

DUNCAN J. KELLY

Brief Curriculum Vitae, and Publications [July/August 2025]

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENTS

- 1 July 2025- Professor of Politics (2012), University of Cambridge, and Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge
- 2018-2025 Professor of Political Thought and Intellectual History, University of Cambridge, and Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge
- 2014-2018 Reader in Political Thought, University of Cambridge, and Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge
- 2009-2014 University Senior Lecturer in Political Theory, University of Cambridge, and Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge
- 2007-2009 University Lecturer in Political Theory, University of Cambridge, and Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge
- 2005-2007 Senior Lecturer, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield
- 2003-2005 Lecturer, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield
- 2000-2003 British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield

OTHER

- 2021- Academic Publishing Committee, Syndics of Cambridge University Press and Assessment
- 2019- Co-Director, [Cambridge Centre for Political Thought](#)
- 2014 British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship (Oct 2014-Oct 2015)
- 2012 *Maître de conférences invité*, Université de Paris II, Panthéon-Assas
- 2005 Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (*F.R.Hist.S.*)
- 2004 Visiting Professor, Whitman College, USA

EDITORIAL

- 2020- General Editor, *Worldmaking*, book series with Cambridge University Press
- 2015- Associate Editor, [Max Weber Studies](#)
- 2010- Co-editor, [Modern Intellectual History](#)
- 2006-2015 Associate Editor (Reviews), [Max Weber Studies](#)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS IN PRINT/PRODUCTION

Worlds of Wartime: The First World War and the Reconstruction of Modern Politics (330,000-words, forthcoming with Oxford University Press, November 2025)

[Politics and the Anthropocene](#) (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2019)

[The Propriety of Liberty: Persons, Passions and Judgement in Modern Political Thought](#) (Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press, 2011)

[Lineages of Empire: The Historical Roots of British Imperial Thought](#) (ed.) Duncan Kelly, (= [Proceedings of the British Academy](#), no. 155) (Oxford: Oxford University Press for The British Academy, 2009). Also available through [British Academy Publications Online](#)

[The State of the Political: Conceptions of Politics and the State in the Thought of Max Weber, Carl Schmitt and Franz Neumann](#) (Oxford: Oxford University Press for The British Academy, 2003)
Also available through [British Academy Publications Online](#)

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS – IN PRINT/PRESS ONLY

‘Afterword: Hans Kelsen and the Time of Democracy’, in S. Baume and D. Ragazzoni (eds.) *Hans Kelsen on Constitutional Democracy: Genesis, Theory, Legacies* (Cambridge University Press, 2025), forthcoming.

‘Anthropocene Boundaries and Planetary Political Thinking’, *Cambridge Journal of Law, Politics, and Art* (September 2025) forthcoming.

‘Egon Zweig and Constituent Power as Habsburg Modernism’, in P. Niesen, M. Patberg, and L. Rubinelli (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Constituent Power* (Oxford University Press, 2025), forthcoming.

‘The Redemptive Possibilities of Historical Political Theory’, *Scienze & Politica* 35.68 (2023), pp. 283-287 [part of a Forum: ‘[Where is the History of Political Thought Going?](#)’]

‘World War One and Versailles’, in C. Reus-Smit, M. Bukovansky, E. Keene and M. Spanu (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of History and International Relations* (Oxford University Press, 2023), pp. 654-668.

‘Wartime for the Planet?’ *Journal of Modern European History* 20.3 (2022), pp. 281-287.

With Joshua Smeltzer, ‘Carl Schmitt on the Theory and Practice of Occupation and Dictatorship’, in A. Brett, M. Donaldson and M. Koskeniemi (eds.) *History, Politics, Law: Thinking through the International* (Cambridge University Press, 2021), pp. 160-188.

‘The Politics of the Anthropocene in a World after Neoliberalism’, in *Climate Action - Boston Review Forum* 16 (45.4) (2020), pp. 145-157. [<https://bostonreview.net/science-nature/duncan-kelly-politics-anthropocene-world-after-neoliberalism#.YEjp8XWgrNM.twitter>]

‘Malthusian Moments in the Work of John Maynard Keynes’, *Historical Journal* 63.1 (2020), pp. 127-158.

