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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer in International Politics** 2023 – present
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University of London
- Fellow in Qualitative Methodology** 2022 – 2023
Department of Methodology, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

DEGREES AND QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD (without corrections) in Political Science, Queen Mary University of London** 2023
- Leverhulme Trust Doctoral Scholarship
 - Supervisors: Professor Kimberly Hutchings, Dr Nivi Manchanda, and Dr Sam McBean
 - Examiners: Professor Clare Hemmings and Professor Rahul Rao
- Fellowship of Advance HE** 2025
- Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PGCAP)
 - Result: Distinction
- MSc in International Relations Theory, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** 2018
- Result: Distinction
- BA (Hons) in History and Politics, University of Oxford, The Queen's College** 2017
- Results: 1st (Politics) and 2.1 (History)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Stoffel, Alexander. 2025. *Eros and Empire: The Transnational Struggle for Sexual Freedom in the United States*. Stanford University Press.

Peer-reviewed articles

Stoffel, Alexander and Ida Roland Birkvad. 2023. "Abstractions in International Relations: On the Mystification of Trans, Queer, and Subaltern Life in Critical Knowledge Production." *European Journal of International Relations* 29 (4), 852-876. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661231176907>.

Stoffel, Alexander. 2022. "The Dialectic of the International: Elaborating the Historical Materialism of the Gay Liberationists." *International Studies Quarterly* 66 (3), 0-12. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqac054>.

Stoffel, Alexander. 2021. "'Homocapitalism': Analytical Precursors and Future Directions." *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 23 (1), 173-178. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14616742.2020.1860692>.

Stoffel, Alexander. 2018. "The Challenge of Unintelligible Life: Critical Security Studies' Failure to Account for Violence Against Queer People." *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science* 38, 48-63. <https://doi.org/10.22151/politikon.38.3>.

Handbook chapters

Stoffel, Alexander. “Materialist Analyses of Sexuality.” In: *The SAGE Handbook of LGBTQ Studies*. Sage Publications. Forthcoming.

Alejandro, Audrey and **Alexander Stoffel**. 2024. “Reflexivity for Qualitative Research Quality and the Quality of Reflexivity.” In: *The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Research Quality*, edited by Uwe Flick. Sage Publications, 331-345.

Essays

Stoffel, Alexander. 2025. [“Empire Unmasked: Struggles for Gender and Sexual Freedom in an Era of US Imperial Crisis.”](#) *Historical Materialism Online*, 25 March.

Stoffel, Alexander. 2024. [“What’s Left of the Bourgeois Family? On Family Abolition.”](#) *rs21*, 22 December.

Stoffel, Alexander. 2024. [“Seductions of the Nation-State: On Anti-Trans Feminism and Other Sexual Nationalisms.”](#) *Salvage*, Issue 14 (Spring/Summer), 139-49.

Stoffel, Alexander. 2023. [“Against Mystification, or What Went Wrong with Critical IR.”](#) *E-International Relations*, 25 August.

Stoffel, Alexander. 2018. [“International Relations Theory Will Be Intersectional or It Will Be... Better.”](#) *E-International Relations*, 31 July.

Public engagement

Stoffel, Alexander. 2025. [“Eros and Empire: The Transnational Struggle for Sexual Freedom in the United States.”](#) *New Books Network*. Hosted by Miranda Melcher, 25 April.

Stoffel, Alexander and Ida Birkvad. 2023. [“Questioning Ideas of Criticality.”](#) *Politics and Pedagogy*. Co-hosted by Madeleine Le Bourdon and Louise Pears, 10 November.

Stoffel, Alexander. 2022. [“Sexual Freedom.”](#) *Queen Mary Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (IHSS) Website*.

[“Rabbles.”](#) A YouTube and Podcast series co-hosted by Felix del Campo and **Alexander Stoffel**.

