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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Central European University	2019-
All Souls College Quondam Fellow, Oxford University	2019-
All Souls Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Oxford University	2013-2019
Affiliated Faculty, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University	2013-2019
Research Associate, Oxford Programme for the Future of Cities	2014-2019
Visiting Professor, Kyoto Center for Southeast Asian Studies	2017
Visiting Professor, Chulalongkorn University	2014

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale to Associate Professor (Fascia II)	2018
Associate Professor Accreditation – Cataluña	2017

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
Ph.D., Social Anthropology, September 2013
Dissertation Title: The Owners of the Map: Motorcycle Taxis Drivers, Mobility, and Politics in Bangkok.

University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Rome, Italy
BA, Anthropology, *cum laude*, May 2005
Honor Thesis: Constructing a Historical Structural Anthropology: Stanley Tambiah’s Attempt.

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Margaret Mead Book Award for <i>Owners of the Map</i>	2019
All Souls Public Life Grant	2018
Oxford Fell Fund Research Grant	2016
Kyoto CSEAS Visiting Research Fellowship	2016
All Souls Public Life Research Grant	2015
Oxford All Souls Postdoctoral Fellowship	2013
NUS Asia Research Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship (Declined)	2013
Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology (SUNTA) Graduate Essay Prize	2012
Cora-DuBois Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Cora-Dubois Foundation	2012
Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	2012
Research Grant, William E. Braden 1941 Fund, Harvard Asia Center	2013
Summer Research Grant, Teschmacher Fund, Harvard Asia Center	2011
Research Grant, Geographic Analysis Center, Harvard University	2011
Merit-Time Fellowship, Harvard University	2011
Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation	2009
International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council	2009
Sheldon Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard University	2009
ENITS Fellowship, Chulalongkorn University	2009
Pre-dissertation Fellowship, Harvard Asia Center	2008
Distinction of Excellence for General Exams, Harvard University	2008
Language Development Grant, Harvard Asia Center	2007

PUBLICATIONS – BOOKS

The King of Bangkok: an Anthropological Graphic Novel, Toronto University Press, forthcoming 2020. [First published with ADD Editore (Italy), 2019; Thai translation, Reading Thai Press, 2020]

Owners of the Map: Motorcycle Taxis Drivers, Mobility, and Politics in Bangkok, University of California Press, 2018, Winner of the 2019 Margaret Mead Award [Thai Translation, Fa Diaw Gan Press, 2020; Italian Translation, Edizioni Meltemi, 2020]

Red Journeys: Into the Thai Red Shirt Movement, University of Washington Press and Silkworm Books, 2012

PUBLICATIONS – PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Beyond vernacular and metropolitan concepts: Good Governance, Translation and Word Coinage in Thailand, under review with *Journal of Royal Anthropological Institute*

A New Informality: digitalization and ride-sharing apps in Bangkok, submitted to *Geoforum*, forthcoming November 2020

Book Symposium on Owners of the Map: Motorcycle Taxi Drivers, Mobility, and Politics in Bangkok, *SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia*, Vol. 34, No.2, 2019 (with Charles Keyes)

Thai Constitutional Authoritarianism, *RISE: Journal of International Relations and Political Economy*, Vol.3, No.3, 2018

Shortcuts: Why Read the Classics?, *HAU*, Vol.7, No.3. 2017 (co-edited)

The Tightening Authoritarian Grip on Thailand, *Current History*, Vol. 116, No. 791, 2017

Framed by Freedom: Emancipation and Oppression in post-Fordist Thailand, *Cultural Anthropology*, Vol.32, No. 1, 2017

Thailand's Relapse: The Implications of the May 2014 Coup, *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol.75, No. 2, 2016

Political Legitimacy in Thailand, *Cultural Anthropology Hot Spot*, 2014

Introduction to Thailand Hot Spot, *Cultural Anthropology Hot Spot*, 2014 (co-edited with Eli Elinoff, Felicity Aulino, and Ben Tausig)

The Owners of the Map: Motorcycle Taxi Drivers and Time/Space Decompression in Thai Street Protests, *City and Society*, Vol. 26, No.1, 2014 – Awarded the 2012 SUNTA Graduate Essay Prize

Provincializing Bangkok: Isan from 'not yet' to 'now', *South East Asia Research*, Vol. 20, No.3, 2012 (co-authored with Eli Elinoff)

Burning Red Desires: Isan Migrants and the Politics of Desire in Contemporary Thailand, *South East Asia Research*, Vol. 20, No.3, 2012

Angkor Wat: Restoration Practices and Symbolic Uses, *Meridiana*, Vol.56, No.1, 2010 (in Italian)

Cars and Carts: Marketing, Circulation, and Fluidity in Bangkok's Central Business District, *International Journal of Thai Studies*, Vol. 23, No.1, 2009

PUBLICATIONS – CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

From Love to Fear: Chronicle of a Royal Succession, Pavin Chachavalpongpun, ed., *Rama X: a New Era of Kingship*, forthcoming 2021

Competing Powers: Thai politics since 1932, Pavin Chachavalpongpun, ed. *Coup, King, Crisis: Thailand's Troubled Politics and the Royal Succession*, forthcoming Yale University Press, 2021