With Alison Bashford and Shailaja Fennell, ‘Malthusian Moments: Introduction’, *Historical Journal* 63.1 (2020), pp. 1-13,

‘Historical Political Judgment, Socialism and World Crisis’, in V. Duclert and M. Scot (eds.) *Élie Halévy et l'ère des tyrannies* (Paris: Les Belles Lettres, 2019), pp. 179-196.

‘Michel Foucault on *Phobie d'État* and Neoliberalism’, in S. Sawyer and D. Steinmetz-Jenkins (eds.) *Foucault, Neo-liberalism, and Beyond* (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2019), pp. 111-138.

“‘The Goal of that Pure and Noble Yearning’: Friedrich Meinecke’s Visions of 1848”, in G. Stedman-Jones and D. Moggach (eds.) *1848 as a Turning Point in European Political Thought* (Cambridge University Press, 2018), pp. 293-321.

‘August Ludwig von Rochau and *Realpolitik* as Historical Political Theory’, *Global Intellectual History*, vol. 3, no. 1 (2018), pp. 301-330.

‘Introduction: Carl Schmitt’s Critique of Friedrich Meinecke’, *Max Weber Studies* 17.1 (2017), pp. 48-53.

‘Populism and the History of Popular Sovereignty’, in Paulina Ochoa Espejo, Cristóbal Kaltwasser, Paul Taggart (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Populism* (Oxford University Press, 2017), pp. 511-534.

‘Woodrow Wilson and the Challenge of Federalism in World War One’, in Amnon Lev (ed.) *The Federal Idea: Public Law between Governance and Political Life* (London: Hart Press, 2017), pp. 167-188.

‘From King’s Prerogative to Constitutional Dictatorship as Reason of State’, in B. Kapossy, I. Nakhimovksy and R. Whatmore (eds.) *Commerce and Peace in the Enlightenment* (Cambridge University Press, 2017), pp. 300-336.

‘Carl Schmitt’s Political Theory of Dictatorship’, in J. Meierhenrich and O. Simons (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Carl Schmitt* (Oxford University Press, 2017), pp. 217-244. [Published “online first” (2013); revised and edited in the print edition of 2017].

‘Nationalism and Cosmopolitan Humanity in Mid-Nineteenth-Century American Political Science’, in J. Isaac, J. Kloppenborg, M. O’Brien, and J. Ratner-Rosenhagen (eds.), *Worlds of American Intellectual History* (Oxford University Press, 2016), pp. 115-132.

‘Popular Sovereignty as State Theory in the Nineteenth-Century’, in Q. Skinner and R. Bourke (eds.) *Popular Sovereignty in Historical Context* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), pp. 270-296.

‘Intellectual History and the History of Political Thought’, in R. Whatmore and B. Young (eds.), *A Companion to Intellectual History* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2015), pp. 141-154.

‘Reconfiguring Reason of State in Response to Political Crisis’, in D. Dyzenhaus and T. Poole (eds.) *Law, Liberty and the State* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), pp. 185-213.

