

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interest

My research interests lie predominantly in post-Marxist and post-structuralist approaches to theorising the nature and durability of neoliberalism, with my research agenda situated at the intersection of political theory, international political economy, and public policy. My main body of research concerns the survival of neoliberal forms of governance during times of crisis, with a particular focus on international institutions such as the G20 Leaders Summits and Basel Committee for Banking Supervision. I am also interested in theorising the relationship between neoliberalism and the far right, foregrounding the roles of racial and gender hierarchies in structuring neoliberal capitalism.

Publications

- **Maher, Henry** (2025) 'The Neoliberal Great Replacement Fantasy: On the racialisation of markets and migration', *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory*, doi: 10.1080/1600910X.2025.2499827.
- **Maher, Henry** (2024) 'Neoliberalism vs the Market? Liz Truss, neoliberal resilience, and Lacan's theory of the four discourses', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/13691481231216704>.
- **Maher, Henry** (2023) 'The Free Market as Fantasy: A Lacanian approach to the problem of neoliberal resilience', *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 67, no. 3, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqad050>.
- **Maher, Henry** (2023) 'Neoliberal Fascism? Fascist Trends in Early Neoliberal Thought and Echoes in the Present', *Contemporary Political Theory*, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-023-00657-x>.
- **Maher, Henry** (2023) 'The Free Market is Dead! Long Live the Free Market! Review essay on *Capitalism for All: Realizing It's Liberal Potential*', *Review of Radical Political Economics*, vol. 55, no. 2, pp. 1-4.
- **Maher, Henry** (2022) 'The Relationship Between Neoliberal Ideology and State Practice: Corporate power in the Australian mining industry', *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 57(1): 59-74.
- **Maher, Henry** (2022) 'Foucault against the Foucauldians? On the problem of the neoliberal state', *Thesis Eleven*, 168(1): 72-87.
- McSwiney, Jordan, Günaydın, Eda & **Maher, Henry** (2022) 'White Supremacist Logics and the discourses of Western Civilisation in the Australian Parliament', in E. Smith, J. Persian & J. Fox (eds.) *Histories of Fascism and Anti-Fascism in Australia and New Zealand*. Routledge.
- **Maher, Henry** (2022) 'How neoliberalism became an insult in Australian politics', *The Conversation*, 9 August, <https://theconversation.com/explainer-how-neoliberalism-became-an-insult-in-australian-politics-188291>.

- **Maier, Henry**, Günaydin, Eda & McSwiney, Jordan (2021) 'Western Civilizationism and White Supremacy: The Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation and Australian Universities', *Patterns of Prejudice*, 55(4): 309-330.
- **Maier, Henry** (2016) 'Between a rock and a hard place: Xenophobic populism, establishment neoliberalism and the decline of the middle class', *Wentworth Medal Essay*, available at https://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/bitstream/handle/2123/15957/Wentworth%20Medal_Henry%20Maier_430304477.pdf?sequence=1.
- **Maier, Henry** (2014) 'Inequality matters', *Eureka Street*, vol. 24, no. 16, pp. 51-55.

Forthcoming/Future research

- Maier, Henry, *The Free Market is Dead! Long Live the Free Market! On Neoliberalism and Crisis*, book manuscript under review by Oxford University Press.
- Maier, Henry, (2025) 'Neoliberalism and the far right: Convergences in times of crisis', in J. McSwiney and I. Richards (eds) *The Australian Far Right in Times of Crisis*, Routledge, under review.
- 'The Neoliberal-Fascist Nexus' – editor for special issue of the journal *Distinktion*, proposal accepted by editors, papers finalised, work-in-progress, first papers released online first.