- A series of conversations with high-profile writers, activists, and academics that explore queer history and politics
- Sponsored by the Leverhulme Trust and Queen Mary University’s General Research Fund

CONVENING AND LECTURING

Undergraduate

POL3003 Gender, Sexuality, and Capitalism September 2024 – present
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University
 Third-year undergraduates

POL271 Qualitative Methods for Social Science Research January 2025 – present
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University
 Second-year undergraduates

POL274 Gender and Feminisms in World Politics (lecturing only) January 2025 – present
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University
 Second-year undergraduates

Critical International Relations Theories August – December 2021
Sciences Po Paris
 Third-year undergraduates

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Postgraduate

POLM017 Dissertation April 2024 – present
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University

MY499 Dissertation January – July 2023
Department of Methodology, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

MY4IR Research Design for International Relations September – December 2022
Department of Methodology, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
 Seminar Teacher Evaluation: 5 out of 5
 Winner of LSE Class Teacher Award

MY428 Qualitative Text and Discourse Analysis January 2022 – April 2023
Department of Methodology, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
 Seminar Teacher Evaluation: 4.9 out of 5
 Winner of LSE Class Teacher Award

Undergraduate

POL271 Qualitative Methods for Social Science (Convenor) January 2025 – present
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University
 Second-year undergraduates

POL3003 Gender, Sexuality, and Capitalism (Convenor) September 2024 – present
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University
 Third-year undergraduates

POL274 Gender and Feminisms in World Politics September 2024 – present
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University
 Second-year undergraduates

POL318 Dissertation in Politics or International Relations September 2023 – present
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University
 Third-year undergraduates

POL251 International Relations Theory January 2021 – April 2024
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University
 Second-year undergraduates

POL106 Introduction to International Relations January – April 2024
School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University

- First-year undergraduates

POL336 Race and Anti-Racism in World Politics

September– December 2023

School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University

- Third-year undergraduates

POL255 Colonialism, Capitalism, and Development

September – December 2020

School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University

- Second-year undergraduates

AWARDS

Funding

General Research Fund (GRF) Funding (£900)

February 2024

Awarded by Queen Mary University to attend the annual ISA conference in San Francisco

General Research Fund (GRF) Funding (£700)

April 2023

Awarded by Queen Mary University for a symposium titled ‘Sex Panics, Capitalism, and the Global Right’

Postgraduate Research Fund (PGRF) Funding (£780)

July 2022

Awarded by Queen Mary University to attend Gregynog Ideas Lab 2022

Leverhulme Trust Funding (£1500)

March 2022

Awarded by the Leverhulme Trust to organize a symposium titled ‘The Meaning(s) of Internationalism’

General Research Fund (GRF) Funding (£650)

January 2021

Awarded by Queen Mary University for the launch of the Podcast series ‘Rabbles’

Leverhulme Trust Doctoral Scholarship (£70,000)

July 2019

Awarded by the Leverhulme Trust’s PhD Scholarship Program *Mobile People: Mobility as a Way of Life*

UCL Anthropology Reading and Research Group (RRG) Funding (£600)

June 2019

Awarded by UCL Anthropology to organize a conference titled ‘Anthropology and/of International Relations’

Prizes

Winner of the Research and Innovation Award, Interdisciplinary Research Team (£6,000)

May 2024

Awarded by Queen Mary University

Excellence in Education Award (£1,000)

July 2023

Awarded by the LSE Academic Staff Reward Committee (ASRC)

Winner of LSE Class Teacher Award (£250)

May 2023

Awarded by the Eden Centre for Education Enhancement

Honorable Mention Recipient of the Fred Hartmann Award

November 2021

Awarded by the International Studies Association (ISA) Northeast for outstanding graduate paper

Nominated for Teacher of the Year, and Assessment and Feedback Champion

February 2021

Awarded by the Queen Mary Student Union

Shortlisted for the 2020 Northedge Essay Competition Prize

August 2020

Awarded by *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*

Winner of the 3 Minute Thesis competition

April 2019

Awarded by a panel of academic researchers from the BISA Postgraduate Network

College Collections Prize

February 2017

Awarded by the Governing Body of the Queen's College, Oxford, for excellent academic performance