Mass Politics and Red Shirts, editor, *The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Thailand*, Routledge, 2019

(Im)mobilizing the City, Setha Low, ed. *Routledge Handbook of Anthropology and the City: Engaging the Urban and its Future*, Routledge, 2018

Decolonizing Whiteness: White Voices in Rhodes Must Fall, with Arthur (Eirich), Anastassia Baichorova, Claudio Sopranzetti, JanaLee Cherneski, Max Harris, and Roné McFarlane, Rhodes Must Fall Movement, Oxford, ed. *Rhodes Must Fall: The Struggle to Decolonize the Heart of the Empire*, ZED Books, 2018

The Politics of Simplification, Richard Sennet, ed., *Designing Politics: The Limits of Design*, LSE Press, 2016

Stanley Tambiah, John McGee and Richard Warms, eds. *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia*, Sage Publications, 2013

PUBLICATIONS – REVIEWS, BLOG ENTRIES and OP-EDS

Review of Gramsci's Common Sense by Kate Crehan, *Anthropological Quarterly*, Vol.90, No.4, 2017

Review of Interrupted Revolutions by Tyrell Haberkorn, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, Vol.44, No.1, 2013

The Enigma of Thai Elections, *Manifesto*, 15th March 2019

The Mysterious Disappearances of Thai Activists, *Internazionale*, 5th February 2019

It's Time We Listened to the Plight of Thai Dissidents Abroad, *Al-Jazeera*, 31st January 2019

A Specter is Haunting Asia: Authoritarianism, *University of California Press Blog*, March 22nd 2018

Going Back to Our Talent for Finding Cracks, *University of California Press Blog*, November 29th 2017

Southeast Asian's Middle Classes and the Specter of Authoritarianism, *New Mandala*, March 27th 2018

Last Orders in Bangkok, *New Mandala*, April 23rd 2017

Abhisit's Gift, *New Mandala*, February 7th 2011

The "Alternative Facts" of a Coup, *Al-Jazeera*, December 2nd 2017

From Love to Fear: the Rise of King Vajiralongkorn, *Al-Jazeera*, April 11th 2017

Will Bangkok Prove Greater than Those who Would Remake It?, *Khaosod*, April 14th 2017

Thailand Under the Junta: Paranoia and Conspiracy, *Al-Jazeera*, July 22nd 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Anthropology of Capitalism, Central European University	2020
Lecturer, Key Issues in Anthropology, Central European University	2019
Lecturer, Anthropology of Capitalism, Oxford University	2018
Visiting Lecturer, Global Urban Governance, University of Rome	2018
Lecturer, LAPE (Laboratory of Ethnographic Practices), Tor Bella Monaca, Rome	2018
Tutor, UNIPOP: Free University, Milan	2017
Lecturer, Intro to Anthropology: Theories and Approaches, Oxford University	2016-2017
Tutor, Intro to Anthropology: Theories and Approaches, Oxford University	2016-2017
Lecturer, Space, Place, Power, Oxford University	2015-2017
Lecturer, Mobility & Mobilization, Oxford University	2014
Visiting Lecturer, Sustainable Urban Development, Oxford University	2016
Writing Fellow, Harvard Anthropology Department	2011-2012
Instructor, Junior Tutorial: Individual Thesis Development	2012
Instructor, Junior Tutorial: Mobility and Mobilization	2011
Guest Lecturer, Urbanization in Southeast Asia, Chulalongkorn University	2010
Guest Lecturer, Methods of Urban Research, Chulalongkorn University	2010

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Teaching Assistant, Language and Culture, Prof. Steve Caton 2009
Teaching Assistant, Culture of Southeast Asia, Prof. Mary Steedly 2008

TEACHING AWARDS and CERTIFICATES

Harvard Bok Center's Teaching Certificate 2012
Finalist for "Best Teaching Fellow" Levenson Teaching Award 2012
Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching 2012

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

Watching the Rice Grow, Senior Architecture & Urban Design Studio 2017-present
Laboratoire International Associé (LIA) MéditerranéePolis 2017-present
Comics and Graphic Novels: The Politics of Form 2017-present
Theatrum Mundi, member of the network of urbanists, architects and artists 2016-present
Asia-Europe People Forum (AEPF) 2016-present
European Network for Ethnographic Theory 2017- 2018
Academic Board Member, Oxford Future of Cities Programme 2013-2019

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Organizer of the Open Learning Initiative Seminars..... 2020- present
Senior Editorial Board, Commoning Ethnography 2017- present
Collaborator in LAPE (Laboratory of Ethnographic Practices) 2017- present
Organizer and Founder of Oxford City Debates, Oxford University 2015-present
Convener of the Future of Cities Seminar and Film Series, Oxford University 2013-present
Editorial Board, Naresuan University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences 2013-present
Academic Committee, UNIPOP Free University, Milan 2017-2018
Editorial Board, HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory 2017- 2018
All Souls College, General Purpose Committee 2015-2017
Coordinator Southeast Asia Seminar, Oxford University 2013-2014
Thai Film Series Committee, Harvard University 2011-2012
Coordinator Southeast Asia Working Group, Harvard University 2007-2009
Coordinator Southeast Asia Conference Series, Harvard Asia Center 2007-2008