- 'The *New Yorker* Life of Hannah Arendt's Mind', in F. Green (ed.) *Writing for the New Yorker: Critical Essays on an American Periodical* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2015), pp. 209-227.
- 'Egon Zweig and the Intellectual History of Constituent Power', in K. Grotke and M. Prutsch (eds.) *Constitutionalism, Legitimacy and Power: Nineteenth-Century Experiences* (Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 332-350. [Trans. Spanish]
- 'Adam Smith and the Limits of Sympathy', in C. Berry *et al* (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Adam Smith* (Oxford University Press, 2013 (pbk. 2016)), pp. 201-218.
- 'The Art and Science of Politics in *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*, c. 1817-1841', in D. Sanjiv-Roberts and R. Morrison (eds.) *Romanticism and Blackwood's Magazine* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2013), pp. 137-148.
- 'Propriety, Persuasion and Political Theory', *Adam Smith Review*, vol. 6 (2011), pp. 128-145.
- 'Time for Sympathy: Some Thoughts on the 250th Anniversary of Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*', *New Political Economy*, 14.4 (2009), pp. 535-544.
- 'Preface', in D. Kelly (ed.) *Lineages of Empire: The Historical Roots of British Imperial Thought* (ed.) Duncan Kelly, (=Proceedings of the British Academy, no. 155) (Oxford: Oxford University Press for The British Academy, 2009), pp. xi-xv.
- 'Introduction: A Question of Judgement', in Wilhelm Hennis, *Politics as a Practical Science*, trans. Keith Tribe (Palgrave: Basingstoke, 2009), pp. ix-xviii.
- 'The Propriety of Liberty and the Quality of Responsible Agency', in C. Miqueu and M. Chanie (eds.) *Locke's Political Liberty: Readings and Misreadings*, (=Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century, 2009: 04) (Oxford: Voltaire Foundation, 2009), pp. 97-125.
- 'Die Herrschaft des Gesetzes: Max Weber und Franz Neumann', in S. Salzborn (ed.) *Kritische Theorie des Staates: Staat und Recht bei Franz L. Neumann* (Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2009), pp. 109-133.
- 'The Politics of Intellectual History in Twentieth-Century Europe', in R. Whatmore and B. Young (eds.) *Advances in Intellectual History* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2006), pp. 210-230.
- 'Idealism and Revolution: T. H. Green's *Four Lectures on the English Commonwealth*', *History of Political Thought*, 27.3 (2006), pp. 505-542.
- 'Reforming Republicanism in Nineteenth-Century Britain: James Lorymer's *The Republican in Context*', in Iseult Honohan and Jeremy Jennings (eds.) *Republicanism in Theory and Practice* (London: Routledge, 2005), pp. 41-52.
- 'Revisiting the Rights of Man: Georg Jellinek on Rights and the State', *Law and History Review*, 22.3 (2004), pp. 493-529 [Trans. Chinese].
- 'Carl Schmitt's Political Theory of Representation', *Journal of the History of Ideas* 65.1 (2004), pp. 113-134 [Trans. Chinese].
- 'Max Weber and the Rights of Citizens', *Max Weber Studies*, 4.1 (2004), pp. 23-49. [Reprinted in Peter Lassman (ed.) *Max Weber: International Library of Essays in the History of Social and Political Thought* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2006), pp. 591-617].
- 'Karl Marx and Historical Sociology', in G. Delanty and E. Isin (eds.) *The Handbook of Historical Sociology* (London: Sage, 2003), pp. 11-26.
- 'Sieyes, Emmanuel Joseph (1748-1836)', entry in the *Routledge Encyclopaedia of Philosophy* (2003) <<https://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/biographical/sieyes-emmanuel-joseph-1748-1836/v-1>>. doi:10.4324/9780415249126-DC108-1
- 'From Moralism to Modernism: Robert Michels on the History, Theory and Sociology of Patriotism', *History of European Ideas* 29. 3 (2003), pp. 339-363.
- 'Rethinking Franz Neumann's Route to *Behemoth*', *History of Political Thought*, XXIII.3 (2002), pp. 458-496.
- 'The Political Thought of Isaiah Berlin', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 4.1 (2002), pp. 29-45.
- 'Between Description and Explanation in State Theory: Rethinking Marx and Weber', *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 13.2 (2000), pp. 215-234.
- 'Multicultural Citizenship: The Limitations of Liberal Democracy', *Political Quarterly*, 71.1 (2000), pp. 31-41.
- 'The Strategic-Relational View of the State', *Politics*, 19.2 (1999), pp. 109-115.

SELECTED RECENT REVIEWS/INTERVIEWS/LECTURES etc.

