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Bio

Fonna Forman is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California San Diego, founding co-director of the *UCSD Center on Global Justice* and the *Blum Cross-Border Initiative*, and is an affiliate of the *Center for Urban Ecologies*. She is a political theorist best known for her revisionist work on Adam Smith, recuperating the ethical, spatial, social and public dimensions of his political economy. Current work focuses on theories and practices of global justice as they manifest at local and regional scales, and the role of civic engagement, public space, and cross-sector collaboration in strategies of equitable and sustainable urban transformation. Present sites of investigation include Medellín, Colombia and the San Diego-Tijuana border region. Forman has just completed a volume of collected essays (with Amartya Sen) on critical interventions in global justice theory. She is presently writing papers on 'municipal cosmopolitanism' and 'the architecture of civic freedom' and is co-investigating with Teddy Cruz a Ford-funded study of citizenship culture in the San Diego-Tijuana border region, in collaboration with the Bogota-based NGO, Corpovisionarios. She is a special advisor on civic and urban initiatives to the City of San Diego, and with Cruz is leading the development of its new *Civic Innovation Lab*.

Forman is an advocate for deepening university-community research partnerships, and currently serves on the advisory boards of the UCSD Global Health Initiative, the Urban Studies and Planning Program, IICAS, the Global Health major, the Law & Society minor; and the Thurgood Marshall College Dimensions of Culture Program. From 1999-2001 she was Assistant Editor of *Political Theory*, and is currently Editor of the *Adam Smith Review*.

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Chicago, 2001
J.D. University of Wisconsin Law School, 1993
B.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1989

Academic Appointments

Founding Co-Director, UCSD / Blum Cross-Border Initiative, 2013-
Founding Co-Director, UCSD Center on Global Justice, 2011-
Associate Professor (with tenure) University of California, San Diego, Dept. of Political Science, 2009-
Assistant Professor, University of California, San Diego, Dept. of Political Science 2002-2009

Consultancy

Special Advisor on Civic and Urban Initiatives, Civic Innovation Lab, City of San Diego, June 2013-

Editorial Appointments

Editor, *Adam Smith Review* (Routledge), 2009-
Assistant Editor, *Political Theory* (Sage), 1999-2001

Areas of Specialization

Political theory

History of ideas (political, social, moral and economic), particularly of modern Europe

Theories and practices of global justice (enacted at various scales)

Urbanization and public space

Awards, contracts and grants

2104-5 Ford Foundation, "Speaker Series on Sustainable Cross-border Economic Development," Co-Investigator Teddy Cruz.

2014 Ford Foundation, "Bi-national Vision Plan," Co-Investigator Teddy Cruz.

2013-15 Blum Center for Developing Economies, "UCSD / Blum Cross Border Initiative," Co-Investigators Teddy Cruz, Keith Pezzoli, Ramesh Rao and Steffanie Strathdee.

2013-4 UCSD Committee on Research Award: "Urban Crisis and the Architecture of Civic Culture: The Case of Medellín, Colombia.

2012-3 Yankelovich Center Seed Grant: "UCSD Community Stations Initiative: Knowledge Exchange Corridors" Co-investigator Teddy Cruz.

2011-12 UNICEF Project Cooperation Agreement: "Identifying and Measuring Social Norms" Co-investigator Gerry Mackie.

2010-11 IICAS Conference Seed Award: "New Frontiers in Global Justice: A Conference with Amartya Sen" Co-investigator G. Mackie.

2010 Chancellors 50th Anniversary Seed Grant, awarded July 2010 for New Frontiers in Global Justice: A Conference with Amartya Sen. Co-investigator: G. Mackie.

2009-10 UCSD Committee on Research Award: "Smith and cultural anti-cosmopolitanism,"

2009-10 UCSD Hellman Faculty Fellowship: "Adam Smith and the Circles of Sympathy"

2008-9 UCSD Committee on Research Award: "Adam Smith in the 1740's."

Published work

Books

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, *The Urban Ecologies of Global Justice*, book ms.

Fonna Forman and Gerry Mackie, eds. *Amartya Sen and the Idea of Justice: Interdisciplinary engagements*, eds. London: Routledge, 2013.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, *Adam Smith and the Circles of Sympathy: Cosmopolitanism and Moral Theory (Ideas in Context 96)*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Articles

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, "The urban ecologies of global justice: multiplicity, specificity, urgency (working paper)

Fonna Forman, "Comparatives without transcendence: Amartya Sen's cosmopolitan moral psychology" (working paper)

Fonna Forman, "Adam Smith for a global age" (working paper)

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, "The Architecture of Civic Freedom" (working paper)

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, "The Urbanization of Happiness and the Decline of Civic Imagination" (working paper)

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, "Global municipalities," *Social Philosophy & Policy* (forthcoming).

