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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale-NUS College Assistant Professor of Humanities (Philosophy), 2013 to present.
Singapore Postdoctoral Fellow, 2012 (July-December).

University of Sydney Visiting Scholar, 2015 (January-July).
Department of Philosophy
Sydney, Australia

Yale University Yale-NUS Fellow, 2013 (January-July).
New Haven, CT, USA

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Early modern European political philosophy (Hobbes and Spinoza)
Democratic theory
Concepts of power

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Political theory and political philosophy, both historical and contemporary
Moral philosophy, both Western and non-Western
Social theory

EDUCATION

Princeton University **Doctor of Philosophy, 2012**
Department of Politics & Program in Political Philosophy
Princeton, NJ, USA
Dissertation: 'Spinoza's Political Realism'. *Committee: Philip Pettit, Daniel Garber, & Alan Patten*
Master of Arts, 2008

University of New South Wales **Master of Arts (Research), 2006**
School of Philosophy
Sydney, Australia
Thesis: 'Political Liberalism and Political Change'. *Supervisor: Paul Patton*
Bachelor of Arts, 2004
Honours Class I & University Medal
Thesis: 'Sovereignty and Global Justice: Rawls and Derrida within a Kantian Problematic'. *Supervisor: Paul Patton*

University of Sydney **Bachelor of Liberal Studies, 2003**
Sydney, Australia
Pass with High Distinction
Mathematics and Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Field, S. L. (2020). *Potentia: Hobbes and Spinoza on Power and Popular Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

The book draws on the political writings of Hobbes and Spinoza to establish a conceptual framework for understanding the genesis, risks, and promise of popular power.

It makes an original contribution at the intersection of early modern philosophy and democratic theory.

Journal Articles

Field, S. L. (2021, forthcoming). 'The Politics of Being Part of Nature'. *Australasian*

Philosophical Review, 5(4).

Field, S. L. (2020). 'Political Power and Depoliticised Acquiescence: Spinoza and Aristocracy'. *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, 27(1), doi: 10.1111/1467-8675.12486.

Field, S. L. (2015). 'Hobbes and human irrationality'. *Global Discourse: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Current Affairs and Applied Contemporary Thought*, 5(2), 207-220.

Field, S. L. (2014). 'Hobbes and the question of power'. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 52(1), 61-86. Philpapers ranking in the top 750 papers for all-time downloads.

Field, S. L. (2012). 'Democracy and the multitude: Spinoza against Negri'. *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*, 59(131), 21-40.

Book Chapters

Field, S. L. (2020). 'Huang Zongxi: Making it safe not to be servile'. In Amber Carpenter, Charlotte Alston, & Rachael Wiseman (Eds.) *Portraits of Integrity*. London: Bloomsbury, 83-91.

Field, S. L. (2015). 'The state: Spinoza's institutional turn'. In A. Santos Campos (Ed.), *Spinoza: Basic Concepts*, 142-154. Exeter: Imprint Academic.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Field, S. L. (2019). 'Course Design to Connect Theory to Real-World Cases: Teaching Political Philosophy in Asia', *Asian Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, 9(2), 199-211.

Review Articles

Field, S. L. (2020, forthcoming). 'China and England: On the Structural Convergence of Political Values'. Responding to *China and England: The Preindustrial Struggle for Social Justice in Word and Image*, by Martin Powers. *Journal of World Philosophies*, 5.

Field, S. L. (2019). Review of *Becoming Political: Spinoza's Vital Republicanism and the Democratic Power of Judgement*, by Christopher Skeaff. *Contemporary Political Theory*, 19(S2), S116-S120.

Field, S. L. (2018). Review of *Hobbes and the Two Faces of Ethics*, by Arash Abizadeh. *European Hobbes Society Online Colloquium*, <http://www.europhobessociety.org/general/online-colloquium-2-field-on-hobbes-and-the-two-faces-of-ethics/>.

Public Engagement

2020. Field, S. L. 'Spinoza's Political Philosophy', *ThinKnow Magazine*, Issue 2: Benedict de Spinoza, August 2020.

2020. Field, S. L. 'Why big protests aren't a good measure of popular power', *OUPBlog*, 2 July 2020.

2016. Field, S. L. 'What's in a name? How a democracy becomes an aristocracy', *Democracy Futures* series, *The Conversation*, 7 October 2016.