Qualifications

2018-2021 Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney

2013-2016 – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Class 1 (Government and International Relations) and University Medal, University of Sydney, WAM 85.57

2007-2012 Higher School Certificate, St Joseph's College Hunters Hill - ATAR 99.80

Employment

- March 2022 – present, Lecturer in Politics (Education focused), Degree Director Master of Public Policy, The University of Sydney.
Lecturing and unit coordinating for the following undergraduate and postgraduate units of study:
 - GOVT1641 Introduction to Politics (Semester 2, 2022)
 - GOVT2941 Public Policy Making in Political Contexts (Semester 2, 2022, Semester 1 and 2, 2023, Semester 1, 2024)
 - GOVT2991 Political Research Methods (Semester 1 and 2, 2022, Semester 1 and 2, 2023, Semester 1 2024)
 - GOVT3993 Power (Semester 1, 2022, Semester 1, 2023, Semester 1, 2024)
 - GOVT6150 Challenges of Democratic Politics (Semester 2, 2022, Semester 1, 2023)

- Research supervision: completed supervision of two international relations honours theses in 2023 (both with first class honours), currently supervising three honours students for 2024. Have also supervised multiple capstone thesis for Master of Public Policy and Master of International Relations students.
- Service: Master of Public Policy Degree Director (Jan 2023-present)
- March 2019 – December 2021, Casual Tutor, University of Sydney. Teaching experience:
 - GOVT2991 Political Analysis (Semester 1 and 2, 2019, Semester 2 2021)
 - GOVT3993 Power (Semester 1 2020, Semester 1 2021)
 - GOVT6147 Foundations of International Relations (Semester 1 2020) (including helping to redesign the course)
 - GOVT1641 Introduction to Politics (Semester 2, 2020)
- July 2017 – December 2021, Research Assistant Level 06, University of Sydney
 - Projects include Atrocity Forecasting Project, Electoral Integrity Project, SSHARC Pop-up Lab on Military Sexual Violence
- January 2020, copy editor of *Birth of the State* (Oxford University Press)
- 2018 Research Officer Grade 5/6, Australian National University, Atrocity Forecasting Project
- 2013-2019 Indigenous Student Tutor and Academic Support St Joseph's College

Recent Academic Achievements

- European International Studies Association Award for Best PhD 2022
- University of Sydney Medal 2016
- University of Sydney Wentworth Medal 2016
- University of Sydney Scholars Award 2016
- Michael W Jackson Prize for Study in Government 2016
- Commonwealth Bank Undergraduate Scholarship in Government 2015
- Public Service Association of New South Wales John S D'Arcy Memorial Prize (Distinction) 2014 & 2015
- Stephen Salsbury Prize for the Relationship of Economics to Politics 2014
- Margaret Dooley Award for Young Writers Second Prize 2014
- University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize 2013, 2014 & 2015
- A.E Tony Cahill History Prize 2013

Conference Papers

- 2023, 'Neoliberalism and the far right – Convergence in Times of Crisis', Australian Political Studies Association Conference

- 2022, 'On the Free Market as Neoliberal Master Signifier: Enduring neoliberal hegemony in US Presidential discourse', Australian Political Studies Association Conference
- 2021, 'The Free Market as Fantasy: On the resilience of neoliberal ideology', Oceanic Conference on International Studies
- 2020, 'Balancing freedom and order: Towards a genealogy of the free market', Australian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference
- 2019, 'The Return of the Master? A Lacanian analysis of the potency of Trump's populist discourse', Australian Political Studies Association Conference

Skills

- Experience coordinating multiple large units with 200-300 students per semester
- Research and critical thinking developed during undergraduate degree and in researching and writing Honours and PhD thesis.
- Teaching skills developed working as a university tutor since 2019, and lecturer and unit coordinator since 2022
- Experience in developing and delivering online teaching units
- Experience in course design at tertiary level, and in degree design having extensively redesigned the Master of Public Policy offering at the University of Sydney
- Data processing skills, including collecting economic statistics, processing data, handling excel spreadsheets and using Nvivo coding software.
- Public speaking skills, having worked as an oratory and debating coach, and having presented a talk at TedXYouth Sydney 2011.

References

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