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, "Municipal Cosmopolitanism: the Case of Medellín, Colombia," in *Institutional Cosmopolitanism*, eds., Thomas Pogge and Luis Cabrera (forthcoming).

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, "Introduction: Informal Architectures – A Changing Practice," in *Other Markets: A Reader*, eds. Teddy Cruz, Helge Mooshammer and Peter Mörtenböck. Rotterdam: nai010 Publishers, forthcoming 2015.

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, "Medellín is the Future" in *Medellín: vida y ciudad*, ed. Isabel Garcés, Municipality of Medellín, on the occasion of the UN-Habitat World Urban Forum, April 2014.

Fonna Forman and Gerry Mackie, "Introduction: New Frontiers in Global Justice," in *Amartya Sen and the Idea of Justice: Interdisciplinary engagements*, eds. Fonna Forman and Gerry Mackie. London: Routledge, 2013, pp. 151-161.

Fonna Forman, "Adam Smith, Moral Portraiture and the Science of Man," *Adam Smith Review* VII (2013): 186-91.

Fonna Forman, "From European to Cosmopolitan Freedom" in *Freedom and the Construction of Europe*, eds. Quentin Skinner and Martin van Gelderen. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Taking a Broader View of Humanity: An Interview with Amartya Sen," in *Dialogues with Contemporary Political Theorists*, eds. Gary Browning, Raia Prokhovnik and Maria Dimova-Cookson (Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012), pp. 170-80.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Socratic cosmopolitanism," *Journal of Social and Political Studies* I (Fall 2011)

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Smith's anti-cosmopolitanism," in *Essays on the Philosophy of Adam Smith*, eds. Vivienne Brown and Samuel Fleischacker. London: Routledge, 2010.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Why there is no Adam Smith Problem," *The Market Society and its Morality*, ed Michael Zoeller. Berlin: Council on Public Policy, 2010.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Commercial Cosmopolis", trans. as "Kaupallinen Kosmopolis" in *Nykyinen taloudellinen globalisaatio ja tieto (Economic Globalization and Knowledge)*. eds. Teppo Eskelinen, Ilkka Kauppinen, Olli Pekka-Moisio. Helsinki: Osuuskunta Vastapaino, 2008

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Interdisciplinarity in Smith Studies" in "Smith in Contexts: A Symposium on Knud Haakonssen's *Cambridge Companion to Adam Smith*," ed. Fonna Forman-Barzilai, *Adam Smith Review* 4 (2008): 217-20.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Smith on 'connexion', culture and judgment" in *New Voices on Adam Smith*, eds. Leonidas Montes and Eric Schliesser. London: Routledge, 2006, pp. 89-114.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Sympathy in space(s): Adam Smith on proximity," *Political Theory* vol. 33, no. 2 (April 2005): 189-217.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "And thus spoke the spectator: Adam Smith for humanitarians," *Adam Smith Review* I (Fall 2004): 167-174.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "The emergence of contextualism in Rousseau's political thought: The case of Parisian theatre in the *Lettre à d'Alembert*," *History of Political Thought*, vol. XXIV, no. 3 (Autumn 2003):435-63.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Adam Smith as globalization theorist," *Critical Review*, vol.14, no. 4 (2002): 391-419.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Whose Context? Which Impartiality? Reflections on Griswold's Smith" *Perspectives on Political Science*, vol. 30, no. 3 (Summer 2001): 146-50.

Edited symposia

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, "Informal Architectures – A Changing Practice," ed. with

introduction, in *Other Markets: A Reader*, eds. Teddy Cruz, Helge Mooshammer and Peter Mörtenböck. Rotterdam: nai010 Publishers, forthcoming 2015.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Smith in Contexts: A Symposium on Knud Haakonssen's *Cambridge Companion to Adam Smith*," ed. with introduction, *Adam Smith Review* 4 (2008): 217-253.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai, "Is Life a Marketplace? A Symposium on James R. Otteson's *Adam Smith's Marketplace of Life*," ed. with introduction, *Adam Smith Review* 2 (2006): 195-222.

