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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-pres. Assistant Professor, Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), Singapore
Established in collaboration with MIT
- Fall 2018 - Visiting Scholar, Centre d'Etudes Européennes (CEE), Sciences-Po, Paris
Spring 2019
- Spring 2018 Visiting Scholar, Max Planck-Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market
Societies (MaxPo), Paris
- 2015-2016 Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellow, European University Institute (EUI), Florence
Supervisor: Pepper Culpepper

EDUCATION

- 2016 PhD, Sociology
Columbia University, New York
Thesis: Dynamics of Attribution of Responsibility in the Financial Crisis (2007-2010)
Dissertation Committee: David Stark (chair), Peter Bearman (co-chair), Diane Vaughan,
Joshua Whitford, Marion Fourcade (UC Berkeley)
- 2005 MA, Economics and Management
IAE, Université La Sorbonne, Paris
- 2005 MA, Management
HEC School of Management, Paris
- 2004 MA, Political Sciences
Institute of Political Sciences (Sciences-Po), Paris

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy; Economic Sociology; Business Ethics; Media studies

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Nicol Olivia, 2018. “No Body to Kick, No Soul to Damn: Responsibility and Accountability for the Financial Crisis in the United States,” *Journal of Business Ethics*. 151(1), 101-114.

- Outstanding graduate student paper award, SASE conference

Shuailong Liang, Olivia Nicol and Yue Zhang. 2019. “Who Blames Whom in a Crisis? Detecting Blame Ties from News Articles Using Neural Networks.” *Proceedings of AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2019*.

Book in Progress

Nicol, Olivia. *The Blame Game for the Financial Crisis (2007-2010)*.

Articles in Progress

Nicol, Olivia. “Going Public: Goldman Sachs’ Public Relations Strategies during the Financial Crisis (2007-2010).”

Nicol, Olivia. “Avoiding Stigma: How Goldman Sachs Passed the Financial Crisis Unscathed.”

Nicol, Olivia. “Scandals and Switches in Corporate Political Activity: A Comparison of the Strategies Adopted by Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup during the U.S. Financial Crisis (2007-2010).”

Nicol, Olivia and Chen Qingqing. “Lawsuits and Corporate Political Activity in the Financial Industry (2006-2014).”

Working Papers

Nicol, Olivia. 2016. “The Blame Game for the Financial Crisis (2007-2010): A Sociological Theory of Fields of Accusation.” *Max Weber Program Working Paper, European University Institute*, May 2016.

Other publications

Saskia Sassen with Olivia Nicol and Marta Walinska. 2010. The Global Labour Market at a Tipping Point, *The Economist Intelligence Unit*.

FELLOWSHIPS

2015-2016 Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellowship, EUI

2012-2014 Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow, Columbia University

2010-2015 Axa Research Foundation. Dissertation Fellowship (120 000 euros / 170 000 dollars)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2013 Outstanding graduate student paper award, SASE conference
- 2012 Winner, Summer Teaching Scholars Competition, GSAS
Proposal: Sociology of Deviance and Social Control
- 2012 Winner, Axa Research Fund Photo Contest
- 2011 Charles Tilly Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Sociology, Columbia University

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 Scandals and Switches in Corporate Political Activity: A Comparison of the Strategies Adopted by Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup during the U.S. Financial Crisis; Sciences-Po Paris, October 2018 (invited by Professor Anne Revillard)
- 2018 Avoiding Stigma: How Goldman Sachs Passed the Financial Crisis Unscathed; Sciences-Po Paris, April 2018 (invited by Professor Olivier Godechot)
- 2017 “Going Public: Goldman Sachs’ Public Relations Strategies during the U.S. Financial Crisis (2007-2010),” University of Hong Kong, April 2017 (invited by Professor Wang Peng).
- 2017 “Going Public: Goldman Sachs’ Public Relations Strategies during the U.S. Financial Crisis (2007-2010),” National University of Singapore, February 2017 (invited by Professor Kurtulus Gemici).
- 2013 “No Body to Kick, No Soul to Damn: Responsibility and Accountability for the Financial Crisis in the United States”, Collège des Bernardins, Paris, June 2013 (invited by Professor Olivier Favreau, Université Paris X Nanterre).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “Avoiding Stigma: How Goldman Sachs Passed the Financial Crisis Unscathed.” European Group for Organization Studies (EGOS), Copenhagen, July 2017.
- 2017 “Avoiding Stigma: How Goldman Sachs Passed the Financial Crisis Unscathed.” The Society for Advancement of Socioeconomics Conference (SASE), Lyon, June 2017.
- 2016 “Going Public: Goldman Sachs’ Public Relations Strategies during the U.S. Financial Crisis (2007-2010), European Group for Organization Studies (EGOS), Naples, July 2016.