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorship and convenorship

[Historical Materialism](#), Member of the Editorial Board

September 2022 – present

- Convene the Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Struggles Stream (GSF), which runs monthly seminars and curates streams for Historical Materialism conferences
- Discuss peer-reviewed manuscripts and decided on publication with the editorial board (approx. 15 members)
- Manage the peer-review process for numerous manuscripts
- Facilitate the planning and coordination of the annual *Historical Materialism* conference at SOAS University of London (approx. 600 registrants)

[Millennium: Journal of International Studies](#), Member of the Editorial Board

September 2017 – June 2020

[E-International Relations](#), Commissioning Editor

October 2018 – June 2019

Peer review

Books

- Thinking World Politics Otherwise* (10 chapters) for [Oxford University Press](#), May 2022

Journal articles

- [Polity](#), September 2024
- [European Journal of International Relations](#), November 2023
- [Millennium: Journal of International Studies](#), February 2023
- [Contexto Internacional](#), March 2021
- [International Feminist Journal of Politics](#), February 2021

Scholarship applications

- LISS-DTP Studentship Applications, February 2024

PRESENTATIONS

Book talks

- Launch event (in conversation with Ayça Çubukçu, Nivi Manchanda, and Abeera Khan)
Queen Mary University, London, March 2025
- [‘Queer Marxism: The Making of the Queer Radical Tradition?’](#)
Columbia University, NYC, March 2025
- ‘A Marxist Theory of Sexuality and Desire’
Queer Materialism Winter Symposium, Oslo, February 2025

Invited talks

- Roundtable: ‘Provincializing Cisness: Transnational Scholars on the Diversity of Sex/Gender Systems’
New York University, NYC, March 2025

- Roundtable: ‘Dialogues between International Political Economy and Postcolonial Theory’
European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy, Bilbao, September 2024
- Discussant: ‘Multiplicity, Take Two: Paths to (or from?) Uneven and Combined Development’ with Professor Justin Rosenberg
Global Politics Unbound, London, March 2024
- Public talk: ‘Sexual Repression and Freedom within the Bourgeois State Form’
Sex and the State, London, March 2024
- Roundtable: ‘The Global Politics of Barbie’
Global Politics Unbound, London, March 2024
- Guest lecture: ‘Black Feminist Worldmaking: Difference, the Erotic, and the Question of Empire’
University of Exeter, Penryn Campus, October 2023
- Guest lecture: ‘Queer Theory, Gender Diversity, and International Politics’
Gender/ed/ing International Politics, LSE, March 2023
- Public talk: [‘Queer Worldmaking’](#)
Sexuality and Political Economy Network (Historical Materialism), Online, March 2023
- Public talk: ‘Queer New Times’
Liberation Conference, Warwick University Student Union, February 2023
- Public talk: [‘Politicizing Eros: Queerness, Pleasure, and the Modern Capitalist State’](#)
Eross Public Webinar Series, Dublin City University, September 2022
- Roundtable: ‘Queer IR in a Smaller World: Politicizing Economies of Desire’
Annual ISA Convention, Nashville, March 2022
- Public talk: ‘The Dialectic of the International: Elaborating the Historical Materialism of the Gay Liberationists’
Queer Space Research Forum, Institute of Advanced Studies, University College London, February 2021

Conference and workshop presentations (select)

- Roundtable: ‘What’s the Point of Queer Theory? Critical Reflections on the Homonormative Turn in Queer IR’
Annual ISA Conference, Chicago, March 2025
- Roundtable: ‘Queering/Querying International Political Economy’
Annual ISA Conference, Chicago, March 2025
- Roundtable: ‘Naked Empire: Learning, Imagining, and Struggling for Different Futures’
Annual ISA Conference, Chicago, March 2025
- ‘Anti-imperial Feminist Architectures of Resistance’
Annual BISA CPD Early Career Researcher Workshop, London, December 2024
- ‘Sexuality, Multiplicity, and Global Capitalism’
Annual Historical Materialism Conference, London, November 2024
- Roundtable: ‘Whose Queer Political Economy? Conversations Within and Beyond IPE’
Annual BISA Conference, Birmingham, June 2024
- Workshop: ‘Postcolonial Historical Methods’
University of Sheffield, May 2024
- ‘Global Sex Panics and the Reproduction of Postwar State and Corporate Power’
Annual ISA Convention, San Francisco, April 2024
- ‘Who’s our Enemy? Antagonism, Normativity, and Radicality in Queer Theory’
Beyond Radical: Queer Theory and the UK, Brighton, October 2023
- ‘Desire, Normativity, and Radicality in Queer Theory’
Queer and Trans Historical Materialisms, Berlin, October 2023
- Workshop: ‘The Fundamentals of Dissertation Writing’
University of Exeter, Penryn Campus, October 2023