'Reconstruction: The First World War and the Origins of Modern Politics', Discussion of book manuscript at the Global History Seminar, University of Texas, Austin, September 30, 2024.

'Wartime for the Planet?', invited panellist at NYU/Remarque Symposium on *Green Transitions: Europe after Tomorrow*, NYU, September 27-28, 2024.

'Under Sulphur Skies', In Brief, review of Michael Lobel, *Van Gogh and the End of Nature* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2024), [Times Literary Supplement](#), August 16, 2024, p. 24.

'Imperial, by Nature', a review of Inés Valdez, *Democracy and Empire*, *Contemporary Political Theory* (as part of a Forum: 'Labor, Nature, and the Reproduction of Capitalism: An Exchange on Subjection and Emancipation'), [Contemporary Political Theory](#) (2025).

'Following the Money', review of Stefan Eich, *The Currency of Politics* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2022), [Review of Politics](#) (2025), pp. 1-4.

'Revisionist Liberalism?' review of Joshua Cherniss, *Liberalism in Dark Times* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2021), [Journal of Modern History](#) 96.2 (2024), pp. 459-461.

'The Big Picture: The Long Shadow of Arthur Lovejoy', review of S. Rosenfeld (ed.) *A Cultural History of Ideas*, 6 vols (London: Bloomsbury, 2023), [Times Literary Supplement](#), February 2, 2024, p. 5.

'A World Apart' review of Tara Zahra, *Against the World: Anti-Globalism and Mass Politics Between the World Wars* (New York: Norton, 2023), [Financial Times](#), April 1-2, 2023, p. 9.

'Wartime for the Planet?', keynote lecture, *Power and Knowledge from the 18th Century to Today*, University of Lorraine, Nancy, 24-26 November, 2022

Invited Panellist – The Annual Vaclav Havel European Dialogues (Cardiff/London, Oct 2022).

'Politics and the Anthropocene', *Faculti* video (approx. 20 mins): <https://faculti.net/politics-and-the-anthropocene/>

'Feeling Realistic?' review of Matthew Specter, *The Atlantic Realists*, Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2022, [Perspectives on Politics](#) 22.4 (2022), pp. 1427-1429.

H-Diplo 'Roundtable XXII-48' on Duncan Kelly, *Politics and the Anthropocene* (with an introduction by Isabel Gabel, review essays by Etienne Benson, Fredrik Jonsson, Thea Riofrancos, Lida Maxwell, and a response by Duncan Kelly) <https://hdiplo.org/to/RT22-48>

'Max Weber and the First World War', keynote lecture, *Braga Colloquium in the History of Moral and Political Philosophy*, 29 January, 2019.

'Plunder of the Commons', review of Guy Standing, *Plunder of the Commons*, London: Pelican, 2019, [Financial Times](#), December 23, 2019, p. 22.

'Interview with Author Duncan Kelly', on *Politics and the Anthropocene*, LSE Review of Books, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2019/10/21/politics-and-the-anthropocene-interview-with-author-duncan-kelly-on-a-puzzle-a-problem-a-dilemma/>

'Restless Winds', review of Deborah Coen, *Climate in Motion* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2018), [Times Literary Supplement](#), September 6, 2019, p. 14.

'Civil Wars – A History in Ideas', review of David Armitage, *Civil Wars: A History in Ideas* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2018), [Global Intellectual History](#), vol. 4, no. 3 (2019), pp. 310-317.

'Interview with Duncan Kelly -- Weber, Liberty and the Anthropocene', [Interventions – The Intellectual History Podcast](#), 23 August 2019.

'Free Thinking', review of Helena Rosenblatt, *The Lost History of Liberalism: From Ancient Rome to the Twenty First Century* (Princeton University Press, 2018), [The Literary Review](#), November 2018.

'Things Only Getting Better', review of Ian Kumeakawa, *The First Serious Optimist: A. C. Pigou and the Birth of Welfare Economics* (Princeton University Press, 2017), [Times Literary Supplement](#), June 12, 2018, p. 10.

