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RESEARCH & TEACHING FOCUS

Monetary and banking economics; History of monetary theory; International money and finance.

EDUCATION

- 2020** **Ph.D. in Economics**, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
Thesis: The Monetary Policy of the U.S. Reconstruction Period (1865-1879): Issues, Theories, and Debates
Board of examiners: Nicolas Barreyre (member, EHESS), Laurent Le Maux (advisor, University of Western Brittany), Ivo Maes (referee, National Bank of Belgium), Stephen J. Meardon (referee, Bowdoin College), Goulven Rubin (president, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Nathalie Sigot (advisor, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne).
- 2015** **M.A. in History of Economic Thought (Master 1 & Master 2)**, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- 2013** **B.A. in Economics**, University of Crete.

PUBLICATIONS

Published Articles

1. Ron, Ariel, and Sofia Valeonti. *Forthcoming*. “Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture.” *History of Political Economy*. (CNRS ranking HPEA 1; HCERES ranking A).
2. Ron, Ariel, and Sofia Valeonti. 2023. “The Money War: An Interpretation of Democracy, Depreciation, and Taxes in the U.S. Civil War.” *Cambridge Journal of Economics* 47 (2): 263-268. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cje/bead006> (CNRS ranking GEN 2; HCERES ranking A)
3. Dimand, Robert, and Sofia Valeonti. 2022. “Irving Fisher, Simon Newcomb, and Their Plans to Stabilize the Dollar.” *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought* 29 (6): 1052-1065. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09672567.2022.2137550> (CNRS ranking HPEA 1; HCERES ranking A)
4. Valeonti, Sofia. 2022. “Henry C. Carey’s Monetary Thought and American Industrialization in the Greenbacks Debate.” *History of Political Economy* 54 (2): 186-216. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00182702-9699025>. (CNRS ranking HPEA 1; HCERES ranking A).
5. Valeonti, Sofia. 2020. “Simon Newcomb’s Monetary Theory: A Reappraisal.” *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought* 27 (6): 837–52. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09672567.2020.1790623>. (CNRS ranking HPEA 1; HCERES ranking A).

Book Review

Valeonti, Sofia. 2020. Review of *Reconstructing the National Bank Controversy: Politics and Law in the Early American Republic*, by Eric Lomazoff. *History of Economic Ideas*. (3)154-156 (CNRS ranking 3; HCERES ranking B)

Under Review

“John Sherman of Ohio: American Finance Minister of the Civil War Era” co-authored with Ariel Ron, under review for *History of Political Economy*

Working Papers

1. “Economist’s Fables on the Origins of Money” coauthored with Carlos Eduardo Suprinyak
2. “Development Visions in the US Reconstruction Era”
3. “An American in Paris: John Sherman and the International Conference of 1867”

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellowships

1. **John H. Lewis Jr. Faculty Development Fund**, American University of Paris: Summer 2025.
2. **Course release for research**, American University of Paris: Fall 2024.
3. **Faculty development grant**, American University of Paris: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.
4. **Fellowship**, Center for Critical Democracy Studies, AUP, 2022-2023.
5. **Research fellowship**, Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, 2020-2021.
6. **Research and teaching assistant fellowship**, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2018-2020.
7. **PhD program fellowship**, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2015-2018.

Academic Recognition

8. **Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar**, for the 2022 History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), University of St. Thomas, June 16-18, 2022
9. **Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar**, for the 2019 History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Columbia University, June 20-23, 2019.
10. **Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar**, for the 2018 History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Loyola University Chicago, June 14-17, 2018.
11. **ESHET Young Scholar Seminar**, at the 21st Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET), University of Antwerp, May 19, 2017.

Travel awards

- **Research grant**, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, for archival research at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Library of Congress, July-August 2017.

Academic Qualifications

- Qualified to apply for a position of *Maître de Conférences* by the *conseil national des universités* in section 5 (Economics) and section 11 (English and Anglo-Saxon language and literature).

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker

1. Economic History Seminar, American University, August 29, 2024. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
2. Economic History Seminar, University of Barcelona, December 13, 2023. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
3. Workshop “At the Edge of Financial Worlds: an Interdisciplinary Workshop,” University of Zurich, August 18, 2023. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
4. Workshop “Central banking, monetary policy, and social responsibility,” Université Grenoble Alpes, December 7-8, 2022. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].

5. Workshop “Magnifying Spaces of Capitalism: Sources and Data of a Transforming World,” University Complutense of Madrid and YSI Economic History Working Group, April 21-22, 2022. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
6. Economic History Seminar, Paris School of Economics, April 6, 2022 [“The Money Struggle: An Interpretation of Democracy, Depreciation and Taxes in the U.S. Civil War” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
7. Workshop “Magnifying Spaces of Capitalism: a Webinar”, University of Santiago de Compostela and YSI Economic History Working Group, February 22, 2021 [“The Gold-Approach Reply in the Greenbacks Debate: Evidence from Hugh McCulloch’s and John Sherman’s Monetary and Tariff Policies”].
8. Seminar “Topics in Global Economic History,” Tutor Dr. Damian Clavel, University of Oxford, Trinity College, June 11, 2021 [“Henry C. Carey’s Monetary Thought and American Industrialization in the Greenbacks Debate”].
9. Brown Bag Seminar, Colorado State University, March 15, 2021 [“The Money Struggle: An Interpretation of Democracy, Depreciation and Taxes in the U.S. Civil War” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
10. Early American Money Symposium, Rhodes Center for International Economics, Brown University, October 29, 2020 [“The Money Struggle: An Interpretation of Democracy, Depreciation and Taxes in the U.S. Civil War.” Coauthored with Ariel Ron].

