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1. CONTACT INFORMATION

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2. RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of international relations; US, UK, and EU foreign policy; theory—international and sociological; philosophy of social science.

3. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California-Davis

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, July 2014-

University of Sheffield

Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of Politics, 2012-2014

University of California-Berkeley

Visiting Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for British Studies, 2010-2012

University of California-Davis

Research Associate, Institute of Governmental Affairs, 2009-10

4. EDUCATION

European University Institute, Florence

PhD, Political Science (International Relations), Advisor: Friedrich V. Kratochwil, 2009

University of Cambridge

Master of Philosophy (MPhil), International Relations, 2005

University of Oxford

BA (First Class), Modern History, 2004

5. PUBLICATIONS

Books

2. **McCourt, David M., ed.** *American Power and International Theory at the Council on Foreign Relations, 1953-4*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press (in press, scheduled for publication February 2020).
1. **McCourt, David M.** 2014. *Britain and World Power since 1945: Constructing a Nation's Role in International Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Journal articles

17. **McCourt, David M.** 'American Hegemony and International Theory at the Council on Foreign Relations, 1953-54', *International History Review*, forthcoming.
16. **McCourt, David M.** 'Revisiting the Council on Foreign Relations Study Group on International Theory, 1953-54', *International History Review*, forthcoming. (Introductory framing paper for edited special section, with contributions from Lucian Ashworth, Emily Hauptmann, Felix Rösch, Or Rosenboim, and Brian C. Schmidt.)
15. **McCourt, David M.** 'The Domestic Resonance of Geopolitical Competition in American Foreign Policy: The Rise of China and Post-War U.S.-Soviet Relations Compared', *International Politics*, forthcoming.
14. **McCourt, David M.**, and Andrew Glencross. 2019. 'Great Expectations: The EU's Social Role as a Great Power Manager', *New Perspectives* 27 (1): 1-27.
13. Glencross, Andrew, and **David M. McCourt**. 2018. 'Living Up to a New Role in the World: Challenges and Contradictions of "Global Britain"', *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs* 62 (4): 582-597.
12. Levine, Daniel, and **David M. McCourt**. 2018. 'Why Does Pluralism Matter When We Study Politics? A View from Contemporary International Relations', *Perspectives on Politics* 16 (1): 92-109.
11. **McCourt, David M.** 2017. 'The Inquiry and the Birth of International Relations, 1917-1919', *Australian Journal of Politics and History* 63 (3): 394-405. (Part of special issue 'The Politics of Centenaries in International Relations'.)
10. **McCourt, David M.** 2016. 'Constructivism's Contemporary Crisis and the Challenge of Reflexivity', *European Review of International Studies* 3 (3): 40-51. (Part of special issue 'Constructing International Relations: The Third Generation'.)
9. **McCourt, David M.** 2016. 'Practice Theory and Relationalism as the New Constructivism', *International Studies Quarterly* 60 (3): 475-485.

Subject of *ISQ Online* symposium 'Seizing Constructivist Ground? Practice and Relational Theories', 3 April 2017, featuring contributions from Christian Büger, Stacie Goddard, Ted Hopf, Oliver Kessler, Cecilia Lynch, Alexander Montgomery, Daniel Nexon, Ty Solomon, and Swati Srivastava.

8. **McCourt, David M.** 2014. 'Has Britain Found its Role?', *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy* 56 (2): 159-178.
7. **McCourt, David M.** 2013. 'Embracing Humanitarian Intervention: Atlanticism and the UK Interventions in Bosnia and Kosovo', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 15 (2): 246-62.
6. **McCourt, David M.** 2012. 'What's at Stake in the Historical Turn? Theory, Practice, and *Phronēsis* in International Relations', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 41 (1): 23-42.

Reprinted in Halvard Leira and Benjamin de Carvalho, eds. 2015. *Historical International Relations, Volume 1: Doing Historical International Relations*. London: Sage.

5. **McCourt, David M.** 2012. 'The Roles States Play: A Meadian Interactionist Approach', *Journal of International Relations and Development* 15 (3): 370-92.
4. **McCourt, David M.** 2011. 'Rethinking Britain's *Role in the World* for a New Decade: The Limits of Discursive Therapy and the Promise of Field Theory', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 13 (2): 145-64.
3. **McCourt, David M.** 2011. 'Role-Playing and Identity Affirmation in International Politics: Britain's Reinvasion of the Falklands, 1982', *Review of International Studies* 37 (4): 1599-1621.
2. Barder, Alexander, and **David M. McCourt.** 2010. 'Rethinking History, Theory and the Event with Hannah Arendt', *Journal of International Political Theory* 6 (2): 117-41.
1. **McCourt, David M.** 2009. 'What was Britain's 'East of Suez Role'? Reassessing the Withdrawal, 1964-1968', *Diplomacy & Statecraft* 20 (3): 453-72.