Review essays, book reviews, responses

Fonna Forman, "Response" to review of *Adam Smith and the Circles of Sympathy*, by Douglas J. Den Uyl, *Adam Smith Review* 7 (2013): 289-92.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai on Ryan Patrick Hanley, *Adam Smith and the Character of Virtue* (Cambridge 2009): "Smith: Perfectionist or Practical Moralist?" *The Art of Theory*, Inaugural Issue, November 2010.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai on Jennifer Pitts, *A Turn to Empire: The Rise of Imperial Liberalism in Britain and France* (Princeton 2005). *Ethics & International Affairs*, Vol. 21, No. 2. (2007), pp. 265-267.

Fonna Forman-Barzilai on Luc Boltanski, *Distant Suffering: Morality, Media and Politics* (Cambridge, 1999): "And thus spoke the spectator: Adam Smith for humanitarians," *Adam Smith Review* 1 (Fall 2004): 167-174.

Charles L. Griswold, *Adam Smith and the Virtues of Enlightenment* (Cambridge 1999). *Political Theory*, vol. 28, no. 1 (February 2000): 122-30.

Encyclopedia entries

"Adam Smith," *Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought*, ed. Terence Ball et al. (Cambridge), (in press)

"Impartial Spectator," *Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought*, ed. Terence Ball et al. (Cambridge), (in press)

"Adam Smith," *Encyclopedia of Political Theory* (Sage) 2010: 1274-80.

Events

Keynotes and named lectures:

2014 "Adam Smith for a Global Age," Keynote Address, *Empathy and Competition: A 21st Century View on Adam Smith*, 8th *Revisiting the Classics Conference*, Max Weber Programme, European University Institute, Florence, May 7, 2014.

2014 “The Urbanization of Happiness and the Decline of Civic Imagination,” (with Teddy Cruz), *The Good Life Lecture*, Eleanor Roosevelt College, University of California, San Diego, February 19, 2014.

2011 “Comparatives without transcendence: Amartya Sen’s cosmopolitan moral psychology,” Plenary Lecture, UK Association for the Study of Political Thought, St Catherine’s, Oxford, January 2011.

Book Events

2010 “Adam Smith and the Circles of Sympathy,” University of Oslo, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, Public Lecture, October 2010.

2010 Roundtable: Two New Books on Adam Smith: Fonna Forman-Barzilai, *Adam Smith and the Circles of Sympathy* and Ryan Patrick Hanley, *Adam Smith and the Character of Virtue*. American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2010.

2010 Roundtable on *Adam Smith and the Circles of Sympathy*, Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, June 2010

2010 Roundtable on *Adam Smith and the Circles of Sympathy*, Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society, Princeton, June 2010.

Exhibitions

2014 “The Medellín Diagram: A Story of Civic Freedom,” Teddy Cruz, Alejandro Echeverri, Fonna Forman and Matthias Görlich, in *Citizen Culture: Art and Architecture Shape Policy*, curated by Lucia Sanromán, Santa Monica Museum of Art, September, 2014.

2014 “Citizenship culture in the borderlands,” Teddy Cruz and Fonna Forman with Antanas Mockus, in *Citizen Culture: Art and Architecture Shape Policy*, curated by Lucia Sanromán, Santa Monica Museum of Art, September, 2014.

2014 “The Medellín Diagram: A Story of Civic Freedom,” Teddy Cruz, Alejandro Echeverri, Fonna Forman and Matthias Görlich, an exhibition for the UN-Habitat World Urban Forum, The Medellín Museum of Modern Art, Medellín, Colombia, April 8-10, 2014.

Invited presentations, symposia, studios and small conferences

2014 *The Civic Arts: Enlightenment and the Subjects of Liberal Learning*, UCLA Clark Memorial Library, October, 2014.

2014 “Municipal cosmopolitanism in theory and practice,” *International Justice, Sovereignty, and Liberty*, a conference hosted by *Social Philosophy & Policy* (Cambridge University Press) and Liberty Fund, London, June 2014.

2014 Roundtable on Paulina Ochoa Espejo’s book manuscript, *A Theory of Borders: People, Territory and Legitimacy in the Democratic State*, Yale University, June 2014.

2014 *Civic Innovation in Action Studio: Robust Engagement*, Knight Foundation, Miami, May 2014.

2014 “Medellín is the future: The Architecture of Civic Freedom” (with Teddy Cruz) *Global Justice and the Global South*, Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP) conference to launch ASAP India, organized by Thomas Pogge, Luis Cabrera and Ashok Acharya, University of Delhi, April 2014.

