl Jaspers and the Legacy of Max Weber in the Weimar Republic,” at the conference “History Matters: The Legacy of Max Weber,” The New School for Social Research, New York City, 27 April 2006.

“Does the Universe Appear to be Fine-Tuned?,” New England Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Tufts University, 18 April 1998.

## **TEACHING**

### **Undergraduate:**

HUMA 4620: Geopolitics

HUMA 4530: History and the Future

HUMA 4000A: Max Weber, the West, and the World

HUMA 2590: The Making of the Modern World: Renaissance to the Present

HUMA 2589: Mussolini, Stalin, Hitler: Dictators and their Regimes

HUMA 2588: Nazism and German Society, 1914–1945

HUMA 1550: Europe and the World in the Twentieth Century

HUMA 255: Social Change and Social Thought in Europe, 1750–1914

### **Postgraduate:**

HUMA 5695: Fascism

HUMA 5696: The Culture of Capitalism

HUMA 5541: History and the Future

## **STUDENTS SUPERVISED AND EXAMINED**

### **Postgraduate Co-Supervisor:**

WONG Tung Tin, M.Phil., Division of Humanities, defended June 2018.

HAO Xiaowen, M.Phil., Division of Humanities, defended September 2016.



**Postgraduate Committee Member:**

CHEUNG Ming Kwong, M.Phil., Division of Humanities, defended June 2023.

Raymond ROHNE, Ph.D., Division of Humanities, defended August 2022.

SHEN Yuying, M.Phil., Division of Humanities, defended August 2021.

Leonardo BARBOSA, M.Phil., Division of Humanities, defended July 2021.

CHEN Mian, M.Phil., Division of Humanities, defended July 2018.

LEUNG Ho Chiu, M.Phil., Division of Humanities, defended August 2017.

Raymond ROHNE, M. Phil., Division of Humanities, defended July 2017.

FONG Sau-Yi, M.Phil, Division of Humanities, defended August 2013.

**Postgraduate Examiner:**

Kristina BUTAEVA, Ph.D., Division of Social Science, defended July 2021.

Kevin WONG, Ph.D., Division of Social Science, defended June 2013.

**External Examiner:**

Pavel KREJCI, Ph.D., University of Hong Kong, Department of History, defended November 2023.

**Undergraduate Supervisor:**

CHO Yeowon, Global China Studies B.Sc. capstone project, fall 2023.

LEUNG Lap Yin, Global China Studies B.Sc. capstone project, fall 2023.

Clementine TONG, Global China Studies B.Sc. capstone project, fall 2023.

YEUNG Yuk Po, Global China Studies B.Sc. capstone project, spring 2023.

AU Ka Yi, Global China Studies B.Sc. capstone project, spring 2015.

**SERVICE AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**School of Humanities and Social Science and University:**

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs  
Program Director, B.Sc. in Global China Studies  
School Appointments and Substantiation Committee, member  
Committee on Undergraduate Studies, member  
Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Studies Committee, member

Senate Student Disciplinary Committee, member  
 Undergraduate Admissions Sub-Committee, member  
 Task Force on Global China Studies Program Reform  
 Participated in delegation visits to Charlottesville and Beijing to discuss joint initiatives in  
 humanities education with University of Virginia and Peking University  
 Defining Global China Studies Task Force, member

### **Division of Humanities:**

Post-Graduate Committee, Chair  
 Search Committee for Head of Humanities Division, Co-Chair  
 Research Assessment Exercise 2020 coordinator  
 Search and Appointments Committee, member  
 Substantiation and Promotion Committee, member  
 Curriculum Committee, history and anthropology representative  
 History Postgraduate Curriculum Task Force, member

### **Student Associations:**

One of ten faculty members elected by HKUST students to present a lecture at student-organized “Great Minds” event (April 2012)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *College Literature*, *Contemporary European History*, *Diacritics*, *History of Political Thought*, *History of the Human Sciences*, *International Security*, *Journal of Classical Sociology*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *New German Critique*, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press

Application reviewer, Max Weber Postdoctoral Program, European University Institute

### **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

1999 – 2001	Jewish Museum Berlin, Germany
	Head of Multimedia Exhibitions, 2001
	Assistant to the Deputy Director, 1999 – 2000
1997 & 1999	Let’s Go Publications, Cambridge, MA
	Researcher-Writer, <i>Let’s Go Austria and Switzerland</i> , 1999
	Researcher-Writer, <i>Let’s Go Europe</i> (Iceland & Norway), 1997

### **LANGUAGES**

German, French