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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023- Assistant Professor, Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Department of History

2022-2023 Lecturer in European History, University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities, European Studies

2021-2022 Research Associate in International History, University of Glasgow, College of Social Sciences, Adam Smith Business School

EDUCATION

2016-2021 European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization
PhD dissertation: *Socialist Poland's Opening towards the West, 1970-1980*
Supervisor: Federico Romero

2015-2016 London School of Economics, Department of International History
MSc in Empires, Colonialism and Globalisation (distinction)

2012-2015 University of Warsaw, Institute of Polish Culture
BA in Cultural Studies (distinction)

2011-2014 University of Warsaw, Institute of History
BA in History

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

The Opening Up: Poland and East-West Cooperation in the 1970s, London: Routledge, 2023

Articles:

‘Stable Support, Scant Initiative: European Business Associations and Economic and Monetary Union, 1946-1992’, *Business History* (2024)

‘Winner of the Saki Ruth Dockrill Memorial Prize “The Unity of Europe is inevitable”: Poland and the European Economic Community in the 1970s,’ *Cold War History* 20:4 (2020): 483-501

Co-authored with Alexis Drach, ‘The forgotten currency: the European Currency Unit and European Integration’, targeted at: *Business History Review*, planned submission: September 2023

Chapters in edited volumes

‘From the “Economic Miracle” to the “Sick Man of the Socialist Camp”: Poland Opening towards the West in the 1970s,’ in Angela Romano and Federico Romero (eds.), *European Socialist Regimes’ Fateful Engagement with the West. National Strategies in the Long 1970s* (London: Routledge, 2020), 78-106

Published before graduate studies:

‘Stiftung Flucht, Vertreibung, Versöhnung,’ in Maria Czaputowicz et al. (eds.), *Berlin. Stadt der Erinnerung* trans. Emilia Jankiewicz (Berlin: Anthea, 2015), 43-51

‘Memento Park,’ in Zofia Antkiewicz et al. (eds.), *Budapeszt miasto pamięci* (Warszawa: Studenckie Koło Naukowe Historyków Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, 2015), 153-60

‘Centrum przeciwko wypędzeniom,’ in Maria Czaputowicz et al. (eds.), *Berlin miasto pamięci* (Warszawa: Studenckie Koło Naukowe Historyków Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, 2014), 53-8

‘Dekomunizacja ulic Warszawy przez pryzmat postaw i ocen społecznych,’ *Przegląd Humanistyczny* 6:441 (2013): 87-96.

TEAM PROJECTS

2021-2022 Research Associate in International History, Eurecon European Research Council project, *The Making of Lopsided Union: Economic Integration in the European Economic Community, 1957-1992*, University of Glasgow, College of Social Sciences, Adam Smith Business School

2016-2020 PhD Researcher, PanEur1970s European Research Council project, *Looking West: The European Socialist Regimes Facing Pan-European cooperation and European Community*, European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization

2014-2016 Team member, *The Cities of Memory*, student project on the East-Central European cities founded by the History Department at the University of Warsaw and Deutsche Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)

AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022 Monograph subsidy from European University Institute

2019 Saki Ruth Dockrill Memorial Prize for the best paper at the International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War

2018 Visiting fellowship, Columbia University, European Institute (exchange grant from the European University Institute)

2016-2020 PhD grant from PanEur1970s European Research Council project, *Looking West: The European Socialist Regimes Facing Pan-European cooperation and European Community*

2014-2015 Erasmus exchange, Sorbonne Paris IV

2013-2014 University of Warsaw Rector’s Scholarship for the best students

TEACHING

Maastricht University (2023)

BA in European Studies

Ruling Europe: the Making and Unmaking of Political Orders after the French Revolution (with Camilo Erlichman)

Research and Study Skills (with Karin von Leeuwen)

MA in European Studies:

Key Challenges for Contemporary Europe: Historical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives (with Camilo Erlichman)

Historicising European Union (with Karin von Leeuwen)

University Collage Maastricht (2023)

Lifting the Iron Curtain. Modern and Contemporary Eastern Europe (with Ferenc Laczó)

University of Amsterdam (2022/2023)

BA in European Studies:

Research Seminar in European History: Transnational European History

First Year Seminar in European Studies: Eastern Europe, Divided Europe, New Europe?

European Studies Workshop: Lobbying in Europe (with László Marácz)

Turning Points in European History (with Matthijs Lok)

European Integration (with Theresa Kuhn and Robin de Bruin)

The Other Europe (with Michael Kemper)

Tutoring (22 students)

BA thesis supervision (5 students)

MA in European Studies:

Imagining Europe: Ideologies and Power (with Robin de Bruin)

Workshop on Archival Methods (with Robin de Bruin)

MA thesis supervision (1 student)

University of Rome Tor Vergata (2020 and 2021- online as a teaching assistant; 2022 and 2023 in person as an invited lecturer)

BA in Global Governance:

History and Civilization- Module I- International System(s): Politics, Economy, and Governance in the XX Century World (with Angela Romano), Module II- Religion(s) and International Politics: the Ever-Changing Relationship (with Jacopo Cellini)

Thesis supervision (1 student)

University of Glasgow (2022)

MA in Management:

The Eurozone Political Economy (hybrid with Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol)

TEACHING TRAINING

2023 The University Teaching Qualification (BKO) course (starting date: 31 January 2024)

2019 Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education course at the European University Institute

