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DESIRED POSITION

Visiting Assistant Professorship in Catholic Studies

EDUCATION

- European University Institute, Florence **2009-2012**
PhD Candidate in Political and Social Sciences
Thesis: “‘A living tradition’: The Holy See, Catholic Social Thought, and Global Politics, 1965-2000”. Supervisors: Prof Friedrich Kratochwil and Dr Scott Thomas (Bath/Heythrop College)
- European University Institute, Florence **2008-2009**
Master of Research in Political and Social Sciences
Research paper: ‘The Vatican and the Cold War, 1947-1991’
- University of Oxford, St Antony’s College **2005-2007**
Master of Philosophy in International Relations
Thesis: ‘John Paul II, the Cold War, and the Catholic Tradition of Int. Relations, 1978-1991’
- Institut d’Études Politiques (‘Sciences-Po’), Strasbourg **2003-2004**
Erasmus exchange semester at French-speaking university
- University of Wales, Aberystwyth **2002-2005**
Bachelor of Science (Econ) (Hons) in International Relations (First Class)
Aberystwyth Paper Prize for best performance of all departmental students in first and final year

WORK EXPERIENCE

- EU Delegation to the Holy See, Rome** **2010**
Four-month traineeship. I prepared briefing papers for high-level EU visitors to the Holy See, drafted speeches, articles, and correspondence for the ambassador, and followed the press.
- European Commission, Cabinet of President Barroso, Brussels** **2007-2008**
Five-month traineeship, working on external relations. I prepared briefing notes and drafted replies to the President’s correspondence, prefaces, articles and video-messages.
- McKinsey & Company, Vienna** **2005**
Three-month internship, supporting a quality improvement programme for a major German logistic company. I developed a monitoring tool for controlling quality improvement measures.
- Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN, Geneva** **2004**
Ten-week internship. I took notes at various international conferences, and prepared conference reports for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vienna.
- Misereor – Episcopal Development Agency, Aachen, Germany** **2003**
Six-week internship in the department for policy analysis, carrying out research on civil society participation and the involvement of Southern project partners in the drawing up of ‘PRSPs’.

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PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- ‘Fear & Trembling? A Critical Appraisal of the Achievements and the Limitations of the “Religious Turn” in the Study of International Relations’ (co-authored with Scott Thomas; in progress).

Book Reviews

- ‘Demythologising religious violence’ (William Cavanaugh, ‘The Myth of Religious Violence: Secular Ideology and the Roots of Modern Conflict’, 2009), *European Political Science* 9(4): 515-523, Dec 2010.
- Massimo Franco, ‘Parallel Empires: The Vatican and the United States - Two Centuries of Alliance and Conflict’, 2009; Ian Linden, ‘Global Catholicism: Diversity and Change since Vatican II’, 2009, *Millennium - Journal of International Studies* 38(3): 858-861, May 2010.
- Mike King, ‘Secularism: The Hidden Origins of Disbelief’, 2007, *Millennium - Journal of International Studies* 37(3): 831-833, May 2009.
- Knud Erik Jørgenson and Tonny Brems Knudsen (eds.), ‘International Relations in Europe: Traditions, Perspectives and Destinations’, 2006, *Millennium - Journal of International Studies* 36(1): 159-161, Dec 2007.
- John Anderson (ed.), ‘Religion, Democracy and Democratisation’, *St Antony’s International Review* 2(2): 122-124, Feb 2007.

Op-eds, Commentaries, Interviews

- ‘What Catholics can learn from Evangelicals’ (in German), *www.idea.de*, 3 Sep 2011.
- ‘The demise of liberal Catholicism’ (in German), <http://derstandard.at>, 25 Aug 2011.
- ‘Christianity in Europe: A part of or apart from culture?’, *Christian Science Monitor*, 5 Dec 2009.
- ‘The EU’s military operation in Chad and the CAR’ (in German, English, and French), *Europe Infos* 103, Mar 2008.

CONFERENCES

- Rapporteur at the high-level ‘International Seminar on Religious Freedom: Human Rights, Social Inclusion and Political Participation: The case of Christian Communities’, EUI, Florence, 13-14 Jun 2011.
- Co-organiser of workshop entitled ‘Theoretically found, conceptually lost: How (not) to study the politics of religion’, EUI, Florence, 3-4 Jun 2011.
- Discussant at workshop entitled ‘Converts as Commuters: Conversions in the Mediterranean World’, EUI, Florence, 17-19 Mar 2011.
- Presentation of a paper on ‘The Holy See and the Vietnam War, 1965-1975’, Religion and Politics Working Group, EUI, Florence, 10 Dec 2010.
- Co-organiser of workshop on ‘Studying religion: Theoretical and methodological challenges’. Presentation of a paper entitled ‘Fear & Trembling?’ (co-authored with Scott Thomas), EUI, Florence, 7-8 Jun 2010.
- Presentation of a paper entitled ‘The Vatican and the Cold War, 1947-1991: Truth trumps neutrality’, 9th Aleksanteri Conference on ‘Cold War Interactions Reconsidered’, University of Helsinki, 29-31 Oct 2009.
- Co-organiser and panellist at workshop on ‘How (not) to study the politics of religion’, EUI, Florence, 13-14 May 2009. Presentation of a paper on ‘The Papacy and the Cold War, 1947-1991: Understanding the politics of religion’.

OTHER ACADEMIC WORK

- Co-founder and co-convenor of the Religion and Politics Working Group at the EUI, Florence, chaired by Prof. Olivier Roy (www.eui.eu/Personal/Projects/RPWG). Organisation of regular talks as well as a major annual workshop (2009-2011).
- I have peer-reviewed an article on religion and climate change for the St Antony's International Review (Sep 2009).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (very good), Italian (good), Spanish (beginner)

AWARDS

European University Institute, Florence **2011-2012**
Full '4th year' maintenance grant for completion of dissertation.

European University Institute, Florence **2010-2011**
Departmental mission funding for archival research in US presidential libraries (1,000 EUR, Mar 2010) and for archival research in the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (433 EUR, Jun 2011).

Paderewski Travel Grant, Natolin European Centre, Warsaw **2010**
Travel grant to fund archival research in the Stasi archives in Berlin on Vatican policies towards Central and Eastern Europe during the early 1980s (2,000 EUR).

Austrian Exchange Service, Vienna **2008-2011**
Full fee and maintenance grant for pursuit of doctoral studies at the European University Institute.

Economic and Social Science Research Council (UK) **2006-2007**
Full fee and maintenance grant for pursuit of postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford.

Various Travel Grants, University of Oxford **2006**
Various travel awards for a research and interview trip to the Vatican: Maurice Latey Travel Award (375 GBP) & Departmental Fund (250 GBP), Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford; JCR Travel Award (50 GPB), St Antony's College (Sep 2006).

HOBBIES

Running and walking **2000-present**
Completion of a 100km (14hrs14min) and a 50km ultra-marathon (4hrs52min) as well as several marathons (PR 3hrs37min) and half-marathons (PR 1hr29min). Long-distance hiking: Camino de Santiago (900km/32 days), Pennine Way (400km/16 days), Central Alpine Way (1100km/40 days).

REFEREES

Prof Friedrich Kratochwil, Professor (Emeritus) of International Relations, European University Institute, Florence, Italy; friedrich.kratochwil@eui.eu.

Dr Scott Thomas, Senior Lecturer in the Department of European Studies and Modern Languages, University of Bath and Research Fellow in the Centre for Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue, Heythrop College, University of London; s.m.thomas@bath.ac.uk.

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