2015. Field, S. L. 'Contentious politics: Hobbes, Machiavelli, and corporate power', *Democracy Futures* series, *The Conversation*, 20 November 2015.

SELECTED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Scholarly Talks and Presentations

2020. 'Hobbes on power and sexual difference'

- Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia Virtual Conference for Undergraduate

Philosophy (**keynote address**)

2020. 'Book panel: Sandra Field's *Potentia: Hobbes and Spinoza on Power and Popular Politics*'
 ○ 4th Australasian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference, LaTrobe University City Campus. (**invited talk**)
2020. 'Power's *China and England: A Response*'
 ○ Author-meets-critics panel for Martin Powers' *China and England: The Preindustrial Struggle for Justice in Word and Image*, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia. (**invited talk**)
- 2019-20. 'A puzzle for Hobbes's conception of political unity'
 ○ *Transformations in Early Modern Philosophy*, Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Queensland.
 ○ American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia.
2019. 'The Politics of Popular Demobilization'
 ○ American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
2019. 'Servility and Integrity in the Philosophy of Huang Zongxi'
 ○ Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Wollongong.
2018. 'Book workshop: Sandra Field's *Potentia: Hobbes and Spinoza on Power and Popular Politics*'
 ○ University Center for Human Values, Princeton University. Host: Daniel Garber. Invited respondents: Steven Nadler, Arash Abizadeh, Michael Rosenthal, Hasana Sharp.
2018. 'The 'Sleeping Sovereign' and modern conceptions of democracy'
 ○ International Political Science Association 25th World Congress of Political Science, Brisbane.
2018. 'Realism and idealism in Spinoza's politics'
 ○ American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego.
 ○ 2nd Annual Australian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference, University of Sydney.
2017. 'The power of natural and human bodies'
 ○ Inaugural Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Sydney.
2017. '*Potentia* and *potestas*: a false dichotomy'
 ○ Department of Philosophy and Civilization Seminar Series, Universiti Sains Malaysia. (**invited talk, with paid airfares**)
 ○ American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
2017. 'Modernity and the Natural History of Religion'
 ○ *Modernity and its Discontents: A Symposium*, Yale-NUS College. (**invited talk**)
2016. 'Aristocracy and the Logic of Spinoza's Political Philosophy'
 ○ Association for Political Theory, 14th Annual Conference, Ohio State University.
 ○ Sydney Democracy Network Democracy Futures Seminar Series. (**invited talk**)
 ○ *Women and Philosophy: History, Values, Knowledge*: The 16th Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers, Monash University.
 ○ *Perspectives on state authority and democracy*, NUS Political Theory Symposium, National University of Singapore. (**invited talk**)
2015. 'Public worship and the constitution of God's power'
 ○ *Rethinking the Enlightenment*, Deakin University.
2015. 'Spinoza on the power of political ideas'
 ○ *A Workshop on Spinoza and Fiction*, University of Sydney. (**invited talk**)
2015. 'The personhood of the multitude'
 ○ Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney. (**invited talk**)
 ○ Philosophy@UWS, University of Western Sydney. (**invited talk**)
2015. 'The personhood of the people'
 ○ *Early Modern Persons and Consciousness II*, Department of Philosophy, University of