International Conferences

1. French Association of the History of Economic Thought (GIDE), SciencesPo Bordeaux, June 20-22, 2024 [“Economist’s Fables on the Origins of Money”].
2. Money as Democratic Medium 2.0, Harvard University, June 15-17, 2023 [“The Political life of Money during the U.S. Independent Treasury System”].
3. Iberian Association of the History of Economic Thought (AIHPE), University of Barcelona, Dec. 2-3, 2022 [“Stephen Colwell’s Political Economy”].
4. History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), University of St. Thomas, June 16-18, 2022 [“Stephen Colwell’s Political Economy”].
5. European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) Annual Conference, University of National and World Economy in Sofia, October 8-10, 2021 [“Irving Fisher, Simon Newcomb, and Their Plans to Stabilize the Dollar. Coauthored with Robert Dimand, Brock University.”]
6. European Historical Economics Society Annual Conference (EHES), Paris School of Economics, August 29-31, 2019 [“Taxation with Representation: Long-Term Institutional Determinants of Union and Confederate Fiscal Policies during the American Civil War” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
7. History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Columbia University, June 20-23, 2019 [“The Political Economies of the Greenbacks Debate”].
8. European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) Annual Conference, Université de Lille, May 23-25, 2019 [“Simon Newcomb’s Monetary Theory in the Greenbacks Debate”].
9. ESHET Summer School in the History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History, University of Thessaly, August 31-September 4, 2018 [“Simon Newcomb’s Monetary Theory in the Greenbacks Debate”].
10. History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Loyola University Chicago, June 14-17, 2018 [“Hugh McCulloch’s and John Sherman’s Monetary and Tariff Policies in the Greenbacks Debate”].
11. Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET), University Complutense of Madrid, June 7-9, 2018 [“Hugh McCulloch’s and John Sherman’s Monetary and Tariff Policies in the Greenbacks Debate”].

12. Summer School in the History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History, Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, August 28-September 1, 2017 [“Hugh McCulloch’s and John Sherman’s Monetary and Tariff Policies in the Greenbacks Debate”].
13. History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Trinity College, Toronto, June 22-25, 2017 [“Henry Charles Carey’s Monetary Thought and American Industrialization”].
14. European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) Annual Conference, University of Antwerp, May 18-20, 2017 [“Henry Charles Carey’s Monetary Thought and American Industrialization”].
15. Summer School in the History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History, University Nice Sophia Antipolis and University of Corsica Pasquale-Paoli, Cargèse, September 5-10, 2016 [“The Monetary Theory of Carey: a Reply to the Greenback Debate”].

Workshops

1. “Walter Bagehot and Lombard Street (1873): A 150 Years Retrospective,” Université de Bretagne Sud, June 29-30, 2023 [“From Lombard Street to Wall Street: Bagehot’s reception in the United States” with Ariel Ron].
2. “The American Developmental State in Comparative Perspective” Workshop, Institut d’Études Avancées & American University of Paris, May 25-26, 2023 [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization in Stephen Colwell’s *The Ways and Means of Payment*” with Ariel Ron].
3. “Crises, money doctors and reforms: Critical moments in the development of modern monetary systems” Workshop, Banque de France, March 14-15, 2019 [“Nineteenth-Century U.S. Money Doctors and their Trade Doctrines”].

Seminars

1. Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, October 30, 2020 [“The Gold-Approach Reply in the Greenbacks Debate: Evidence from Hugh McCulloch’s and John Sherman’s Monetary and Tariff Policies”].
2. History of Macroeconomics and Monetary Theories Seminar, PHARE, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, February 8, 2020 [“Simon Newcomb’s Monetary Theory in the Greenbacks Debate”].
3. History of Macroeconomics and Monetary Theories Seminar, PHARE, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, January 26, 2018 [“Hugh McCulloch’s and John Sherman’s Monetary and Tariff Policies in the Greenbacks Debate”].
4. Seminar of Philosophy and Economics, PHARE, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, November 7, 2016 [“Henry Charles Carey’s Monetary Thought and American Industrialization”].

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor

- **Principles of Microeconomics**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **Principles of Macroeconomics**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **Intermediate Macroeconomics**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **Economics of Money and Debt**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **Ecological and Environmental Economics**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **The Political Economy of Money, Debt, and Taxes**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities included leading class discussions, grading all assignments, and meeting with students. All classes were taught in French.

- **International economics: European politics and economics**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

- **Economic theories: growth and crises**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Microeconomics**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Statistics**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **History of economic thought**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Monetary and financial economics**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Growth and political economy**, undergraduate, University Paris Descartes.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Workshop co-organizer: 1) “Walter Bagehot and *Lombard Street* (1873),” 2023; 2) “The American Developmental State in Global Perspective, 1750-1950,” 2023.
- Seminar co-organizer: 1) AUP History of Political Economy Seminar, since 2023; 2) UPEL research seminar, since 2021; 3) PHARE research seminar “Histoire de la macroéconomie et des théories monétaires,” since 2022; 4) PHARE research seminar “Textes Fondateurs,” 2016-2020; 5) PhD students’ seminar, 2015-2019.
- Referee for *History of Political Economy*, *European Journal for the History of Economic Thought*, *History of Economic Ideas*, *Revue d’Economie Politique*, *Review of Political Economy*, *Journal of Post Keynesian Economics*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *International Labor and Working-Class History*.
- PhD committee: Jonah Estess, PhD, “Bank and State: Money, Law, and Moral Economy in the United States, 1775-1896,” American University, defended March 4, 2024.
- Committee member at AUP: Budget committee, Honors Board, member of two search committees.
- Advising: 15 students (2024-2025).