Book chapters

5. **McCourt, David M.** 2019. 'Constructivism and Computational Social-Relational Methods, and Multiple Correspondence Analysis'. In Brent J. Steele and Harry Gould, eds. *Tactical Constructivism, Method, and International Relations*. New York: Routledge, pp. 88-102.
4. **McCourt, David M.** 2018. 'The Future of Constructivism: A Constructivist Assessment'. In Patrick James, Jarrod Hayes and Mariano Bertucci, eds. *Constructivism Reconsidered: Past, Present, and Future*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp. 33-46.
3. **McCourt, David M.** and Brent J. Steele. 2017. 'World of Our Making and Second Generation Constructivism.' In Harry Gould, ed. *The Art of World-Making: Nicholas Onuf and His Critics*. New York: Routledge, pp. 1-13.
2. **McCourt, David M.** 2012. 'Karl Mannheim's Sociology of Knowledge and Generational Analysis in International Relations'. In Jon Acuff and Brent J. Steele, eds. *Theory and Application of the "Generation" in International Relations and Politics*. New York: Palgrave, 2012, pp. 47-70.

1. **McCourt, David M.** 2011. 'Britain's Role in the World and the New Labour Governments'. In Oliver Daddow and Jamie Gaskarth, eds. *British Foreign Policy: The New Labour Years*. Basingstoke: Palgrave, pp. 31-47.

Work in progress

American Hegemony and the Rise of China: Experts, Culture, and US National Security in the Asia-Pacific since 1972 (book manuscript, in preparation).

'Hegemonic Field Effects: The United States and the Schuman Plan of 1950' (journal article, with revise and resubmit decision from *European Journal of Sociology*).

'Making the Marshall Plan, 1945-1948: Dual Demarcation, Transnationalized Threats, and the Origins of Liberal Internationalism in American Foreign Policy, 1941-1948' (journal article, with Stephanie L. Mudge, under review at the *American Journal of Sociology*).

'Culture and Identity', solicited book chapter for *The Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy*, edited by Thierry Balzacq and Ronald R. Krebs (New York: Oxford University Press, under review).

'Sociology, International Relations, and Foreign Policy' (journal article, with Ori Tamir, in preparation).

Other writings

Review of Shampa Biswas, *Nuclear Desire: Power and the Postcolonial Nuclear Order*, *Perspectives on Politics* 16, 1 (2018): 280-1.

'Constructivism's Past and (Possible) Future: A Response to Responses', *ISQ Online*, 3 April 2017.

'Brexit and Britain's Role in the World', *Socio-Economic Review Newsletter*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2016, Brexit Special, available at: <https://sase.org/event/2016-berkeley/#brexit-special>

'Britain's Role in the World and Scottish Independence', *The Duck of Minerva*, 16 September 2014. Available at <http://www.whiteoliphant.com/duckofminerva/2014/09/britains-role-in-the-world-and-scottish-independence.html>

'Cameron is Right to Let Voters Shape the UK's Future', with Andrew Glencross, *The Conversation*, 29 November 2013. Available at <http://theconversation.com/cameron-is-right-to-let-voters-shape-the-uks-future-20519>

'Great Power Politics and the Future of Europe', correspondence piece (with Andrew Glencross) on Sebastian Rosato's 'Europe's Troubles', *International Security*, 37, 1 (2012): 182-5.

'Phronēsis and Foreign Policy in Theory and Practice', *e-International Relations*, 23 November 2012. Available at <http://www.e-ir.info/2012/11/23/phronesis-and-foreign-policy-in-theory-and-practice/>

'The Very British Worldview of Chris Patten, European External Relations Commissioner, 2001-2005', European University Institute-Robert Schuman Centre Working Paper 2008/29.

'The Historical Turn and International Relations "Beyond Objectivism and Relativism"', European

University Institute Department of Social and Political Sciences Working Paper No. 2007/06.

