

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy. 2002
Johns Hopkins University, USA
International Relations Major, Political Theory and Political Economy Minors
Master of Arts. With Distinction, 1997
University of Sussex, UK
Global Political Economy
Bachelor of Arts. First Class, 1994
University of Victoria, Canada
Political Science and Women's Studies Majors

Academic Positions

Associate Professor, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa (2007-present)
Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Development Studies, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University (Jan-Feb 2010)
Visiting Fellow, Global Economic Governance Centre and Senior Common Room member, University College, Oxford University (Jan-Feb 2010)
Visiting Scholar, School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland (Aug-Nov 2009)
Assistant Professor, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa (2002-2007)

Selected Research Grants

External

2009-2012: SSHRC Standard Research Grant, \$59,403.00
2009-2010: University of Queensland Collaborative Research Grant, \$2,500.00
2009-2010: SSHRC Workshop Grant (with A. Gheciu), \$23,474.00
2006-2007: SSHRC Workshop Grant, (with M. Paterson), \$20,000.00
2005-2008: SSHRC Standard Research Grant, \$76,061.00

Internal

2008-2009: Conferences Grant, University of Ottawa: \$3,000.00
2006-2007: Workshop Grant, Faculty of Social Sciences: \$5,000.00
2006-2007: Conferences Grant, University of Ottawa: \$3,000.00
2006-2008: Young Researcher of the Year Award, Univ of Ottawa: \$10,000.00
2003-2004: University Research Fund Grant, Univ. of Ottawa: \$6,955.60

Selected Academic Awards and Distinctions

Coordinator, International Political Economy Network (IPEN), University of Ottawa (2010-present)
Co-editor, Routledge Review of International Political Economy (RIPE) Book Series (2008-present)
Elected temporary member of the Senior Common Room, University College, Oxford (2010)
Finalist for the Capital Educators' Award, City of Ottawa (2008)
Young Researcher of the Year Award, University of Ottawa (2006)
Short-listed for the IPEG Book Prize, British International Studies Association (2006)
Dorothy Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation (2001)
Institute for the Study of World Politics Dissertation Fellowship (2001)
Margaret McWilliams Fellowship, Canadian Federation of University Women (2001)
Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (2001)
James Hart Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (2001)
George E. Owen Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (1997 - 2001)
Political Science Departmental Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (1997 - 2001)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship (1997)
Commonwealth Scholarship, UK (1996)
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (MA - 1996, Ph.D. - 1997)
MacKenzie King Travelling Scholarship (1996)
London-Goodenough Scholarship (1996)

Publications

Books

J. Best, *The Limits of Transparency: Ambiguity and the History of International Finance*. Cornell University Press, 2005.

Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Review of International Political Economy* (review article), *Millennium*, *Literary Review of Canada*, *Economic History Review*, *Alternatives Économiques*, *Canadian Journal of Public Administration*, *Financial History Review*.

Edited Books

J. Best and M. Paterson, eds. *Cultural Political Economy*. (Routledge/RIPE Series, 2010).

Articles in Refereed Journals

J. Best, "Ambiguity and Uncertainty in International Organizations: A History of Debating IMF Conditionality", *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 56, No. 4, 2012, (forthcoming).

J. Best, "Bureaucratic Ambiguity", *Economy and Society*, Vol. 41, No. 1, 2012, (forthcoming).

J. Best, "The Limits of Financial Risk Management: Or, What We Didn't Learn from the Asian Crisis." *New Political Economy*. Vol. 15, No. 1 (2010), pp. 29-49.

J. Best, "How to Make a Bubble: Towards a Cultural Political Economy of the Financial Crisis," *International Political Sociology*. Vol. 3, No. 4, (December 2009), pp. 461-465.

J. Best, "Ambiguity, Uncertainty and Risk: Rethinking Indeterminacy." *International Political Sociology*. (Vol. 2, No. 4, 2008) 355-374.

J. Best, Why the Economy is Often the Exception to Politics as Usual. *Theory, Culture & Society*. (Vol. 24, No. 4, 2007), pp. 83-105.

J. Best, Legitimacy Dilemmas: The IMF's Pursuit of Country Ownership. *Third World Quarterly*. (Vol. 28, No. 3, 2007) pp. 469-88.

J. Best and W. Widmaier, Micro- or Macro- Moralities? International Economic Discourses and Policy Possibilities. *Review of International Political Economy*. (Vol 13, No. 4, October 2006), pp. 609-633.