2014 “The Architecture of Civic Freedom: the Case of Medellín,” Victoria Colloquium on Political, Social and Legal Theory, University of Victoria, February 2014

2013 *UDHR Philosophers Group*, Third meeting, “Universalism / Relativism; Sovereignty; Limitations / Derogations” Bonn, December 2013.

2013 *Arts, Culture and Quality of Life in Global Cities: Creating Equitable Cities for the Future*,” A forum hosted by the Ford Foundation, The Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, New York City, December 2013

2103 “Localizing the Global: Interventions at the Border” (with Teddy Cruz), *Human Rights and Economic Justice: Essential Elements of the Post-MDG Agenda*, Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP) conference, Yale University, organized by Thomas Pogge and Luis Cabrera, New Haven, October 2013

2013 “Smithian Cosmopolitanism for a global age,” *Scotland, Europe and Empire in the Age of Adam Smith and Beyond*, Centre Roland Mousnier, University of Paris, Sorbonne, July 2013.

2013 “Adam Smith, social norms and the informality of modern social order,” Department of Political Science and International Relations, Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar, Cartagena, Colombia, April 2013.

2013 *Climate Justice Forum with Mary Robinson*, Center on Global Justice, University of California, San Diego (Conference organizer), April 2013.

2013 *UDHR Philosophers Group*, Second meeting, “Social, Cultural and Economic Rights,” London, April 2013.

2013 *The Urban Era: Comparing Challenges of the World’s Cities*, Trudeau Center, University of Toronto, Canada, February 2013.

2012 *UDHR Philosophers Group*, First meeting of a three-year workshop revisiting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, convened by the Rt. Hon Gordon Brown and Jeremy Waldron, New York University, December 2012.

2012 *Ambientes Urbanos: Ciudades en Cambio, Paisajes en Transformación (Urban Environments: Changing Cities, Changing Landscapes)*, Cátedra Fulbright Regiones de EAFIT, Medellín, Colombia, October 2012.

2012 “Comparatives without transcendence: vindicating intervention,” Political Theory Workshop, Duke University, October 2012

2012 “Adam Smith: Local and Global: A reply to Sir James Wolfensohn,” *Adam Smith Lecture*, Adam Smith College, Kirkcaldy, Scotland, August 2012.

2012 “Smith on international law: the unfinishable project,” *Adam Smith and the Law*, Law and Politics Colloquium, London School of Economics, London, May 2012

2011 *NYU Dialogues on the Global Civil Society: Religion, Culture, and the Moral Sense*, New York University, October 2011.

2011 *NYU Dialogues on the Global Civil Society: The Rudiments of Moral Sense*, New York University, September 2011.

2011 “Burke, Smith and Modern Liberty,” Liberty Fund Colloquium, Edinburgh, Scotland, (Conference Director), June 2011.

2011 *NYU Dialogues on the Global Civil Society: Adam Smith, Globalization, and the Universal Moral Sense*, hosted by New York University and the Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown, April 2011.

2011 “Comparatives without transcendence: Amartya Sen’s cosmopolitan moral psychology,” Global Justice and Human Rights Group, Political Studies Association, London, April 2011.

2011 Moderator: “Social Science Research in Action: A conversation with Amartya Sen and Elinor Ostrom,” Launch of the UCSD Center on Global Justice, La Jolla, April 2011.

2011 “The Virtue of Exile: Cosmopolitan Freedom in the Eighteenth Century,” University of Virginia Political Theory Workshop, Charlottesville, VA, March 2011.

2011 “Adam Smith and modern liberty,” University of Virginia, Department of Political Science, Visiting Lecture, Charlottesville, VA, March 2011.

2010 “Comparatives without transcendence: Amartya Sen’s cosmopolitan moral psychology,” UCLA Political Theory Workshop, Los Angeles, November 2010

2010 “The Virtue of Exile: Cosmopolitan Freedom in the Eighteenth-Century” UCLA Program for the Study of Liberty, Public Lecture, Los Angeles, November 2010.

2010 *Conference on Amartya Sen*, University of Virginia, organized by Colin Bird, November 2010.

2010 *Conference on Nicholas Phillipson’s Adam Smith: An Enlightened Life*, Centre for the Study of the History of Political Thought, Queen Mary University of London, October 2010.