'IR's Scientific Imagination: A Pluralist's Manifesto'. Review of Patrick Thaddeus Jackson, *The Conduct of Inquiry in International Relations*, in *International Studies Review*, 13, 4 (2011): 675-7.

'Securing Waltz's Legacy?' Review of Kenneth N. Waltz, *Realism and International Politics*, in *European Political Science Reviews*, 8 (2009): 451-55.

Review of Robert Dover, *Europeanization of British Defence Policy*, in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 38, 1 (2009): 171-72.

Review of Paul Williams, *British Foreign Policy under New Labour*, in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 36, 2 (2008): 381-83.

Review of Richard Little and John Williams (eds.), *The Anarchical Society in a Globalized World*, in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 35, 3 (2007): 777-9.

Review of Jeffrey Legro, *Rethinking the World*, in *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 19, 2 (2006): 357-8.

2. INVITED TALKS

'The Social Sources of State Action: Explaining the Surprising Longevity of Britain's Great Power Role', Centre for Advanced International Theory (CAIT), University of Sussex, 11 November 2013.

3. GRANTS

UC-Davis East Asian Studies Program Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2019 (w/ Heather Van Buskirk). Amount awarded: \$500

UC-Davis East Asian Studies Program Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2019 (w/ Waley Cheong). Amount awarded: \$500

UC-Davis Committee on Research Small Grant in Aid of Research 2018. Amount awarded: \$2,000

UC-Davis East Asian Studies Program Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2018 (w/ Christian Alfonso). Amount awarded: \$500

Hellman Family Foundation Fellowship 2017. Amount awarded: \$24,000

Institute for Social Sciences, University of California-Davis, Junior Faculty Research Grant 2016. Amount awarded: \$2,000

UC-Davis Committee on Research Small Grant in Aid of Research 2016. Amount awarded: \$2,000

4. TEACHING

University of California-Davis

SOC 5 – *Global Social Change* (Lower division)
SOC 265b – *Contemporary Sociological Theory* (Graduate seminar)
SOC 100 – *Origins of Modern Sociological Theory* (Upper division)
SOC 118 – *Political Sociology* (Upper division)
SOC 195 – *The Sociology of International Relations* (Upper division seminar)

University of Sheffield, UK

POL 383 – *Foreign Policy: Power and Persuasion* (Level 3)
POL 232 – *Contemporary US Foreign Policy* (Level 2)
POL 3018 – *Advanced Political Analysis* (Level 3)
POL 384 – *Foreign Policy Project* (Level 3 individual project supervision module)

San Francisco State University (2010-11)

IR 327 – *Europe: Forming a More Perfect Union* (Upper division)
IR 104 – *Introduction to World Affairs* (Lower division)

5. ADVISING (UC-Davis)

Graduate:

Phyllis Jeffrey, PhD 2018, Dissertation Committee Member.

Rebecca Van Stokkum, PhD 2018, Dissertation Committee Member (Human Ecology).

Dissertation Committee Member: Dustin Mabry (QE chair); Nadia Smiecinska; Ori Tamir.

Undergraduate:

Senior Thesis Advisor: Aryssa Ham (2019-20); Taylor Begin (2018-19).

6. SERVICE

Book Award Committee Member, International Political Sociology section of the International Studies Association, 2018

Section Chair, International Political Sociology section of the International Studies Association, 2017-18

Vice-Chair/Program Chair, International Political Sociology section of the ISA 2016-17

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Dissertation Research Fellowship reviewer, 2018

Journal reviewer: *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*; *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*; *Chinese Journal of International Politics*; *European Journal of International Relations*; *European Journal of International Security*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *Historical Research*; *International Affairs*; *International Political Sociology*; *International Relations*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *International Security*; *Japanese Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Journal of International Relations and Development*; *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*; *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Review of International Political Economy*; *Review of International Studies*; *Theory & Society*.

Book manuscript reviewer: Columbia University Press; University of Michigan Press; Palgrave Macmillan; Routledge Press; SAGE.

Editorial board memberships: *Politics*.

7. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA); American Sociological Association (ASA); British International Studies Association (BISA); International Studies Association (ISA); Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE); Social Science History Association (SSHA).

8. SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

‘The End of Engagement: American China Experts and Sino-US Relations, 1972 to the Present’, presented at the Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, New York, 27-29 June 2019.

‘The End of Engagement: American China Experts and Sino-US Relations, 1972 to the Present’, presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, 27-30 March 2019.