- J. Best, Co-opting Cosmopolitanism? The International Monetary Fund's New Global Ethics. *Global Society*. (Vol 20, No. 3, July 2006), pp. 307-327.
- J. Best, "The Moral Politics of IMF Reforms: Universal Economics, Particular Ethics." *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology*. Vol. 4, No. 3-4 (2005), pp. 357-378.
- J. Best, "Hollowing out Keynesian Norms: How the Search for a Technical Fix Undermined the Bretton Woods Regime." *Review of International Studies*. Vol. 30, No. 3 (July 2004), pp. 383-404. Reprinted in *Embedding Global Markets: An Enduring Challenge*, John Gerard Ruggie, ed., (Ashgate, 2009).
- J. Best, "From the Top Down: The New Financial Architecture and the Re-Embedding of Global Finance." *New Political Economy* 8.3 (2003): pp. 363-84. Reprinted in *Globalization and Economy*, Paul James, ed. (Sage, 2007).
- J. Best, "Moralizing Finance: The New International Financial Architecture as Normative Discourse." *Review of International Political Economy* 10.3 (2003): pp. 579-603.

Book chapters

- J. Best, "Bringing Power Back In: the IMF's New Constructivist Strategy in Critical Perspective. *Economic Constructivism*." Eds. Rawi Abdelal, Mark Blyth and Craig Parsons. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2010), pp. 194-210.
- J. Best and M. Paterson, "Introduction: Cultural Political Economy," in *Cultural Political Economy*. Eds. Jacqueline Best and Matthew Paterson. (London: Routledge, 2009), pp. 1-25.
- J. Best, "The Ethics of Global Economic Institutions," in *The Ethics of Global Governance*. Ed. Antonio Francheschet. (Lynne Reinner, 2009), pp. 119-140.
- J. Best, "Discussion: The Politics of Civilizational Talk." *Civilizational Identity: The Production and Reproduction of "Civilizations" in International Relations*. Eds. Martin Hall and Patrick Thaddeus Jackson (London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), pp. 181-188.
- J. Best, The Politics of Moral Hegemony: The Return of "Standards of Civilization" at the IMF. Chapter 10 in *The Global Standards of Market Civilization*. Eds. Leonard Seabrooke and Brett Bowden (London: Routledge/RIPE series, 2006), pp. 134-145.
- J. Best, "The Politics of Transparency: Ambiguity and the Liberalization of International Finance," in James Busumtwi-Sam and Laurent Dobuzinskis, eds. *Turbulence and New Directions in Global Political Economy*, Palgrave (Basingstoke and New York: 2003), pp. 126-144.

Opinion pieces

- J. Best, "Why the IMF's next leader shouldn't come from the West", *Ottawa Citizen*, May 28, 2011, A17.
- J. Best, "Market's 'invisible hand' is supposed to be just," *The Globe and Mail – Report on Business* March 30, 2009.
- J. Best, "The limits of financial risk management," *The Globe and Mail*. October 13, 2008.
- J. Best, "We're in this mess too," *Ottawa Citizen*, October 3, 2008.
- J. Best, "The limits of transparency." *International Herald Tribune*. March 17, 2005.

Book reviews

- J. Best, "Review of Regulating Capital: Setting Standards for the International Financial System, David Andrew Singer." *Governance*. Forthcoming 2009.
- J. Best, "Review of Virtue, Fortune, and Faith: A Genealogy of Finance, Marieke de Goede." *International History Review*. Vol. 28, No. 4, December 2006, pp.832-33.
- J. Best, "Review of World Financial Orders: An Historical International Political Economy, Paul Langley." *Political Geography*, Vol. 25, 2006, pp. 352-56.
- J. Best, "Review of Critical Theory and World Politics," Richard Wyn Jones, ed. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 36, No. 1, 2003, pp. 235-236.

Other publications

- J. Best and R. Duhamel, "Recall: Is it Really a Democratic Cure-all?" *Policy Options*. (April, 1995): pp. 44-47.
- J. Best, *Brief to the Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies by the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women*. Ottawa: CRIAW/ICREF, 1990.

Current Projects

Books

- J. Best, *The Rise of Provisional Governance? The World Bank the IMF and the Transformation of Global Economic Governance*. Book manuscript in process.

Collaborative research projects

- J. Best and A. Gheciu, *The Public as Practice: Transformations in Global Politics*. Journal symposium and edited collection in process.