INVITED LECTURES and KEYNOTES

From Anthropological Research to Graphic Novel, LUCA School of Art November 2019
Food and Politics: the Case of Genuino Clandestino, Cambridge University May 2019
Toward an Anthropology of Antifascism in Italy, Reed College November 2018
Transforming Ethnographic Research into Graphic Narratives, Gottingen University November 2018
Informality and Digitalization among Transportation Providers, Humboldt University October 2018
New Urban Identities, University of Florence June 2018
Mobility and Mobilization: Politics of Transportation in Asia, Tbilisi University May 2018
The Rise of Southeast Asian Authoritarianism, Stanford University March 2017
The Fragility of State Power, Harvard University February 2016
Flexible labour and Political Mobilization, University of Sussex September 2015
Relapse Symptoms: the Thai coup, University of Prague December 2014
The Cage of Freedom: mobility and labor in Thailand, COMPAS, Oxford University November 2014
Gramsci in Thailand, Guest Lecture, Chulalongkorn University June 2014
(Im)mobilizing Thai capital, City and Society Series, Cambridge University February 2014
Moving in the cracks: street protest and the fragility of power in the Thai capital, SOAS January 2014
Urban Mobility and Fragility of Power, Swarthmore College November 2013
Politics of Everyday Life, Southeast Asian Series, Yale University October 2013
The Owners of the Map, Thai Forum, Leeds University February 2013
The City Made and Unmade, Friday Seminar, Harvard University January 2013
(Im)mobilizing Bangkok, Jepson School of Leadership, University of Richmond July 2012

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Bangkok Streets and Politics, Department of Southeast Asian Studies, Universität Passau September 2011
Mobility and Mobilization, Public Space Working Group, CUNY September 2011
Landscapes of Mobility, Architecture Lecture Series, Chulalongkorn University January 2011
Mobilizing the City, Bangkok Research Seminar January 2011

NON-ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

Macerata Anti-fascist League, Funding Member, 2017-present

The King of Bangkok, Ethnographic Graphic Novel on Thai politics with cartoonist Sara Fabbri and editor Chiara Natalucci, 2015-2019

Rhodes Must Fall Oxford, Organizing Member, 2016-2018

The Bridge, Ethnographic Radio show on the City of Oxford with Max Harris, Tara Paterson, Sizwe Mpfu-Walsh, 2015-2016

Motorcycle Taxis Experience Room, Art project in collaboration with Agnes Dherbeys (photographer), Benjamin Tausig (ethno-musicologist), Aphiwat Seangpatthasima (documentary-maker), and Harvard Geographical Analysis Center, 2012-2013

Urban Influencer, Design for the other 90%: Sustainable Cities, an exposition at the UN Headquarters and book by Cynthia Smith for the Cooper-Hewitt Smithsonian National Design Museum, 2011

What Shall We Do When We lose Our Way?, Art project in collaboration with Thai Museum Serve at Bangkok Art and Culture Center, 2011

Regenerating Public Spaces in Minburi Old Market Community, Participative architecture intervention in collaboration with Carla Betancourt (architect) and CASE (Community Architects for Shelter and Environment), September 2009-March 2010

SELECTED INTERVIEWS and MEDIA COVERAGE

Esquire, The Dark Side of Thailand	20 th May 2019
Sky Art, the King of Bangkok tells the History of Modern Thailand	23 rd April 2019
Art Tribune, The King of Bangkok: a Preview	21 st April 2019
Washington Monthly, The Tragedy of Thailand	April 2018
Bangkok Post, Weaving Through Bangkok, Weaving Through Life	16 th February 2018
KhaoSod English, Kinokinuya Pulls Oxford Researcher's Book	1 st December 2017
Radio 3 -'Tutta la citta' ne parla, Contemporary Italian Social Movements	5 th February 2016 (Italian)
France 24 – FOCUS, Thai Junta Continues to Stifle Dissent	29 th October 2015
New York Review of Books, Thailand: Revolution by Motorcycle?	23 rd July 2014
Al Jazeera, Thailand's army declares war on 'vice'	18 th July 2014
La Repubblica, Gli Ultimi Antropologi	19 th November 2013 (Italian)
Associate French Press, Politics of Two Wheels in Thailand's Capital	16 th August 2011
Der Standard, Thaksin tut etwas für die Armen	3 rd July 2011
Matichon, When the northeasterners understand the world	22 nd April 2011 (Thai)
Liberation, Le pouvoir thaïlandais courtise les motos-taxis	25 th March 2011
The Economist, Enter the orange shirts: the capital's two-wheeled political class	17 th February 2011
Bangkok Post, The art of motorsai politics	22 nd August 2010
Thai PBS, Motorcycle taxi and politics	17 th August 2010 (Thai)
Al Jazeera TV, Thai "orange vests" a transport tool	24 th July 2010

LANGUAGES

Italian (Native); English (Advanced); Thai (Advanced); Spanish (Intermediate); French (Beginner)