‘Contestation, Role-Based and Otherwise: Three Cases,’ presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, 27-30 March 2019.

‘How American China Experts Avoid Politics’, presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, 7-10 November 2018.

‘The Domestic Resonance of Geopolitical Competition in American Foreign Policy: The Rise of China and Post-War U.S.-Soviet Relations Compared’, presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, 7-10 November 2018.

‘Making the Marshall Plan, 1945-1948: Intraparty Struggles, Transnationalized Threats, and the Domestic Sources of Foreign Policy’, (with Stephanie L. Mudge), presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia 11-14 August 2018.

‘Finding a New Role in the World: Challenges and Contradictions of “Global Britain”’, (with Andrew Glencross), presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco 4-7 March 2018.

'How Intraparty Struggles Internationalized the New Deal: Liberals, Trumanites, and the Making of the Marshall Plan, 1945-1948', (with Stephanie L. Mudge), presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, 2-5 November 2017.

'The Field of U.S. China Policy', presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chicago, 17-20 November 2016.

'From Opium to Expertise: A Moral Markets Perspective on US Hegemony and the Rise of China', presented at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Conference, Berkeley, 24-25 June 2016.

'Political Authority in Anglo-Saxon England: The Origins of the English State and Its Implications for International Political Sociology', presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans 16-20 March 2016.

'The Realist Gambit Reconsidered: The Council on Foreign Relations' Study Group on the Theory of International Relations 1953-54, and the Nature of Political Expertise', presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, 15-18 November 2015.

'American Hegemony and the Origins of the Marshall Plan, 1945-1948', presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, 15-18 November 2015.

'The Practice-Relational Turn and the Future of Constructivism', presented at a workshop entitled 'Constructivism and Its Critics', University of Southern California, 9-10 January 2015.

'From Field Theory to Field Analysis: American Hegemony and the Schuman Plan of 1951', presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 16-19 August 2014.

'(Why) Does Pluralism Matter in the Study of International Politics?', presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, 30 March 2014.

'The Contemporary Crisis of Constructivism and the Challenge of Reflexivity', presented at a COST-action workshop 'Theory in a Time of Crisis', Weimar, Germany, 31 January-1 February 2014.

'The Power Politics of European Integration: The EU as a Great Power Manager'. Italian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Florence, 12-14 September 2013.

'Britain's Role in the World, Full Spectrum Power, and the UK Defence Review'. BISA annual conference, Birmingham, 20 June 2013.

'Doing Constructivism Right'. Comments on roundtable 'Critical Engagements with the Work of Nicholas Onuf', ISA annual convention, San Francisco, 4 April 2013.

'Constructivism and the Sociological Imagination in IR'. Comments on roundtable 'Imagining the Future of Critical IR Theory', ISA annual convention, San Francisco, 4 April 2013.

'International Relations and the Post-War World: Notes Towards a Reflexive History of the European Project', presented at the Social Science History Association Conference, Boston, 17-20 November 2011.

'Beyond Balancing: The European Union and Great Power Management in International Relations' (with Andrew Glencross), presented at the ISA-NE conference, Providence, 4-5 November 2011, and the ISA annual convention, Montreal, 16-19 March 2011.

'(Third Generation) Constructivism in the Field of Scholarly Production: The Challenge of Reflexivity,' presented at the ISA annual convention, Montreal, 16-19 March 2011.

'The Interpretive Approach and UK Foreign Policy: Explaining the Interventions in Bosnia and Kosovo'. 'Interpreting UK Foreign Policy: Traditions and Dilemmas' conference at the University of California-Berkeley, 3 December 2010.

'What's at Stake in the Historical Turn? IR 'Beyond Objectivism and Relativism''. ISA annual convention, New Orleans, 17-20 February 2010.

'Rethinking Britain's Role in the World for a New Decade: Therapy for Academics and Policy-Makers'. BISA British Foreign Policy Working Group/FCO conference on 'British Foreign Policy for the 21st Century', London, 4-5 February 2010.

'Britain's Role on the International Stage: The Basis of its Future Foreign Policy'. BISA British Foreign Policy Working Group conference, University of Plymouth, 16-17 April 2009.

'What was Britain's 'East of Suez Role'? Reassessing the Withdrawal, 1964-1968'. British International Studies Association (BISA) annual convention, University of Exeter, UK, 15-17 December 2008.