Selected Conference Papers and Workshop Presentations

- Risk, Security and Poverty: Redrawing the Public-Private Boundaries at the World Bank. Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Conference, June 2009.
- Standardizing Global Norms and Informalizing Authority: The IMF and World Bank's New Policy Strategies. Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions. Lisbon, April 2009.
- The Limits of Financial Risk Management: Or, What We Didn't Learn from the Asian Crisis. Paper presented at the International Studies Association. New York, February 2009.
- The Limits of Financial Risk Management: The Subprime Crisis in Critical Perspective, Paper presented at the Centre on Governance Innovation Workshop, Crisis and Response: Whither International Financial Regulation? University of Waterloo, September 25-26, 2008.
- Informalizing and Instrumentalizing Politics: New International Aid Strategies in Critical Perspective, Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Conference and the Canadian Studies on International Development Conference, Vancouver, June 2008.
- Cultural Political Economy. Paper presented at the International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 26-29, 2008.
- The Accidental IO Scholar. Paper presented at the Business of International Organizations workshop, Copenhagen Business School, November 22-23, 2007.
- Cultural Political Economy: An Introduction. Paper presented at the Workshop on Cultural Political Economy. Ottawa, June 12-14, 2007 [with Matthew Paterson].
- Legitimacy Dilemmas: The IMF's Pursuit of Country Ownership. Paper presented at the International Studies Association. Chicago, Feb. 28-Mar. 3, 2007.
- Ambiguity, Uncertainty and Risk: Rethinking Indeterminacy. Paper presented at the British International Studies Association. Cork, Ireland, 18-20 December, 2006.
- The Moral Politics of Global Economic Governance. Paper presented at the Oceanic Conference on International Studies. Melbourne, Australia, 5-7 July, 2006.
- The Dilemmas of Political Economic Legitimacy: Recent IMF Reforms in Critical Perspective. Paper presented at the Centre for International Governance and Innovation workshop, "The Reform on Global Financial Governance: Whither the IMF?" June 10, 2006.
- The Paradoxes of Political Economic Legitimacy. Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association meeting, June 1-3, 2006. York University, Toronto, Canada.

- The Moral Politics of IMF Reforms: Universal Economics, Particular Ethics. Paper presented at the International Studies Association. San Diego, CA, March 2006.
- The Return of 'Standards of Civilization?' The International Monetary Fund's New Moral Politics. Talk given at the Studies in National and International Development seminar series at Queen's University, March 24, 2005.
- Bringing Power Back in: The IMF's New Constructivist Strategy in Critical Perspective. Paper presented at a workshop on Economic Constructivism, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, February 2005.
- Co-opting Constructivism? The IMF's Global Governance Strategy in Critical Perspective. Paper presented at the International Studies Association. Honolulu, USA, March 2005.
- Micro- or Macro- Moralities? International Economic Discourses and Policy Possibilities. Paper presented at The WTO and Beyond: Global Governance and State Power. Vancouver, July 2004. [with Wesley Widmaier]
- Co-opting Cosmopolitanism? The International Monetary Fund's New Global Ethics. Paper presented at the British International Studies Association's Special Workshop, Cosmopolitan Institutions: Justice, Governance and Political Economy. Birmingham, UK, June 2004.
- The Politics of Moral Hegemony: Globalization and the Return of "Standards of Civilization." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference. Montreal, March 2004.
- Moral Economies: The Normative Subtext of the New International Financial Architecture." Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Conference. Halifax, June 2003.
- Moralizing Finance: The International Financial Architecture as Ethical Discourse." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Portland, 2003.
- Hollowing out Keynesian Norms: How the Search for a Technical Fix Sealed the Fate of the Bretton Woods Regime. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2002.
- Hollowing Out Keynesian Norms: How the Search for a Technical Fix Undermined the Bretton Woods Regime. Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Convention, Toronto, May 2002.
- 'Civilizing Globalization': The New Financial Architecture and the Re-embedding of Global Finance. Paper presented at the International Studies Association Convention, New Orleans, March 2002.
- The Politics of Transparency: Ambiguity and the Liberalization of International Finance, Paper presented at the Conference on Global Turbulence: Instability in the National and International Political Economy, Vancouver, July 2001.
- Economies of Uncertainty: Recognizing and Reconstructing the Role of Ambiguity in the International Political Economy. Paper presented at the International Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, February 2001.
- The Micropolitics of Regulation: The Constitutive Role of Ambiguity in the International Political Economy, Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Conference, Quebec City, August 2000.
- Engendering Flexibility: The Changing Political Economy of (Re)production, Paper presented at the Canadian Women's Studies Association Conference, Ottawa, May 1998.

Selected invited talks

- Results Management and the Implications for Global Governance. Invited talk at the North South Institute, Ottawa, May 24, 2011.
- Invited talk, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo, Norway, February 2010.
- The Transformation of International Economic Authority: How the IMF and World Bank have Responded to Their Declining Legitimacy. Invited talk at the Global Economic Governance Centre, University of Oxford, January 2010.

The Changing Logic of Global Economic Governance. Invited talk at the University of Warwick, Politics and International Studies Department, January 2010.

Bureaucratic Ambiguity. Keynote address at the symposium on Strategic Unknowns: The uses of ambiguity and ignorance in organizational life. Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, October 2009.

Governing the Margins: the Changing Practices of Global Economic Governance. Invited talk at the University of Sydney Department of Government and International Studies, Sydney, Australia, October 2009.