'John Maynard Keynes as Historian of Political Thought', *The Birkbeck Lecture in British Politics*, 21 November, 2017, (recording [here](#)).

'What Went Wrong?', review of A. C. Grayling, *Democracy and its Crisis* (London: Oneworld, 2017), [New York Times](#), November 5, 2017, p. BR15 (Sunday Book Review)

'Failing Better?' review of Jim Kloppenberg, *Toward Democracy* (Oxford University Press, 2016), [Times Literary Supplement](#), October 25, 2017.

'Popular Sovereignty and the First World War', Keynote Lecture, *Images of Sovereignty*, conference at KU Leuven, Belgium, 7-9 June, 2017.

'Michel Foucault Investigates' review of Michel Foucault, *Oeuvres Complètes*, 2 vols. (Paris: Pleiade, 2015), [Times Literary Supplement](#), May 17, 2017.

'Jesus and the First World War', *Jesuan News* (Spring 2017), p. 13.

'Élie Halévy, World Crisis, and Revolution', *Colloque Élie Halévy*, Sucy en Brie/Paris, 27-28 November, 2016.

'Élie Halévy's Intellectual History of the First World War', keynote lecture, *Political Realism and Practical Morality*, Institute of Philosophy of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 17-19 November, 2016.

'Time Regained?' review of Eugene Rogan, *The Fall of the Ottomans* (London: Penguin, 2015), *Cambridge Humanities Review* (2016).

'Michel Foucault as Historian of Political Thought', keynote lecture, *Intellectual History as Political History, Political History as Intellectual History*, conference at University of Aarhus, Denmark, 22-25 June, 2016

'Fracture', review of Philip Blom, *Fracture: Life and Culture in the West 1918-1937* (New York: Atlantic, 2015), [Political Quarterly](#), vol. 87, no. 2 (2016), pp. 294-296.

'Obey the Great Law', review of Richard Bourke, *Edmund Burke* (Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press, 2015), [Times Literary Supplement](#), April 29, 2016, pp. 12-13.

'Keep it Real', review of John Bew, *Realpolitik: A History* (Oxford University Press, 2016), [Financial Times](#), February 13/14, 2016, p. 9.

'Review Forum', Udi Greenberg, *The Weimar Century* (Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press, 2015), [Politics, Religion and Ideology](#), vol. 16, 2/3 (2015), pp. 305-307.

'An Eye to Posterity', review of Isaiah Berlin, *Affirming: Letters 1975-1997*, (eds.) Henry Hardy and Mark Pottle (London: Chatto & Windus, 2015), [Financial Times](#), October 17/18, 2015, p. 9.

'Countdown to Catastrophe', review of T. G. Otte, *July Crisis: The World's Descent into War, Summer 1914* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), and Gordon Martel, *The Month that Changed the World: July 1914* (Oxford University Press, 2014), [Financial Times](#), July 5/6, 2014, p. 9.

'Orders of Magnitude', review of Thomas Piketty, *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*, trans. A. Goldhammer (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2014), [Times Literary Supplement](#) June 27, 2014, pp. 3-5.

RECENT AND CURRENT PhD STUDENTS

Ms. Nadia Schroeder, 'Pragmatism and Environmentalism', (part-time) October 2023-.

Mr. Carl Pierer, 'Political Theory and the Anthropocene: An Environmental History of Labour and Alienation in the Late Twentieth Century', October 2021-April 6, 2025; examined by Professors Alyssa Battistoni and Demetra Kasimis, June 27, 2025.

Mr. Sam Clarke, 'Marxist Scientists and History of Science as Political Argument', October 2021-, due to submit August, 2025.

Ms. Lucie Davidson, 'Harold Laski, British Pluralism, and the Political Thought of the French Third Republic, 1880-1930', AHRC Scholarship, 2020-, due to submit 2025.

Dr. Max Fenner, 'Becoming Environmental: Murray Bookchin in the Postwar Era', 2020-2024, to be examined by Professors Ruth Kinna and Christopher Brooke, October 8, 2024; passed with minor corrections; 3-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Free University, Amsterdam, 2024-.