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

with Alexis Drach, 'Private tools for political goal: European Currency Unit, Private Networks and the Making of Economic and Monetary Union,' Workshop: New Approaches on the History of European Financial Integration. The Case of parallel Currencies and Borrowing Capacity, European University Institute, 30 May 2023

'Europe in the 1970s: Cold War, European Integration, and the East-West Cooperation,' as part of: The Global 1970s: Contestation, Disillusion and Renewal BA course by Matthijs Lok, European Studies, University of Amsterdam, 7 March 2023

with Alexis Drach, 'Reinventing Financial and Monetary Europe after the 1970s Crises: the European Currency Unit Private Market and European Integration,' The Business History Conference, Detroit, 16-18 March 2023 (proposal accepted)

'Making Europe from the Outside: the Japanese Challenge and the Rise of East-West Trade in the 1970s', ARTES lunch lectures, University of Amsterdam, 16 February 2023

'Cold War: Europe at the Centre', as part of: Making Europe in the Twentieth Century MA course by Grace Ballor, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University, 10 October 2022

'Big business associations and EMU: towards the Association for the Monetary Union of Europe, 1946-1992,' The World Economic History Congress (WEHC), Paris, 25-29 July 2022

'Through Détente to Business or through Business to Détente?,' Pan-European Economic spaces in the Cold War, University of Geneva, 9 June 2022

with Alexis Drach, 'The forgotten currency: the European Currency Unit private market and European Integration,' Businesses, banks and the making of Europe's Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), 1957-1992, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow, 25 April 2022

'The Japanese Challenge and the Rise of East-West Trade in the 1970s,' Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Euroasian Studies (ASEEES), Virtual Convention, 1-3 December 2021

'Big business and monetary integration: the case of the Association for the Monetary Union of Europe, 1987-1992', Research colloquium, Project House Europe, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, online, 29 June 2021

'Business and Monetary Integration: European Debates in the Run-up to Maastricht, 1986-1992,' Europe's Past, Present, and Future: Utopias and Dystopia, Council of European Studies (CES), online, 21-25 June 2021

'The Debtor with a Human Face: Polish Socialist Elites and Western Creditors in the 1970s', Politics of Finance: Creditworthiness, Credibility and Reputation on Global Markets, Graduate Institute Geneva, online, 17-18 June 2021

'Poland's Debt Crisis: Between Western Creditors and Solidarność, 1980-1981', The International Debt Crisis Revised, 1979-1991, Ca'Foscari University of Venice and University of Florence, online, 17-18 June 2021

‘Business and Monetary Integration: The Case of the Association for the Monetary Union of Europe (1987-1992)’, International Business & Enterprise Seminar, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow, online, 12 April 2021

‘Polish Socialist Elites and the Electronic Giants in the 1970s: Cold War Politics or an Ordinary Business?’, LSE-Sciences Po Seminar in Contemporary International History, Sciences Po, 26 February 2020

‘From the “Economic Miracle” to the “Sick Man of the Socialist Camp”: Poland Opening towards the West in the 1970s, Final Conference of the ERC PanEur1970s Project, European University Institute, 2-4 December 2019

‘Socialist State Facing Electronic Giants: Production of Thomson and Grundig Tape-Recorders in Poland in the 1970s’, Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Euroasian Studies (ASEEES), San Francisco, 23-26 November 2019

““The Unity of Europe is inevitable”: Poland and the European Economic Community in the 1970s”, International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War, George Washington University, 2-4 May 2019

‘Détente, Technology and the Debt Crisis: the Case of Berliet Bus production in Poland’, Kroužek Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, 4 December 2018

‘Poland Opening towards the West, 1970-1980’, Second Public Workshop of ERC Project PanEur1970s, European University Institute, 26-27 November 2018

‘The West-East Flow of Technology in the 1970s, Case of the French Bus Berliet Production in Poland’, Annual Graduate Conference in European History (GRACEH), People and Ideas on the Move: Interaction, Interconnection and Entanglement, University of Vienna, 26-28 April 2018

‘Polish Consumer Turn and Import of Western Technology after the Crises of 1968 and 1970’, Annual Conference of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES), University of Cambridge, 13-15 April 2018

‘Poland Opening towards the West, 1970-1980, Creating Consumer Socialism’, PanEur1970s Public Workshop, Expectations and predicaments: the Socialist regimes and pan-European cooperation in the 1970s, European University Institute, 23-25 November 2017

CONFERENCES ORGANISED

Co-organised with Annette Freyberg-Inan and Jasper Simons, *Europe’s Periphery at the Core: Interdisciplinary Conversations on Central and Eastern Europe*, University of Amsterdam, 9-10 November 2023 (funded by Amsterdam School for Regional, Transnational and European Studies)

Co-organised with Alexis Drach, Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol and Neil Rollings, *Businesses, banks and the making of Europe’s Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), 1957-1992*, University of Glasgow, 25-26 April 2022 (funded by the EURECON project)

Co-organised with Saša Vejzagić, *Reforming Socialism. Aims and Efforts Before and After 1968*, European University Institute, 25-27 October 2018 (funded by European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Historical Archives of the European Union and PanEur1970 project)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Polish	Native
English	Fluent in reading, speaking and writing
French	Excellent command in reading, speaking and writing (DALF C1)
Italian	Very good command in reading and speaking (CELI B2)
German	Intermediate, reading capacity (B1 level)
Dutch	Beginner (A1 level)
Spanish	Passive knowledge