

# JAMES ALEXANDER

## ADDRESS

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## PERSONAL

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- British
- Born in Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire, England on 12 December 1972
- Aged 41

## STATUS

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2004-present Dept. of Political Science, Bilkent University  
Assistant Professor in Political Theory

- I currently teach four courses per annum: taken from the following, for undergraduates, (i) *Political Concepts*, (ii) *Liberty and Liberalism*, (iii) *Cosmopolis*, (iv) *Contemporary Political Theory* and, for graduates, (v) *Political Theory* and (vi) a reading course, either on Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*, on Oakeshott's *On Human Conduct* or Hobbes's *Leviathan*.
- In the year 2010-2011 I spent a sabbatical year in Downing College, Cambridge, working on a variety of political and philosophical papers.

2003-2004 Social and Political Sciences Faculty, Cambridge  
Temporary Lecturer in Politics

- I delivered lectures on *Categorical Approaches to Modern Political Thought* and supervised students in the history of modern political thought.

2000-2003 King's College, Cambridge  
Research Associate

- After completing my Ph.D. I was appointed to the Research Centre at King's to write a life of the late Victorian cidemaker, E. F. Bulmer (1865-1941).
- I began supervising students in modern political history and the history of modern political thought.

1995-1999 Trinity College, Cambridge  
Ph.D. in History (2000)

- My doctoral dissertation, written under the supervision of Prof. P.F. Clarke, was entitled *Socialism on Two Fronts*. It was published in 2009 as *Shaw's Controversial Socialism*.

1994-1995 Trinity College, Cambridge  
M.Phil. in Political Thought and Intellectual History

- Attended seminars with John Dunn, Raymond Geuss, Antony Pagden, among others. I wrote essays on William Cobbett and Quentin Skinner.

1991-1994 Trinity College, Cambridge  
B.A. (M.A.) in History

- Historical Tripos Part I (First) and Part II (Upper Second). I was supervised by Boyd Hilton, Maurice Cowling, Orlando Figes and David Runciman, among others.

## AWARDS

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- 1993-1995 Senior Scholarship (Trinity College)
- 1993 Earl of Derby Prize for Essays in History (Trinity College)
- 1994 James Webb Prize for the History of Ideas (Trinity College)
- 1998-1999 Rouse Ball Studentship for the first draft of my Dissertation (Trinity College)
- 2000 Lady Colyton Prize for an Essay on Political Thought—presented by Margaret Thatcher in New York (Caius College)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### WORK IN PROGRESS

'Reflections on the Status of the State'  
'The Philosophy of Political History'  
'Celibacy, Marriage, Promiscuity'  
'The Three Major Ideologies'  
'Five Dissociations'  
'The Fundamental Antinomy of Politics'  
'Three Ideas of the University'  
'Are Dogmatism and Scepticism Equipollent?'

### FORTHCOMING

James Alexander, 'The Cambridge School, c. 1878 to 1975', *History of Political Thought* (forthcoming 2015) ARTICLE

James Alexander, 'A Systematic Theory of Tradition', *Journal of the Philosophy of Ideas* (forthcoming) ARTICLE

James Alexander, 'Who was the First Philosopher?', *Think* (forthcoming) ARTICLE

James Alexander, 'Socialism', in *Shaw in Context* ed. Brad Kent (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming, 2014). CHAPTER

James Alexander, 'The History of Political Philosophy', in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Political Philosophy* ed. Andrew Fiala (Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2014 or 2015). CHAPTER

### PUBLISHED

2014

James Alexander, 'Notes Towards a Definition of Politics', *Philosophy* 89 (2014), pp. 273-300 ARTICLE

James Alexander, 'Imitatio Pilati et Christi in Modern Historical Drama', in *The Bible and the Arts* ed. Stephen Prickett (Edinburgh University Press, 2014). CHAPTER

2013

James Alexander, 'The Contradictions of Conservatism', *Government and Opposition* 48.4 (2013), pp. 594-616. ARTICLE

2012

James Alexander, Review of Nelson O'Ceallaigh Ritschel, *Shaw, Synge, Connolly and Socialist Provocation in Modern Drama* 55.3 (Fall 2012), pp. 422-24. REVIEW

James Alexander, Review of Stefan Collini, *What Are Universities For?* in *British Journal of Educational Studies* 60 (2012) pp. 450-1. REVIEW

James Alexander, 'Oakeshott as Philosopher', *The Cambridge Companion to Oakeshott* ed. Efraim Podoksik (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp. 9-41. CHAPTER

James Alexander, 'The Atheistic Metaphysics of Cosmopolitanism', in *Cosmopolitanism and Philosophy in a Cosmopolitan Sense* (Proceedings of the International Workshop organized at New Europe College, Bucharest on 21-22 October, 2011) ed. Aron Telegdi-Csetri and Viorela Ducu (Bucharest: New Europe College, 2012), pp. 32-47. CHAPTER

James Alexander, 'Three Rival Views of Tradition (Arendt, Oakeshott, MacIntyre)', *Journal of the Philosophy of History* 6 (Spring 2012), pp. 20-43. ARTICLE

James Alexander, 'The Four Points of the Compass', *Philosophy* 87 (Jan 2012), pp. 79-107. ARTICLE

2011

James Alexander, Review of Derek Parfit, *On What Matters* (2011) in *Philosophy Now* 87 (Nov/Dec 2011), pp. 42-3. REVIEW

James Alexander, 'Oakeshott on Hegel's Injudicious Use of the Word "State"', *History of Political Thought* 32 (Spring 2011), pp. 147-76. ARTICLE

2010

'Subjectivity, Civility, Ecclesiasticity' in Robert Crowcroft, S.J.D. Green, Richard Whiting eds. *Philosophy, Politics and Religion in British Democracy* (International Library of Political Studies Vol. 32) (London: I.B. Tauris, 2010) £52.50 CHAPTER

2009

James Alexander, 'Shredded Bliss' [an editorial on the guitar], *Times Higher Education*, 7 May 2009, pp. 43-44. REVIEW

James Alexander, *Shaw's Controversial Socialism* (Gainesville, Florida: University Press of Florida, 2009), xvii & 293 pp., was published in August 2009. BOOK

James Alexander, *Frederick Bulmer: A Life* (London: Cooke and Bulmer, 2009), 511 pp., was published in August 2009. BOOK

2008

James Alexander, Review of Robert Faulkner, *The Case for Greatness: Honorable Ambition and Its Critics*, *Times Higher Education*, 20 March 2008, pp. 48-9. REVIEW

2005

James Alexander, Review of Michael Oakeshott, *What is History and Other Essays* in *Times Higher Education*, 8 April 2005, p. 27. REVIEW

2004

James Alexander, 'An Essay on Historical, Philosophical and Theological Attitudes to Modern Political Thought', *History of Political Thought* 25 (Spring 2004), pp. 116-148.  
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