The Limits of Financial Risk Management. Invited talk at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, September 2009.

Governing the Margins: the Evolving Logic of Global Governance. Invited talk at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, September 2009.

The Subprime Crisis and the Limits of Self-Regulation. Talk at the Privy Council Office, Government of Canada, December 16, 2008.

Reforming Global Financial Governance: Lessons from the Past, Challenges for the Future. Talk at the North-South Institute, at the launch of their project on Policy Responses to Unfettered Finance, December 11, 2008.

Civilizing Transparency: The Politics of Morality at the International Monetary Fund. Invited talk at the International Relations Department, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 22 June, 2006.

Le rôle d'ambiguïté dans la gouvernance des finances internationales. Conférence à UQAM, le 9 novembre 2005.

The Politics of Economic Legitimacy. Roundtable on Financial Governance. Carleton University, September 29, 2005.

Economies of Uncertainty: The Role of Ambiguity in the International Political Economy. Talk given at the University of Delaware, March 6, 2001.

Research Interests

My research works at the intersection of international political economy, international relations and political and social theory.

Specific areas of interest include: international financial governance, international financial crises, financing global development, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, international aid architecture, critical social theory, international relations theory, globalization, international ethics, and the history of economic thought.

Graduate Supervisions

Ongoing

Marie Langevin, Ph.D. Candidate, "Formes d'autorité, logiques et pratiques dans le processus de commercialisation de la microfinance: le cas des agences de notation en contexte latino américain."

Kailey Cannon, M.A. Candidate, "Poverty Alleviation 'Post' Washington Consensus: A Governmental Analysis of Conditional Cash Transfers,"

Thomas Metcalf, M.A. Candidate, "The financial and economic crisis and institutional change at the IMF."

Augusta Acquah, M.A. Candidate, "Knowledge is power and power is knowledge: An examination of the construction of the African woman in development discourses and the impact of this representation on African women's agency and self-development."

Completed

Maxime Ouellet, Ph.D. Candidate, “La société globale de l’information: une approche culturelle à l’économie politique internationale” (2009)

Marcel Vautour, M.A. Candidate, “L’humanité qui se prend en charge: une critique de la théorie en éthique internationale” (2007)

Suzanna Ersoy, M.A. Candidate, “The ethical foundations of economic practice: comparing Western and Korean cases” (2007)

Annie-Pier Marchand, M.A. Candidate, “L’impact réel du commerce équitable revisité: questionnement sur les conceptions éthiques d’un discours” (2008)

Elyse Hamel, M.A. Candidate, “Les implications conceptuelles du concept de l’état de nature chez Hobbes, en vue du monde des relations internationales post-11 septembre 2001” (2009)

Post-doctoral Supervisions

Arne Ruckert (Post-doc) *The Social Impacts of Poverty Reduction Strategies in Latin America* (2009-2011).

Courses taught

University of Ottawa

- POL 2103 Introduction to International Relations and Global Politics
- POL 2203 Introduction to International Relations and Global Politics
- POL 4176 International Political Economy
- POL 4576 Économie politique internationale
- POL 4187 The Politics of International Ethics
- POL 4330 Honours Seminar on International Relations and Global Politics
- POL 6100 Theories and Problems in International Politics
- POL 7110 International Political Economy
- POL 7510 Économie politique internationale

Johns Hopkins University

- BA-MA SAIS Seminar on US Foreign Policy

Selected Professional Activities

Coordinator, International Political Economy Network (IPEN), University of Ottawa (2010-present)

Co-editor, Routledge, RIPE (Review of International Political Economy) Book Series (2008-present)

Member, International Advisory Board, IPE Yearbook Series, Lynne Rienner Press (2010-present)

Member, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Standard Research Grants Committee #24, (2010-11).

Executive Board Member, Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa (2008-present)

Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Political Science Association (2007-2009)

Chair, Canadian Political Science Association Research Ethics Working Group (2007-2009)

Program Supervisor, International Studies and Modern Languages Honours Program, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa (2003-2007)

Chair, Ad-hoc Committee on an MA in Globalization and Development, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ottawa (2002-2004)

External Reviewer, Evaluation of ArtsOne, Foundations and the Interdisciplinary BA at the University of British Columbia (2004-2005)

Referee for *Review of International Political Economy*, *Review of International Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Global Governance*, *Politique et Sociétés*, *American Political Science Review*, *Security Dialogue*, *International Political Sociology*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Global Ethics*, *International Theory*, *International Journal of Political Economy*, *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, *Theory, Culture and Society*, Princeton University Press, Cornell University Press, Palgrave Press, McGill-Queen's Press, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Languages

Fluent in French and English

References

Available upon request

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