

Theo Serlin

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Employment

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON, London, UK
Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of Political Economy, 2025–
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, NJ
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Niehaus Center, 2024–2025

Education

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford, CA
Ph.D in Political Science, 2019–2024
MA in Economics, 2019–2022
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA
AB in History, *summa cum laude*, 2015–2018

Publications

“Trains, Trade, and Transformation: A Spatial Rogowski Theory of America’s 19th Century Protectionism,” with Kenneth Scheve, 2024, *American Journal of Political Science*
“The German Trade Shock and the Rise of the Neo-Welfare State in Early Twentieth-Century Britain,” with Kenneth Scheve, 2023, *American Political Science Review* 117 (2): 557–574

Working Papers

“The Export Boom and the Backlash: Reactions to Positive Economic Change in First World War America,” 2022
“The Public Agglomeration Effect: Urban-Rural Divisions in Government Efficiency and Political Preferences,” 2023, conditional acceptance at *American Journal of Political Science*
“Industry and Identity: The Migration Linkage Between Economic and Cultural Change in 19th Century Britain,” with Vasiliki Fouka, 2023
“Gravity’s Politics,” 2024
“How Polarization Ends,” with Avidit Acharya and Alexander Lee, 2025
“Market Power and Distorted Democracy in the Progressive Era,” with Kenneth Scheve and Sydney White, 2025

Talks

MIT, Princeton, Rochester, 2025
Peking University, King’s College London, 2024
Emory, UC Berkeley, Princeton, NYU, Yale, Duke, Texas A&M, Notre Dame, Stanford, 2023

Conferences

APSA annual meetings, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
IPES annual meetings, 2022, 2023, 2024
Peking University Symposium on Institutions and Development, 2024 (discussant)

NBER Economics of Culture and Institutions, 2025

Teaching

PS 356a Formal Theory I (Ph.D), TA for James Fearon, Winter 2021, TA for Avidit Acharya, Winter 2022

PS 356b Formal Theory II (Ph.D), TA for Amanda Kennard, Spring 2021

PS 450a Political Methodology I (Ph.D), TA for Jens Hainmueller, Fall 2022

PS 150a Data Science for Politics (undergraduate), TA for Alain Schlaepfer, Fall 2021

Political Science Ph.D Math Camp, TA for Alain Schlaepfer, Fall 2022

Awards and Grants

David A. Lake Award, 2022. Best paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Political Economy Society, for “The Export Boom and the Backlash”

George P. Shultz Graduate Fellowship, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, 2022. Research grant, \$7,500

Sophia Freund Prize, Harvard College, 2018. Best academic record among graduating students

Department of History Prize, 2018. Best academic record among graduating students in the Department of History

Thomas T. Hoopes Prize, 2018. University wide senior thesis prize

Phi Beta Kappa, 2017

Service

Mentor, Stanford Political Science Pathways to Ph.D Program, 2021, 2022

Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, *World Politics*

Professional Experience

SANFORD C. BERNSTEIN & CO., New York, NY
Research Associate, 2018–2019

References

Kenneth Scheve, Dean Acheson Professor of Political Science and Global Affairs, Yale University, kenneth.scheve@yale.edu

Avidit Acharya, Professor of Political Science,
Stanford University, avidit@stanford.edu

Vasiliki Fouka, Associate Professor of Political Science,
Stanford University, vfouka@stanford.edu

Jonathan Rodden, Professor of Political Science,
Stanford University, jrodde@stanford.edu

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