Sydney. **(invited talk)**

2014. 'Hobbes and human irrationality'
 ○ *Rationality in politics and its limits: A symposium*, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore. **(invited talk)**
2014. 'Understanding political power: Hobbes against Hobbes'
 ○ Division of Social Sciences Research Seminar, Yale-NUS College.
 ○ School of Humanities and Social Sciences Philosophy Group, Nanyang Technological University. **(invited talk)**
 ○ School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne. **(invited talk, with paid airfares)**
2013. Selected participant, Hobbes and Spinoza Workshop, Center for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh.
2013. 'Does tobacco prohibition violate Millian liberalism?'
 ○ Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Queensland.
- 2012-3. 'Two errors of absolutism: Hobbes and Spinoza'
 ○ New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, 2013.
 ○ Australasian Association of Philosophy 2012 Annual Conference, University of Wollongong.
2012. Invited participant, *Workshop: Spinoza and the concept of an ars*, University of Sydney.
- 2011-2. 'The question of power (*potentia*) in Hobbes's doctrine of right'
 ○ Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality Workshop, Macquarie University, 2012
 ○ American Political Science Association 2011 Annual Meeting, Seattle.
 ○ New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, 2011.
 ○ *Perspectives on Power*, University of Queensland, 2011.
2011. 'Spinoza and political utopianism'
 ○ Quebec Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Sherbrooke, Quebec.
2011. 'A democracy of the multitude: Spinoza against Negri'
 ○ Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, University of Notre Dame.
 ○ Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Otago.
 ○ Radical Democracy Conference, The New School and Columbia University.
2010. 'Civil right and power in Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*'
 ○ Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory.
 ○ Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, UNSW.
 ○ Spinoza Day, Princeton University.
2010. 'Spinoza's alternative model of political power'
 ○ Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston.
2009. 'Hobbes on the dynamics of political power'
 ○ University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellow Seminar.
2006. 'Political Liberalism and Political Change'
 ○ Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Annual Conference, Deakin University.
2005. 'Freedom, Control and Will in Rousseau'
 ○ Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Annual Conference, UNSW.
2004. 'Nietzsche on Power and Agency'
 ○ Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Annual Conference, Macquarie University.
 ○ Australasian Association of Philosophy (New Zealand Division) Annual Conference, University of Waikato.

Pedagogy and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

- 2018-9. 'Course design to connect theory to real-world cases'

- 8th Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Conference, NUS, 2018.
- Continuing Professional Development Seminar Series, NUS CDTL, 2019. **(invited talk)**

Public Engagement

2019. 'Democratically destroying the planet', *Liberal Arts and the Climate* seminar series, Elm College within Yale-NUS College, 18 October 2019.
2019. 'On (In)Equality', Public panel discussion with sociologist Teo You Yenn, Yale-NUS College, 19 March 2019.
2018. 'Contemporary Egalitarianism', Yale-NUS College Philosophy Cafe series, 6 February 2018.
2015. 'The will of the people: multitude or mob?', *The Philosopher's Zone*, Australian Broadcasting Corporation Radio National, 14 June 2015.
2012. 'Spinoza's *Ethics*', University of New South Wales Great Books series, 22 May 2012.

TEACHING

Yale-NUS College Research Supervision	2019-20. Capstone Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'Collective Responsibility for Sexual Violence' ○ 'Fighting Fire with Fire: A Case for Radical Feminism in South Korea' ○ 'Seed, Trim, Stake, and Hedge: State Management of Corporate Disruption in the Garden City'
	2017-8. Capstone Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'Sisters in Islam: A Case of Islamic Civil Society' Featured in the 2018 APSA Undergraduate Research Week.
Yale-NUS College Courses	2015-20. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Contemporary Egalitarianism</i> ○ <i>Democratic Theory</i> ○ <i>The Political Philosophy of Spinoza</i>. ○ Co-teaching <i>Modern Social Thought</i> (lecturing on Marx, Durkheim). ○ Co-teaching <i>Philosophy and Political Thought II</i> (lecturing on Huang, Mill, Marinella).
	2013-14. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-teaching <i>Philosophy and Political Thought I & II</i> (lecturing on Plato, Mill).
Princeton University	2008-10. Teaching Assistant for <i>Political Theory</i> (Alan Ryan); <i>Democratic Theory</i> (Philip Pettit); and <i>Continental Political Thought from Rousseau to Nietzsche</i> (Tamsin Shaw, Alan Patten).
University of New South Wales	2004-05. Teaching Assistant for <i>Introduction to European Philosophy</i> (Catherine Mills, Simon Lumsden); <i>Politics, Power, Principle: An Introduction to Modern Political Theory</i> (Geoff Levey).
The Women's College at the University of Sydney	2003. Teaching Assistant for <i>Society, Knowledge and Reason</i> (Paul Redding, John Grumley, Luke Russell).

