

# Ben W. Ansell

## Curriculum Vitae

### Biographical Information

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**Academic Employment:** Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota since August 2006.

### Education

**PhD:** Government, Harvard University, 2003 to 2006. PhD granted November 2006.

- Dissertation: *From the Ballot to the Blackboard: The Redistributive Political Economy of Education*. Committee comprised of Beth Simmons (Chair), Torben Iversen, and Michael Hiscox. Awarded Senator Charles Sumner Memorial Prize by Harvard University.

**MA:** Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2000 to 2002.

**MA:** History, University of Manchester, 1999.

**BA (Hons):** History, University of Manchester, 1998. Awarded Thomas Brown Memorial Prize for top student in subject of history.

### Scholarship

#### Books

*From the Ballot to the Blackboard*, 2010, Cambridge University Press, Studies in Comparative Politics series.

#### Published Papers

‘University Challenges: Explaining Institutional Change in Higher Education’. *World Politics*, January 2008.

‘Teachers, Traders, and Tyrants: Democracy, Globalization and Education Spending’. *International Organization*, Spring 2008.

‘Teachers, Traders, and Tyrants: Democracy, Globalization and Education Spending’. *Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Working Paper*. 2006. Peer reviewed

### **Under Review: Books**

*Inequality and Democracy: A Contractarian Approach*, with David Samuels. Book proposal under review at Cambridge University Press for Studies in Comparative Politics Series.

Ansell, Ben, Gary Cohen, Robert Cox, and Jane Gingrich (eds.), *Social Policy in Small European States*, Under Review at Berghahn Books.

### **Under Review: Articles and Book Chapters**

‘A Tale of Two Trilemmas: Varieties of Higher Education and the Service Economy’ (with Jane Gingrich), in Iversen, Torben, David Soskice, and Anne Wren (eds.) *The Political Economy of the Service Transition*, under review at Oxford University Press.

‘Inequality, Redistribution, and Democratization’ (with David Samuels) under review.

Ansell, Ben, ‘Humboldt Humbled? The Germanic University System in Comparative Perspective’, in Ansell et al (eds.) *Social Policy in Small European States*.

### **Circulating Working Papers**

‘The Nest Egg Effect? Housing, the Welfare State, and Political Incentives’ Empirical analysis of the effect of house prices on (a) individual preferences over social spending and tax policies, (b) social spending across OECD countries, and (c) political incentives to time calling elections.

‘Bubbling Under: The Political Economy of Asset Markets’. A formal analysis of how speculative asset bubbles affect preferences over tax policies and interest rates across various monetary policy regimes.

‘National Institutions and Individual Social Policy Preferences’, with Jane Gingrich. An analysis of the conditioning effect of national policies on how individual skills affect social policy preferences.

### **Invited Presentations**

‘Crisis as Political Opportunity? The Role of Partisan Politics in the Response to the Global Credit Crisis’, to be presented at Princeton University Conference on the Credit Crisis, March 2010, Princeton, NJ.

‘The New Political Economy of Wealth’, to be presented at the Political Economy Colloquium, Oxford University, October 2009.

‘A Tale of Two Trilemmas’ (with Jane Gingrich), presented at Conference on Postindustrialism and the Service Economy, Trinity College Dublin, May 2008.

‘The Role of Globalization and Education in Explaining East Asian and Latin American Development’, Northwestern University, April 2008.

‘Humbolt Humbled? The Germanic University System in Comparative Perspective’, presented at the Center for Austrian Studies’ ‘Social Policy in the New Europe: The Experience of Austria and the Smaller EU Members’, University of Minnesota, March 2008.

‘Bubbling Under, Political Preferences During Asset Bubbles’, February 2008, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Political Economy Colloquium. Versions also presented at European University Institute, September 2008, and Conference on Political Economy, Trinity College Dublin, October 2008.

‘University Challenges: Explaining Institutional Change in Higher Education’, April 2007 at “The Domestic Institutional Foundations of International Economic Competitiveness”, Georgetown University. Version also presented at the Leitner Conference on Post-Industrial Societies, Yale University, January 2007.

### **Conference Presentations**

‘National Institutions and Individual Social Policy Preferences’, with Jane Gingrich, APSA, 2009, Toronto.

‘The Nest Egg Effect? Housing, the Welfare State, and Political Incentives’, given at MPSA Annual Conference April 2009.