Dr. Molly Gearen, 'Socialism and Evolution', 2020-2024; examined by Professors Alison Bashford and Duncan Bell, August 9, 2024; passed with minor corrections, approved late August 2024; working at Christie's, London.

Dr. Mary Margaret Howard, 'Fragile Normativity in German Political Thought, 1920-1960', Sperling Studentship, Easter 2018-2021; Lisa Smirl prize for best dissertation in POLIS; examined by Professor Peter Gordon and Dr Mira Siegelberg, 1 March 2021, passed with minor corrections. Leverhulme fellowship (Berlin), 2021-2023; ACLS 'Leading Edge' Program, New York, 2023-.

Dr. Inès Aït-Mokhtar, 'Sartre, the French Revolution and the Problem of Political Philosophy', ESRC-funded, October 2017-October 2021; examined by Drs Musab Younis and Chris Brooke, passed with minor corrections. Working in publishing/media.

Dr. Hester van Hensbergen, 'Finite Earth and the Global Future in Political Theory, c. 1950-1990', AHRC-funded, with Chancellor's Award, October 2017-2019 [primary supervision taken over by

Professor Duncan Bell in 2020]; Passed without corrections, July 2021; examined by Professors Joel Isaac and Paul Warde; food writer, researcher, chef – London/Spain/Oxford.

Dr. Joshua Smeltzer, 'Carl Schmitt's International Legal and Political Thought', October 2016-October 2019; examined by Professors Martti Koskeniemi and David Runciman; working in Munich.

Mr. Vincent Garton, 'Ideas of Catastrophe in Modern Political Thought', visiting fellow at Freie Universität, Berlin, 2016-2017; withdrawn from studies, 2019.

Dr. Lucia Rubinelli, 'Constituent Power and the Modern State' (September 2016), examined by Professors Richard Tuck and Lea Ypi; fellow in political theory, Department of Government, LSE, October 2016-2018; Fellow in Political Thought, POLIS (Cambridge) and Robinson College, Cambridge, 2018-2021; Assistant Professor in Political Science, Yale University, May 2021-.

Dr. Guy Paltiel, 'Solitude in Modern Political Theory' (July 2016), examined by Professors Ira Katznelson and Duncan Bell; 5-year Polonsky Fellowship at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, October 2016-2021; senior child safety researcher, Active Fence, Tel Aviv, 2022-

Dr. Caroline Ashcroft, 'Hannah Arendt and the Grammar of Politics' (January 2016), examined by Professors Richard King and David Runciman; temporary teaching position, History of Political Thought, Queen Mary, London, 2017-18; Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, History, Queen Mary, London, 2018-2022; temporary lecturer/supervisor in PPE, Oxford University, 2023-

Dr. Alasia Nuti, 'Structural-Historical Injustice' (January 2016); Lisa Smirl prize for best dissertation in POLIS; examined by Professors Anne Philips and Jude Browne; Postdoctoral Fellowship in Frankfurt to October 2016; lecturer in political theory (2016-2021); senior lecturer in political theory (2021-) University of York.

Dr. Daniel Clifton Mark (2014) 'The Political Philosophy of Honour'; examined by Professors David Owen and David Runciman; lecturer in political theory, University of Saskatoon; Fellow in Ethics, University of Toronto; independent scholar/writer/podcaster, Toronto.

Dr. Jared Holley (2013) 'Eighteenth-Century Epicureanism and the Political Thought of Jean-Jacques Rousseau'; examined by Professors Richard Tuck and Richard Whatmore; Harper-Schmidt Teaching Fellow, University of Chicago; EUI Max Weber Fellow, 2017-2018; 'SCRIPTS' 9-month fellowship, Freie Universität Berlin, October 2020, and MSC 2-year fellowship with project on 'Anti-Colonial Solidarity', University of Cambridge, October 2021; Lecturer in political theory, University of Edinburgh, January 2023-.