- 2016 “Going Public: Goldman Sachs’ Public Relations Strategies during the U.S. Financial Crisis (2007-2010), The Society for Advancement of Socioeconomics Conference (SASE), Berkeley, June 2016.
- 2014 “The Blame Game for the Great Recession in the United States (2007 – 2010)”, ASA, Panel on Morals and Markets, San Francisco, August 2014
- 2014 “The Blame Game for the Great Recession in the United States (2007 – 2010)”, The Society for Advancement of Socioeconomics Conference (SASE), Chicago, July 2014
- 2013 “No Body to Kick, No Soul to Damn: Responsibility and Accountability for the Financial Crisis in the United States”, The Society for Advancement of Socioeconomics Conference (SASE), Milan, June 2013
- 2013 “No Body to Kick, No Soul to Damn: Responsibility and Accountability for the Financial Crisis in the United States”, Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), Boston, March 2013

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2014 Morals and Markets, Panel sponsored by the economic sociology section (ASA)
Co-organizer with David Stark, Discussant
- 2014 Opening the Black Box of Financial Institutions, Mini-conference sponsored by SASE
Co-organizer with David Stark, Discussant
- 2014 Panel on the financial crisis, SASE
Panel moderator and discussant
- 2014 Technology, Economy, Democracy: An interdisciplinary doctoral workshop (Columbia University, Northwestern, Max Planck, Sciences-Po)
Panel moderator
- 2012 Economic Sociology Meets Economic Geography
Workshop sponsored by the Center on Organizational Innovation
Panel moderator

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching at SUTD

		<i>Instructor rating</i>
Summer 2019	Master thesis seminar	TBA
Summer 2019	Core Course in the Social Sciences	4.9/5
Summer 2018	Core Course in the Social Sciences	4.9/5
Summer 2018	Morals and Markets	4.7/5
Fall 2018	Core Course in the Social Sciences	4.8/5
Spring 2017	Morals and Markets (in collaboration with Z. Meder)	4.5/5

Spring 2017	Sociology of deviance and social control	4.9/5
Fall 2016	Core Course in the Social Sciences	4.8/5

Teaching at Columbia University (as an instructor)

Summer 2012	Sociology of Deviance and Social Control	4.9/5
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Teaching at the Institute of Political Sciences (“Sciences-po”), Paris (as an instructor)

Spring 2007	Introduction to Management	N/A
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GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISION

Liang Shuailong (PhD candidate, SUTD, computer sciences, dissertation committee member)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Service for the American Sociological Association

2017-pres. Global Ambassador Program Co-chair, Economic Sociology Section

Professional Service in Singapore

2017-pres. Co-coordinator, Economic Sociology Network, Singapore

University Service at SUTD

2017-2019 Course Lead, Core Course in the Social Sciences

2016-2017 Graduate Studies Committee

2016-2017 Conference Organizations Committee

Professional Service for Academic Journals

2012-pres. Ad hoc reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA)

Member, The Society for Advancement of Socioeconomics (SASE)

Member, European Group for Organization Studies (EGOS)

LANGUAGES

French

English (fluent)

Spanish (fluent)

German (reading comprehension)

REFERENCES

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