

Marco Leonard Ochs Duranti  
Curriculum Vitae

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**Contact information**

Department of History (A14)  
University of Sydney  
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**Education**

2009            Ph.D. in history, Yale University  
2002            B.A. in history, *magna cum laude*, Harvard University  
1998            Valedictorian, Harvard-Westlake School

**Academic positions**

2018            Senior Lecturer (tenured), Department of History, University of Sydney  
2011 - 2017    Lecturer (tenure track), Department of History, University of Sydney

**Fellowships**

2017            Visiting Fellow, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law and Wolfson College, University of Cambridge  
2010            Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Research Group on History and Memory, University of Konstanz  
2006 - 2007    Fox International Fellow, Department of History, Sciences Po Paris  
2005 - 2006    Fulbright Scholar, Department of History, European University Institute

**Publications**

*Decolonization, Self-Determination, and the Birth of Global Human Rights Politics*. Co-edited with Dirk Moses and Roland Burke. Under review with Cambridge University Press.

*The Conservative Human Rights Revolution: European Identity, Transnational Politics, and the Origins of the European Convention* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017), 528 pp.

“European Integration, Human Rights and Romantic Internationalism,” in Nicholas Doumanis, ed., *Oxford Handbook of European History, 1914-1945* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 440-58.

“Conservatives and the European Convention on Human Rights,” in Norbert Frei and Annette Weinke, eds., *Towards a New Moral World Order? Menschenrechtspolitik und Völkerrecht seit 1945* (Göttingen: Wallstein, 2013), 82-93.

“Holocaust Memory and the Silences of the Human Rights Revolution,” in Aleida Assmann and Jan Assmann, eds., *Schweigen: Archäologie der literarischen Kommunikation XI* (München: Wilhelm Fink, 2013), 89-100.

“Curbing Labour’s Totalitarian Temptation: European Human Rights Law and British Postwar Politics,” *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* 3, no. 3 (Winter 2012), 361-383.

“The Holocaust, the Legacy of 1789 and the Birth of International Human Rights Law: Revisiting the Foundation Myth,” *Journal of Genocide Research* 14, no. 2 (June 2012), 159-186.

“‘A Blessed Act of Oblivion’: Human Rights, European Unity and Postwar Reconciliation,” in Birgit Schwelling, ed., *Reconciliation, Civil Society, and the Politics of Memory* (Bielefeld: Transcript Verlag, 2012), 115-139.

“Utopia, Nostalgia and World War at the 1939-40 New York World’s Fair,” *Journal of Contemporary History* 41, no. 4 (October 2006), 663-683.

## **Teaching**

HSTY1001: History Workshop (2018)

HSTY1044: Twentieth-Century Europe (2011- 2014)

HSTY2605: Contemporary Europe (2016)

HSTY2616: The Human Rights Revolution (2013, 2015, 2018)

HSTY2626: Fascism and Antifascism (2016, 2018)

HSTY2652: Genocide in Historical Perspective (2012, 2015, 2017)

HSTY2659: Nationalism (2011)

HSTY4011: New Approaches to Modern European History (2015, 2016)

HSTY7001: The History of Human Rights (2011, 2012, 2013)

## **Supervision**

Supervised to completion three higher degree research students as associate supervisor, one masters in coursework thesis as primary supervisor, and eleven honours theses (all first-class honours) as primary supervisor. Currently serving as primary supervisor for one honours student and one postgraduate student, as well as associate supervisor for two postgraduate students.

## **Grants**

- 2018 Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Education, University of Sydney. Education innovation grant. Project title: “Developing Digital Literacy in Human Rights History”. 9,000 AUD.
- School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, University of Sydney, Research Support Scheme, conference travel grant. 3,661 AUD.
- SSSHARC Huddle Grant, “Popular and Populist Resistance to the International Order.” 4,200 AUD.
- 2017 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney. Linkage incubator grant for collaboration with UNESCO. 4,920 AUD.
- School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry. Conference travel grant. 4,167 AUD.
- 2016 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney. Research incubator grant. Project title: “The Literary Origins of Human Rights.” 4,127 AUD.
- School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, University of Sydney. Research incubator grant (4,975 AUD), publication seed funding (4,700 AUD), assistance with publication (1,500 AUD), and research travel grant (1,750 AUD).
- 2015 School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, University of Sydney. Conference seed funding in collaboration with Hélène Sirantoine (5,000 AUD), conference travel grant (3,000 AUD).
- 2012 International Program Development Fund, University of Sydney (16,000 AUD). Project title: “Human Rights and Empire.” Co-investigator: Samuel Moyn. Additional external funding from New York University and University of Western Sydney (21,100 AUD).
- 2011 School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, University of Sydney. Conference seed funding. 5,000 AUD.
- 2005 US Department of State. Fulbright Full Grant to Italy. Approx. 15,000 USD.

