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CURRENT POSITION

2015-present Lecturer, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

2012- 2015 *Harvard University*: Lecturer on Social Studies

2011-2012 *Harvard University*: Fellow, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History

2010-2011 *University of Oxford*: Research Fellow, Institute for Science, Innovation, and Society

2009 *The Ohio State University*: Postdoctoral Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies

2008-2009 *European University Institute*: Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

EDUCATION

2008 Ph.D., Sociology, *University of California, Berkeley*

2001 M.A., Sociology, *University of California, Berkeley*

1996 B.A., Sociology, *New College of Florida*

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2013. *Disciplining terror: How experts invented "terrorism"* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

-winner, 2015 *Francesco Guicciardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations*, International Studies Association

-co-winner, 2015 *International Political Sociology Book Award*, International Studies Association

-honorable mention, 2015 *Mirra Komarovsky Book Award*, Eastern Sociological Society

-winner, 2012 *President's Book Award*, Social Science History Association

-reviewed in: *Contemporary Sociology*; *Choice*; *Geopolitics*; *International Politics Reviews*; *Sociology*; *The Sociological Review*; *Terrorism and Political Violence*; *Discourse and Communication*; *Journal of Strategic Security*

-non-English reviews: *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals*, *Relaciones Internacionales*; *Revue Francais de Science Politique*, *Revista Mexicana de Sociologia*.

-author-meets-critics session, 2014 Eastern Sociological Society

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Forthcoming. "Truth and consequences? Reconceptualizing the politics of exposure."
Accepted for publication in *Security Dialogue*.
2016. "The lawyers' war: states and human rights in a transnational field." *The Sociological Review*. 64:2 suppl. pp 170-93 DOI: 10.1111/2059-7932.12007
2013. "Experts, États et théorie des champs. Quelques leçons tirées d'une sociologie de l'expertise sur le terrorisme" *Critique Internationale* 59: April-June 2013, pp. 89-104. (in French, English version available upon request).
2011. "Disciplining an unruly field: Terrorism experts and theories of scientific/intellectual production" *Qualitative Sociology* 34:1, pp.1-19.
2006. "How does "culture" become "capital"? Cultural and institutional struggles over "character and personality" at Harvard" *Sociological Perspectives* 49:4, pp. 461-481.

Book chapters

2017. "Can terrorism be defined?" (chapter 1, pp. 11-20, in *Constructions of Terrorism: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Research and Policy*, edited by Michael Stohl, Scott Englund, and Richard Burchill, Berkeley: University of California Press.)
2016. "The emergence of terrorism studies as a field" (chapter 2. pp. 17-27, in *The Routledge Handbook of Critical Terrorism Studies*, edited by Richard Jackson, New York: Routledge.)
2015. (co-authored with Greggor Mattson). "Sociology: security and insecurities" (chapter 5, pp. 90-110, in Philippe Bourbeau, ed., *Security: Dialogue Across Disciplines*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.)
2015. "Problematic knowledge: How "terrorism" resists expertise" (chapter 9, pp 158-171, in Trine Villumsen Berling and Christian Bueger, eds., *Security Expertise: Practices, Power and Responsibility*, New York: Routledge.)

Reviews and short essays

2018. Review of Cynthia Banham, *Liberal Democracies and the Torture of Their Citizens*. *International Affairs*, 94:2, November 2018.

2018. Review of Osamah F. Khalil, *America's Dream Palace: Middle East Expertise and the Rise of the National Security State*. H-Diplo roundtable review, XIX-18. <http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XIX-18>
2018. "Torture" (entry in *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Politics and International Relations, 4th edition*, edited by Garrett W. Brown and Alistair McMillan, Oxford: Oxford University Press).
2017. "The (il)logic of networks" (essay for *Boston Review* forum "Islam on Trial" <http://bostonreview.net/forum/islam-trial/lisa-stampnitzky-lisa-stampnitzky-responds-amna-akbar-and-jeanne-theoharis>).
2016. Film review: Marie-Monique Robin *Torture: Made in the USA*. *Teaching Sociology*, 44(1), pp 66-67.
2016. Film review: Deborah Kaufman and Alan Snitow, *Drones in My Backyard*. *Teaching Sociology*, 44(1), pp 68.
2015. Review of Milan Zafirovski and Daniel G. Rodeheaver, *Modernity and terrorism: From anti-modernity to modern global terror*. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*: 44:5, pp.739-40.
2013. "Toward a sociology of 'security'" *Sociological Forum* 28:3, pp 631-33.
2013. Review of Susan N. Herman, *Taking liberties: The war on terror and the erosion of American democracy*. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, 42:3, pp 390-391
2010. Review of Bob Brecher, Mark Devenny, and Aaron Winter (eds.), *Discourses and practices of terrorism: Interrogating terror*. *E-Extreme: Electronic Newsletter of the ECPR Standing Group on Extremism and Democracy*.