PEDAGOGY AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Teaching Innovation Grant	2018. Teaching Innovation Grant: 'Applying Political Philosophy to Real World Cases'. Major deliverable: online student writing showcase http://equalitydemocracy.commons.yale-nus.edu.sg
Curriculum	2013-15. Curriculum Development Team for Yale-NUS College

Development Team	<i>Philosophy and Political Thought I & II</i> and <i>Modern Social Thought</i> . New compulsory courses which reinvent the traditional 'great books' courses of American liberal arts colleges in a more cosmopolitan direction.
Teaching Transcript Program	2009. Teaching Transcript program, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning at Princeton University A pedagogical training program.

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial board	<i>European Journal of Political Theory</i>
Faculty advisor	<i>The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia</i>
Manuscript reviewer	<i>American Journal of Political Science; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Australian Feminist Law Journal; Constellations; European Journal of Political Theory; History of Philosophy Quarterly; History of Political Thought; Hobbes Studies; Journal of Modern Philosophy; Journal of Politics; Philosopher's Imprint; Philosophy and Social Criticism; Philosophical Papers; Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy; PolSci: The Romanian Journal of Political Science; Parrhesia: A Journal of Critical Philosophy; Social Theory and Practice</i>
Higher degree examiner	2016. MRes (Macquarie).
Scholarly meeting service	2021. Co-organiser, Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. 2019. Panel organiser, chair, and discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2018. Panel organiser and panel discussant, International Political Science Association 25th World Congress of Political Science. 2010. Organising Committee chair and paper discussant, Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory.
Professional association service	2020 to present. AAP Executive Committee. 2015-2018. AAP Status of Women in the Philosophy Profession Committee. 2016. Judging panelist, AAP Annette Baier Prize, and AAP Inclusive Curriculum Prize.
Professional association memberships	American Philosophical Association; American Political Science Association Association for Political Theory Australasian Association of Philosophy Australian Political Studies Association International Conference for the Study of Political Thought
Affiliations	Courtesy Joint Appointment, Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore, 2016-present. Associate Member, Centre for Legal Theory at NUS Law, National University of Singapore, 2015-present.

GRANTS

Research	2020. Yale-NUS Subvention Grant, SGD12000 . 2019-21. Yale-NUS Internal Grant. 'Popular Power in the History of Political Thought', SGD15000 .
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	2017-8. Yale-NUS College Book Manuscript Workshop Grant, SGD3283 .
	2016-8. Yale-NUS College Research Cluster Seminar Grant, SGD20000 , co-PI with Terry Nardin and Nomi Lazar.
	2012. Yale-NUS College Start-Up Grant, SGD20000 .
Teaching	2018. Yale-NUS College Teaching Improvement Grant. 'Applying Political Philosophy to Real-World Cases', SGD3480 .
Travel	2011. American Political Science Association Travel Grant
	2011. Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni/ae Summer Travel Fellowship
	2008, 2009, 2011. Political Philosophy Graduate Student Research and Travel Grant, Princeton University Center for Human Values
	2010, 2011. Stafford Fund Travel Grant
	2008. Travel Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies

HONOURS, DISTINCTIONS, AND AWARDS

European University Institute	2012-13. Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence, Italy. (Declined)
Princeton University	2009-10. The Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University Center for Human Values
	2006-11. Princeton University Graduate School Centennial Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences
	2006. Merit Prize, Princeton University Center for Human Values
	2006. University of Sydney Hannah Fullerton Travelling Scholarship
University of New South Wales	2004-5. Australian Postgraduate Award
	2004-5. UNSW Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Supplementary Scholarship
	2003. UNSW University Medal
	2003. The Yap Kooi Hee Prize for Highest Overall Result in Philosophy IV Honours
University of Sydney	2001. The GS Caird Scholarship for Philosophy II (shared)
	2000. The Lithgow Scholarship number III for Philosophy I
	1999, 2000, 2001. The University of Sydney Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance
	1999-2002. The University of Sydney Distinguished Undergraduate Scholarship

LANGUAGES

Reading proficiency in Latin, French, Finnish

REFERENCES

Research references	Professor Philip Pettit L. S. Rockefeller University Professor of Politics and Human Values, Princeton University; and Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy, Australian National University 308 Marx Hall Princeton NJ 08544 USA
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**Collegial and teaching
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