## **Memberships in professional associations**

American Historical Association, American Society for Legal History, Australian Historical Association, Council for European Studies, European Society for International Law, European Union Studies Association, French Historical Association, Global Studies Association, International Studies Association, North American Conference on British Studies, Society for Italian Historical Studies.

## **Recent academic presentations (2016-2018)**

“Churchill on Brexit,” University of Cambridge, 26 November 2018. Invited presentation.

“Christian Democratic Pariahs: Catholic Outcasts from Vichy and Post-Liberation France,” Conference on “Christian Democracy in Exile,” Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Bonn, 23 November 2018.

“The Invention of the Strasbourg Court: How Conservatism Became a Human Movement,” Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 14 November 2018. Invited Speaker.

“Cultural History, Micro-History, and the Origins of International Human Rights Law,” Department of History, Université libre de Bruxelles, 13 November 2018. Invited speaker.

“The Reinvention of Human Rights as European Values,” Conference on “The Past in the Present: The European Convention on Human Rights, its Historical Roots and Current Challenges,” Freie Universität Berlin, 8 November 2018. Keynote speaker.

“Catholicism, the Family, and the Deeper Origins of UN Human Rights Norms,” Conference on “The Family, Human Rights and Internationalism,” University of Göttingen, 2 November 2018.

“Colonial Complaints: France’s North African Empire and the First UN Human Rights Petitions,” Department of History, University of Melbourne, 30 September 2018. Invited speaker.

“The Crisis of European Values in Historical Perspective,” Conference on “European Narratives of Crisis,” 17 May 2018, University of Helsinki. Keynote speaker.

“Europeanism as Nationalism: The Liberal and Romantic Foundations of the European Union,” Conference on ‘Ideologies and the European Union,’ Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research, University of Nicosia, 11 April 2018.

“How Conservatives Invented Supranational Justice: A New History of European Human Rights Law,” Tel-Aviv University International Law Workshop, 9 April 2018. Invited speaker.

“Human Rights in Christian and Neoliberal Thought: The Conservative War of Position,” History of Political Ideas Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, 6 December 2017. Invited speaker.

“The Conservative Human Rights Revolution,” Legal and Political Theory Seminar, London School of Economics, 29 November 2017. Invited speaker.

“Writing the History of Transnational Spaces: A New Approach to the Study of Pan-European Organisations and Norms,” History and International Relations Seminar, University of Cambridge, 23 November 2017. Invited speaker.

“Bringing the History of International Law into the Mainstream,” iCourts, University of Copenhagen, 16 November 2017. Invited speaker.

“Reflections on the New Global History of Human Rights,” Institute for the History of International Law, University of Tilburg, 14 November 2017. Invited speaker.

“UN Human Rights Politics at the Sunset of the French Empire,” University of Leiden, 13 November 2017. Invited speaker.

“Churchill and the British Origins of Human Rights,” Department of History, University of Dublin, 9 November 2017. Invited speaker.

“Revisiting the ECHR’s Original Intent: How Conservatives Invented the Strasbourg Court and Why It Matters Today,” Centre for European Legal Studies, University of Cambridge, 8 November 2017. Invited speaker.

“The Churchillian Origins of European Values,” University of Bristol, 7 November 2017. Invited speaker.

“Bridging Political, Legal and Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Europe,” University of Edinburgh Law School, 31 October 2017. Invited speaker.

“The Christian Origins of European Human Rights Law, 1899-1950,” Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge, 27 October 2017. Invited speaker.

“The Conservative Human Rights Revolution,” Rethinking Modern Europe Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, 25 October 2017. Invited speaker.

“International Human Rights and the Contradictions of French Colonialism,” University of Sussex, 19 October 2017. Invited speaker.

“The Conservative Origins of the European Court of Human Rights,” International Law Regional Seminar Series, University of Nottingham, 18 October 2017. Invited speaker.

“Was Christian Democracy a Human Rights Movement?”, Modern European History Seminar, University of Oxford, 12 October 2017. Invited speaker.

“Conservative Internationalism and the New History of Human Rights,” Modern European History Seminar, University of Cambridge, 10 October 2017. Invited speaker.

“Debating the Origins of International Human Rights Law,” European Society for International Law, Interest Group on the History of International Law, Naples, 6 September 2017.

“Counterrevolutionary Conceptions of International Law,” Conference on “Revolution, Intervention and International Law,” Melbourne Law School, 24-25 August 2017.

“Human Rights, the United Nations, and the End of the French Empire,” meeting of the Australian Association for European History, Melbourne, 11-14 July 2017.

“The Infancy of Human Rights Talk: Mobilizing International Norms in 1950s Britain,” Rice University, “Routledge History of Human Rights” workshop, 26-27 May 2017. Invited speaker.