Work in progress/ under review

How torture became speakable (monograph, under contract at Stanford University Press).

"Rethinking the crisis of expertise: A relational approach"

"Accessing the 'field' of terrorism studies" (chapter for *Research Methods in Critical Security Studies, 2nd edition* (Routledge, 2020), edited by Mark Salter, Can Mutlu, and Philippe M. Frowd)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2017-18 Leverhulme Foundation Research Fellowship for "How Torture Became Speakable"

- 2011-2012 Fellowship, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University.
- 2009 Postdoctoral fellowship, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University
- 2008-2009 Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies European University Institute (Florence, Italy)
- 2006-2008 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University
- 2006-2007 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation
- 2005-2007 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 2005-2006 Dissertation Fellowship, University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation

INVITED TALKS (recent)

- 2019 *University of St. Andrews*, Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence 25th Anniversary Symposium (Nov. 7-8 2019)
- 2019 *Uppsala University* (Sweden), Center for Multidisciplinary Studies on Racism “How political violence became terrorism” (5/9/2019)
- 2019 *University of Malmo* (Sweden), Malmo Association of Foreign Affairs. “How political violence became terrorism” (5/7/2019)
- 2019 *University of Ottawa* (Canada), Department of Sociology and Anthropology: "Evidence, exposures, and acknowledgements in the war on terror"
- 2018 *University of St. Andrews* (public lecture at Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence) “Justifying torture in the public sphere” 11/8/2018
- 2018 *Oxford University* (keynote speaker at conference, “Political violence: Causes, character, and consequences”) “How torture became speakable”, 5/29/2018
- 2018 *Sciences Po*, Center for the Study of Organizations “Justifying torture in the public sphere” 5/4/2018
- 2018 *LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York* (NEH funded seminar on “Meanings of war: its technologies and aftermaths”) “Justifying torture in the public sphere” 4/10/2018
- 2018 *University of Oxford, Institute for Science Innovation and Society* “How should we study truth?” 2/6/2018
- 2017 *Universite Paris 8*. Working group on terrorism and counterterrorism (*Groupe de travail sur le terrorisme et l’antiterrorisme – GT/C*). “How political violence became terrorism” 10/13/2017
- 2017 *Centre Alexandre Koyré, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales* (Paris, France), Seminar on shaping and government of crises. 4/27/2017.
- 2017 *University of York* (UK). “Reading the Senate Intelligence Committee Report on Torture.” Department of Politics seminar series, 2/1/2017.

CONFERENCE PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS (recent)

- 2019 “Unmaking and remaking state secrecy” *Millennium conference* (London School of Economics)
- 2019 “How torture became speakable” *American Sociological Association* (New York)

- 2019 “Rethinking secrecy and exposure in human rights research” (panel on “Revisioning Violence and Human Rights Research: Innovation, Progress and Pitfalls”; “The rise and fall of torture? Or the rise and fall of the torture taboo?” (panel on “The rise and fall of torture? From narratives to norms and institutions”); roundtable participant, “The Value of Truth in a Post-Truth World” *International Studies Association* (Toronto)
- 2019 “When is an exposure not an exposure”? presented at “*How do we know human rights*”; London School of Economics, March 22, 2019
- 2018 “The legalization of violence” *Law and Society Association*, Toronto
- 2018 Roundtable participant “Does truth matter? What are the rules of truth, facts and expert knowledge in a 'post-truth' climate?” *International Studies Association*, San Francisco
- 2018 “How torture became speakable” *International Studies Association*, San Francisco
- 2018 “What is the opposite of secrecy?” *International Studies Association*, San Francisco
- 2017 “Reading the *Senate Intelligence Committee Report on Torture*” *EISA (European International Studies Association)*, Sept 2017, Barcelona
- 2017 Roundtable participant: “Emotions and IR Scholars: Towards a Feeling Discipline” *EISA (European International Studies Association)*
- 2017 “The power of discredited experts and discredited facts: Terrorism and truth, before and after Trump” *Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)*, Aug 2017, Boston, Massachusetts

University of Sheffield (Politics) (module leader unless otherwise noted)

undergraduate courses

Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence (L3 seminar, module leader, Fall 2018; Fall 2019)

Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy (L2, module leader, lectures and seminars; Spring 2017, Fall 2015)

Human Rights (L2 module, module leader, lectures and seminars; Spring 2020)

graduate courses

Terrorism and Political Violence (MA seminar, module leader Fall 2018; Spring 2020)

Qualitative Methods (MA seminar, module leader/ co-convenor, Spring 2016)

Human Rights (MA seminar, module leader, Spring 2016, Fall 2016)

undergraduate dissertations supervised: 32

M.A. dissertations supervised: 10

Ph.D. supervision

As first supervisor:

In progress:

Madlen Nikolova “Terrorism Expertise and Judicial and Legislative Practices in Bulgaria” (ESRC 1+3 funding, starting fall 2018)

Thomas Ormson “Military Ethos Initiatives, Counter-terrorism and the Rise of a Youth-based “Vulnerability Discourse” in Great Britain” (ESRC 1+3 funding, starting fall 2018)

Michael Livesey “‘No such thing as political violence’: A study of the British State’s urge to monopolise ‘politics’ in the Northern Irish Troubles” (ESRC 1+3 funding, starting fall 2019)

As second supervisor:

In progress

Adam Ferhani “Health (In)Security as Practice” (first supervisor Simon Rushton)

Completed

Zana Gulmohamad, “The Making of Iraq’s Foreign Policies Post-Saddam” (first supervisor Andrew Taylor) December 11, 2017.

Sotirios Karampampas “Why is the Phenomenon of Revolutionary Groups Resilient in Greece? A Relational Study of Three Contentious Episodes” (first supervisor Maria Grasso) June 26, 2018.

Harvard University (Social Studies)

undergraduate courses

Culture and Politics in American Society (Spring 2015/ 2014/2013)

Contemporary Social and Political Theory (Spring 2015/ 2014/2013)

Classical Social and Political Theory (Fall 2014/2013/ 2012)

Senior Thesis Seminar (Fall 2013)

From September 11th to the War on Terror (Fall 2012)

undergraduate theses supervised: 5

one day methods workshop: Content Analysis (Spring 2013, 2014, 2015)

University of California at Berkeley (Sociology)

undergraduate courses

Sociology of Knowledge and Expertise (Fall 2007)

SERVICE

University of Sheffield

2019- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion committee, Department of politics

2018- Deputy director for security, conflict, and justice pathway, White Rose

Doctoral Training Consortium

2018-19 Working group on decolonizing the curriculum, Faculty of social sciences

2018-19 Postgraduate research committee, Department of politics

2016-17 University committee on guidelines for security-sensitive research

2015-17 Graduate teaching assistant coordinator, Department of politics

2015-17 Learning and teaching committee, Department of politics

2015-16: Hiring committee (Lecturer in politics), Department of politics

Referee

Journals:

American Journal of Sociology; American Political Science Review; American Quarterly; American Sociological Review; British Journal of Sociology; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Critical Studies on Security; Critical Studies on Terrorism; Economy and Society; European Journal of International Relations; International Political Sociology; International Security; M/C Journal: A Journal of Media and Culture; Poetics; Review of International Studies; Qualitative Sociology; Social Forces; Social Science & Medicine; Sociological Focus.

Publishers/ scholarly monographs:

Oxford University Press, University of California Press, University of Minnesota Press, Edward Elgar, I.B. Taurus, Routledge.

Funding agencies:

Leading Fellows Postdoc program (Netherlands)

Workshops/conferences organized

“Legal and security concerns for researchers: how to protect yourself and your data”
University of Sheffield/ White Rose Doctoral Training Program Nov 22, 2019

“Researching terrorism and counterterrorism” University of Sheffield/ White Rose
Doctoral Training Program May 3, 2019

“Hidden Power: Innovative Methods for Researching Power in a Post-Snowden Era”.
University of Sheffield, May 31, 2016. Funded by Sheffield Methods Institute, organized
with Emma Briant, University of Sheffield Department of Journalism Studies.

MEDIA

Television/radio interviews:

Sky News; BBC Radio 5; ITV Calendar; BBC Radio Sheffield; BBC Radio Wales;
Hallam FM (Sheffield); WBUR (Boston NPR affiliate); BBC Radio 4; "Democracy
Now!" (NPR/Pacifica)

Documentary film

Interviewed for film “The Terrorist Hunter” (director Ann Shin, 2017)

Print interviews:

Sustainable Security Interview- November 7, 2016. Oxford Research Group.

<https://sustainablesecurity.org/2016/11/07/interview-lisa-stampnitzky/>

Tanqeed: A Magazine of Culture and Politics “Inventing Terrorism” (Interview).

August 2016 <http://www.tanqeed.org/2016/08/inventing-terrorism-lisa-stampnitzky-voices/>

[BBC Mundo \(Latin America world service\) June 22, 2017](#)

Essays/opinion pieces

Boston Review “The Illogic of Networks” <http://bostonreview.net/forum/islam-trial/lisa-stampnitzky-lisa-stampnitzky-responds-amna-akbar-and-jeanne-theoharis> (2/27/17)

Policy Trajectories (blog of the American Sociological Association Comparative-Historical Section) “Fake Terrorism Experts?” <http://policytrajectories.asa-comparative-historical.org/2017/06/fake-terrorism-experts/> (6/27/17)