‘Inequality and Democracy’, with David Samuels, Versions presented at APSA 2009, Toronto, MPSA 2008, Chicago, and APSA 2007, Chicago.

‘Bubbling Under, Political Preferences During Asset Bubbles’. Versions presented at MPSA 2007, APSA 2007, and Council for European Studies Biennial Conference, Chicago IL, March 2008.

‘Who Cut Class? Matching Policy Change to Parties and Voters’, APSA 2006.

‘University Challenges: Explaining Institutional Change in Higher Education’, Versions presented at APSA 2006, MPSA 2006, and at the Council for European Studies biennial conference, 2006.

'Teachers, Traders and Tyrants: How Openness and Democracy Affect Education Expenditure', at APSA September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, Washington, DC.

'Capturing Creativity: The Diffusion of Human Capital Policy', APSA September 2004, Chicago, IL.

'Comments on "Does Inequality Create Institutions?"'. Discussant on presentation by Ronald Rogowski at CES Workshop on Inequality, October, 2003.

'Human Capital and Globalization', APSA September 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

### **Research Grants, Affiliations, and Awards**

Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholar two-year postdoctoral fellowship at UC Berkeley for 2008-10. Declined.

Joint Visiting Scholar of Max Weber and Robert Schuman centers, European University Institute, Florence, 2008-9.

Single Semester Leave, University of Minnesota, Fall 2008.

Faculty Summer Research Grant, \$6,000, University of Minnesota, awarded December 2007.

Grant in Aid of Scholarly Activity, \$25,788, University of Minnesota, awarded December 2007.

McMillan Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Summer 2007, Summer 2008, Summer 2009.

Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2005-2006.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Graduate Research Grant, December 2004.

Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Graduate Associate, 2004 / 2005.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Graduate Associate, 2004 / 2006.

CUE Teaching Award for GOV1735 Arms and Arms Control, Fall 2004.

Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Graduate Summer Grant, June 2004.

Visiting Scholar, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics, Spring 2004.

CUE Teaching Award for GOV1140, Politics of Social Justice, Fall 2003.

Multi-Year Fellowship, Harvard University, 2003 / 2006.

National Science Foundation, Honorable Mention, November 2000.

Tuition Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, 2000 / 2001.

British Academy Award for Masters Study in History, 1998 / 1999.

Thomas Brown Memorial Prize for the top graduating student in History department, University of Manchester, 1998

## **Teaching**

### **Minnesota:**

POL 8440/8660: Theories of Political Economy

POL 8601: Comparative Politics Core, Fall 2007

POL 8060: Colloquium in Methods and Models, Fall 2007, Spring 2008.

POL 4410W: Globalization and Domestic Politics (Writing Intensive) Fall 2007

POL 8405: International Political Economy

POL 1905: Freshman Seminar on Puzzles in Politics and Economics, Fall 2006

POL 4410: Globalization and Domestic Politics, Fall 2006

Graduate Student Math Camp, Fall 2006, 2007.

### **Harvard:**

Contemporary Puzzles in Politics and Economics, Junior Tutorial, Fall 2004.

Math Prefresher for Graduate Students, Fall 2004.

## Service

### Minnesota

Advisory Committee Member, European Studies Consortium, 2009-2010.

Hella Mears Fellowship Reviewer for Center for German and European Studies. Spring 2009.

Convenor of Minnesota Political Economy Colloquium 2007-2008

Steering Committee, Conference on Small European States, Center for Austrian Studies, University of Minnesota 2007-8

International Relations Field Chair 2007-2008

International Relations Search Committee Fall 2007

Graduate Work Committee 2006-2007

Center for German and European Studies Faculty Member 2006-2008

### European University Institute

Presentation on how to give effective presentations and job talks December 2008.

Roundtable on 2008 US Election, October 2008 and two in November 2008 (one for James Madison University graduate program).

### Profession

Discussant: 2007 and 2008 Annual Meeting of MPSA

Reviewer for *International Organization*, *World Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *European Journal of Social Policy*.

### Consulting Experience

**Policy Analyst:** Her Majesty's Treasury, Productivity Team. Author of 'The Next Generation of Skills in the UK' education policy forecast for Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer, July 2004. This paper resulted in the Leitch Review of Skills, an independent review established under Lord Sandy Leitch to examine British skills policy to 2020. I have advised the Leitch Review since January 2005, resulting in two publications, the Interim Report of December 2005, and the Final Report of December 2006.