- ‘Family Matters in International Politics: Family Formation and the Making of the Liberal International Order’
Annual EISA Conference, Potsdam, September 2023
- ‘Family Matters in International Politics: Family Naturalization and the Liberal International Order’
Historical Materialism Conference, Athens, April 2023
- ‘The Mire of Mystification: On the Methodological Deployment of *Trans*, *Queer*, and *Subaltern* in Critical Knowledge Production’
Annual EISA Conference, Athens, September 2022
- ‘Politicizing Eros: Queerness, Pleasure and the Modern Capitalist State’
European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG), Ljubljana, July 2022
- ‘The Anti-Border Politics of the AIDS Activist Movement’
Annual BISA Conference, Newcastle, June 2022
- ‘Black Lesbian Feminism and the Sexual Politics of Anti-Imperialism’
Annual Millennium Conference, Online, October 2021
- ‘The Dialectic of the International: Elaborating the Historical Materialism of the Gay Liberationists’
Annual EISA Conference, Online, September 2021

Research seminar presentations (select)

- ‘Materialist Analyses of Sexuality’
Research in Progress Seminar (School of Global Studies), Brighton, November 2024
- ‘A Marxist Theory of Sexuality and Desire’
TheoryLab (School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University), London, March 2024
- ‘Family Matters in International Politics: Family Formation and the Making of the Liberal International Order’
Brownbag Seminar Series (LSE Methodology), London, January 2023
- ‘Politicizing Eros: Queerness, Pleasure and the Modern Capitalist State’
Gregynog Ideas Lab, Wales, July 2022
- ‘Politicizing Sex: The Resistance Politics of the AIDS Activist Movement’
New School for Social Research (NSSR) Theory Collective, Online, January 2022
- ‘The Mire of Mystification: On the Methodological Deployment of *Trans*, *Queer*, and *Subaltern* in Critical Knowledge Production’
Mobile People Seminar Series (Leverhulme Trust Program, Queen Mary University), London, December 2021
- ‘The Mire of Mystification: On the Methodological Deployment of *Trans*, *Queer*, and *Subaltern* in Critical Knowledge Production’
TheoryLab (School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University), London, November 2021
- ‘Black Lesbian Feminism and the Sexual Politics of Anti-Imperialism’
Doing International Politics Sociology (IPS): PhD Seminar Series, London, September 2021

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Manager

August 2018 – September 2019

Apolitical; London, UK

- Planned, designed, scheduled, conducted, and analyzed user research activities, including 60+ user interviews and focus groups, with public servants all over the world
- Designed and publicized user surveys, and collected, analyzed, and interpreted quantitative and qualitative data from thousands of respondents
- Designed and delivered campaigns and community activities (such as webinars, online workshops, and interactive toolkits) to engage users around the best policy reporting, learning opportunities, and connections
- Executed and promoted events and learning resources for policymakers around the world, including Apolitical’s ‘Leadership Labs’ series featuring speakers like Steven Pinker and Martha Lane Fox

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- European International Studies Association (EISA)
- British International Studies Association (BISA)
 - Working groups: Historical Sociology and International Relations; Gendering International Relations; Colonial, Postcolonial, and Decolonial Working Group
- American Studies Association (ASA)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

LANGUAGES, IT KNOWLEDGE, AND RELEVANT SKILLS

- English: Native
- German: Native
- French: Limited working proficiency
- Completed numerous online and offline trainings in quantitative methods, statistical analysis, and data visualization, including a postgraduate-level quantitative methodology course at Queen Mary University