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### EDUCATION

- 2009 Ph.D., Sociology, Stanford University (expected January)  
Dissertation: "Ideological Roots of Waves of Revolution"  
Committee: J. Meyer (Chair); D. McAdam; and A. Bergesen
- 2002 M.A., Sociology, Stanford University
- 2000 B.A., *cum laude* with honors, Lewis & Clark College

### TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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|----------------------|---|
| Political Sociology  | Globalization and Transnational Sociology |
| Social Movements     | Comparative and Historical Sociology      |
| Social Theory        | Sociology of Culture                      |
| Quantitative Methods | Terrorism and Political Violence          |

### FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2008-09 Affiliated Fellow, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law,  
Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University
- 2008 Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University
- 2006-07 Fellow, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation
- 2005 Cilker Award for Teaching, Sociology, Stanford University
- 2004 LaPierre Award for Best Qualifying Paper, Sociology, Stanford University

### PUBLICATIONS AND UNDER REVIEW

Beck, Colin J. Forthcoming. "State-Building as a Source of Islamic Political Organization."  
*Sociological Forum* 24(2): xxx-xxx.

Beck, Colin J. 2008. "The Contribution of Social Movement Theory to Understanding  
Terrorism." *Sociology Compass* 2(5): 1565-1581.

Beck, Colin J. 2007. "On the Radical Cusp: Ecoterrorism in the United States, 1998-2005."  
*Mobilization* 12(2): 161-176.

#### *Under Review:*

Beck, Colin J. "Revolutionary Waves and Systemic Processes in Europe." Under review.

Beck, Colin J. "Ideology, State Capacity, and Revolution: Contention in 16<sup>th</sup> Century  
Europe." Under review.

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

Beck, Colin J., Gili S. Drori, and John W. Meyer. "The Worldwide Spread of Human Rights in Constitutions." Multivariate data analysis in progress.

Beck, Colin J. "Is Radical Islam a Contentious Wave? Or, Why Modular Collective Action Is Not Enough." Manuscript in preparation.

Beck, Colin J. "Constitutional Revolutions and Globalization in Comparative and Historical Perspective." Research in progress.

Beck, Colin J. "Class, Contagion, or Complaint? Authority and Rebellion in the German Peasants' War." Research in progress.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"A Theory of Ideology, Social Structure, and Revolution." Paper presented at Historical Sociology Regular Session, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2008.

"Revolutionary Waves and Global Processes." Paper presented at World Systems Regular Session, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2007.

"The Islamic Compromise: State Repression, Concession, and Political Islam." Paper presented at Muslim Societies Regular Session, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 2006.

"Repression and Compromise: The Social Movement Perspective on Islamic Militancy." Paper presented at MacArthur Fellows Conference on Religion and Violence, Stanford University, CA, May 2003.

## **TEACHING**

Instructor, Sociology, Stanford University:

Senior Thesis Seminar, 2009

Social Movements and Collective Action, 2008

Politics and Society, 2007

Teaching Development Seminar (graduate level), 2006

Sociology of Terrorism, 2005

Instructor, Urban Studies, Stanford University:

Senior Thesis Seminar, 2008

Preparation for Senior Thesis Workshop, 2008

Co-Instructor (research methods module), International Relations, Stanford University:

Science, Technology, and Development, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Globalization and Organizations, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Teaching Assistant, Sociology, Stanford University, 2002-2004:  
Introduction to Social Stratification; Race and Ethnic Relations; Law and Society;  
Sociology of Terrorism; and Senior Thesis Seminar

Other teaching positions:

Graduate Assistant, Sociology/Urban Studies Honors College, Stanford University, 2008  
Coordinator, Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, 2005  
Lecturer, American Language and Culture Program, Stanford University, 2002-2004

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS**

- 2006- *Human Rights in Constitutions of the World*. PIs: John W. Meyer and Gili S. Drori  
Coded and analyzed rights language in current and historical constitutions;  
supervised undergraduate research assistants
- 2005 *Academic Discourse on Human Rights and Governance*. PIs: John W. Meyer and  
Francisco O. Ramirez  
Collected and analyzed mentions of phrases in academic abstracts since 1972
- 2004 *Access to Justice Programs in the United States*. PI: Rebecca L. Sandefur  
Collected and undertook preliminary analysis of access to justice studies
- 2004 *Teach for America and Civic Participation Project*. PI: Doug McAdam  
Completed and managed database of surveys of TFA participants
- 2003 *Cross-National Access to Legal Professionals*. PI: Rebecca L. Sandefur  
Collected and reviewed literature on legal access across the world

#### **PROFFESIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

*Professional Service:*

Session Organizer and Presider. Terrorism, Counter-terrorism and Political Violence,  
Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA, March 2007.

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Mobilization*

*Departmental Service:*

Dept. of Sociology, Stanford University: Undergraduate Studies Committee; Speaker Series  
Committee; Newsletter Editor; Activities Committee Co-Chair

*Affiliations:*

Member, American Sociological Association

Sections on Political Sociology, Comparative and Historical Sociology, Collective  
Behavior and Social Movements, Teaching and Learning, and Global-Transnational  
Sociology (in formation)

Member, Social Science History Association

Member, International Studies Association

## REFERENCES

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- GILI S. DRORI                      Director of the Honors Program  
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