“Reconsidering Churchill’s Europeanism and Its Implications for the Present Crisis,” meeting of the European Union Studies Association, Miami, 4-6 May 2017.

“The Conservative Human Rights Revolution in Europe,” American University, 24 April, 2017. Invited speaker.

“Judicial Power, Interwar Personalism, and the French Catholic Origins of Human Rights,” Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference, 21-22 April 2017.

“What’s Next in Human Rights History,” University of Virginia, conference on “What’s Next for Human Rights Scholarship?”, 31 March to 1 April 2017. Invited speaker.

“The Politics of Socioeconomic Rights in the Twentieth Century,” Harvard University, 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Socioeconomic Rights Network, 20-21 March 2017. Invited speaker.

“Reconsidering the Origins of the European Court of Human Rights,” University of Copenhagen, iCourts seminar series, 30 November 2016. Invited speaker.

“European Human Rights Versus Universal Human Rights: A Historical Perspective,” Freie Universität Berlin, Research Seminar on Comparative and Entangled History, 28 November 2016. Invited speaker.

“Critics of Human Rights in Postwar Europe,” Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne, Scholarly Study Group on Human Rights in the 20th century, 24-25 November 2016. Invited speaker.

“The Politics of Supranational Justice: How Individuals Came to be Subjects of European Human Rights Law,” workshop on “Quasi-Persons, Conditioned Subjects and Encumbered Sovereigns,” 21 October 2016.

“Humanitarian Law Between Reason and Memory,” University of Melbourne, workshop on  
“Humanitarianism and the Transformation of International Law,” 4 August 2016.

“The Hague Peace Palace and the Romance of Fin-de-Siècle International Law,” University of Auckland, Conference on “War, Peace and International Order: The Legacies of the Hague Conferences of 1899 and 1907,” 19 April 2016.

## Organisation of conferences and workshops

"Medieval Legacies of Human Rights in Australasia, Europe, and Muslim Societies." University of Sydney (20 June 2016). Co-convened with Prof Sahar Amer and Dr H  l  ne Sirantoine.

“Nation and Empire in the Age of Internationalism.” University of Sydney (21 July 2014). Co-convened with Prof Glenda Sluga.

“Human Rights and Imperialism in Historical Perspective.” University of Sydney (10-11 August 2012). Co-convened with Prof Samuel Moyn.

“Political Reconciliation and Civil Society in 20<sup>th</sup>-century Europe.” University of Konstanz (9-11 December 2010). Co-convened with Dr Birgit Schwelling.

## Service

2018 Department of History Undergraduate Coordinator  
Member of Faculty Education Innovation Committee

2011 – 2017      Director of Nation Empire Globe Research Cluster. *Convened and raised funds for eight conferences/workshops. Hosted ten scholars from abroad to foster institutional linkages with Auckland, Cambridge, Canterbury, Columbia, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Munich, Ottawa, Stony Brook, Sussex, and Yale.*

2016 - 2018	School Liaison to Faculty Library Committee
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2015 - 2016      Chair of Departmental Board, Department of History

2015 Member of Bachelor of International and Global Studies Working Party

2014 - 2015      Member of European Studies Steering Committee

2013 Member of Honours Committee, Department of History

2011                      Member of Honours Committee, Department of History

## Public outreach

Consultant for Sydney Jewish Museum on content of new history of human rights exhibit as participant in Australian Research Council Linkage Grant (chief investigators: Dr Avril Alba and Prof Jennifer Barrett) and training sessions for museum guides (2016-2018).

Keynote speaker to high school history teachers at AISNSW conference (22 March 2018).

Interviewed on ABC Television News 24 on Italian elections (6 March 2018).

Interviewed on ABC Radio National *Late Night Live* on my book *The Conservative Human Rights Revolution* (19 June 2017).

Opinion piece, “Why Churchill would have disagreed with Theresa May’s stance on human rights,” *The Conversation* (6 June 2017).

Guest on BBC Radio 5 live speaking on the history of the European Union on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Maastricht (8 February 2017).

Consultant on revision of Year 12 Modern History curriculum with Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (8 September 2016).

Opinion piece, “The Strasbourg court is anti-democratic, just as its founders intended,” *openDemocracy* (31 July 2013) (online).

Policy piece, “European human rights law as a Conservative political project,” *History & Policy* (July 2013) (online).

Panelist, “Crash and Crisis in Contemporary Europe: Lessons from History,” a “Why History Matters” forum at the University of Sydney (4 September 2012).

Public lecture, “The Holocaust and the Birth of International Human Rights Law,” Sydney Jewish Museum (9 November 2011).

Panelist, “Weimar Germany: The Social and Political Experiment,” Goethe Institute of Sydney (11 August 2011).

## **Languages**

English (native speaker)

French (fluent)

German (advanced)

Italian (near native)



Spanish (reading)