2010 *Conference on Amartya Sen*, National University of Singapore, August 2010. (conflict; withdrew)

- 2010 “Comparatives without transcendence: Amartya Sen’s cosmopolitan moral psychology,” University of Virginia, *Affect, Imagination and Democratic Politics*, organized by Stephen K White, April 2010.
- 2010 “Adam Smith’s anti-cosmopolitanism,” London School of Economics, Political Theory Seminar, London, January 2010.
- 2010 London School of Economics, Adam Smith Reading Group, London, January 2010.
- 2009 “On Amartya Sen’s Smith,” University of Athens, *Adam Smith and the Scottish Enlightenment*, Athens, December 2009.
- 2009 “Why there is no ‘Adam Smith Problem’” University of Bayreuth and Council on Public Policy, *The Market and its Morality – 250 years of Adam Smith’s Theory of Moral Sentiments*, Berlin, October 2009.
- 2009 “Open impartiality and cosmopolitan justice: engaging Amartya Sen’s Adam Smith,” London School of Economics, Annual *Millennium* conference: *Liberalism and International Relations*, London, October 2009.
- 2009 “The Virtue of Exile: Liberty and Citizenship in Eighteenth-Century Cosmopolitan Thought,” European University Institute: *Freedom and the Construction of Europe*, organized by Quentin Skinner and Martin van Gelderen, Florence, September 2009.
- 2009 “Adam Smith’s anti-cosmopolitanism,” University of Glasgow, *Smith in Glasgow: A conference marking the 250th anniversary of the Theory of Moral Sentiments*, organized by Christopher Berry, Glasgow, April 2009.
- 2009 “Adam Smith and the Commercial Cosmopolis,” University of Glasgow, *Adam Smith and Internationalization*, Glasgow, April 2009.
- 2009 “Adam Smith’s anti-cosmopolitanism,” Oxford University, Balliol College: *The Philosophy of Adam Smith: A conference to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Theory of Moral Sentiments*, organized by The International Adam Smith Society, Oxford, January 2009.
- 2008 “Adam Smith and the Socialized Conscience,” Yale University: *Civil and religious liberty in 17th and 18th century Britain*, organized by Steven Pincus and Blair Worden, New Haven, July 2008.
- 2007 George Mason University Law School, Program in Politics and Economics, Alexandria, VA, June 15-23, 2007.
- 2006 “Negative Legitimacy,” University of California, San Diego: *Legitimacy in the Modern World*, organized by David Lake and Michael Hechter, December 2006.
- 2003 University of Chicago: *Area Studies Redux: Festschrift conference for Lloyd Rudolph and Susanne Hoeber Rudolph*, April 2003.

2002 “Adam Smith and the spatial limits of sympathy,” University of London: *The Ethics of Altruism*, organized by Jonathan Seglow, Royal Holloway, April 2002.

2001 “Adam Smith and the Socialized Conscience,” Hebrew University, Political Science Faculty Colloquium, December 2001.

1998 “Socratic Cosmopolitanism,” International Conference of the CSPT (Conference for the Study of Political Thought): *Citizenship and Cosmopolitanism*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 1998.

Major Conference / Series Organization

2013 *Waste and the Urbanization of Retrofit* (with Teddy Cruz), UCSD / Bauhaus Urban Collaborative, San Diego and Tijuana, November 2013.

2013 *Climate Justice Forum with Mary Robinson*, Center on Global Justice, University of California, San Diego, April 2013.

2012- *The Urban Ecologies of Global Justice Speaker Series* (with Teddy Cruz), A collaboration between the Center on Global Justice and the Center for Urban Ecologies, University of California, San Diego. Eyal Weizman, Richard Sennett, Andrew Ross...

2012 *Adam Smith in Kirkcaldy: A Conference to Launch the Adam Smith Global Fund and Museum*, Adam Smith College, Edinburgh / Kirkcaldy, Scotland, August 2012.

2012 *Informal Market Worlds: A two day research conference on the trading places of urban informality*, (with Teddy Cruz, Helge Mooshammer and Peter Mörtenböck) Urban Ecologies of Global Justice, University of California, San Diego, February 2012.

2012 *Social Science and the University in an Age of Privatization with Craig Calhoun*, Center on Global Justice, University of California San Diego, February 2012.

2011- *The Annual Helen Edison / Global Justice Speaker Series* (with Mary Walshok), A collaboration between the Center on Global Justice and University Extension, University of California, San Diego. Amartya Sen, Gordon Brown, Mary Robinson...

2011 *New Frontiers in Global Justice: Conference with Amartya Sen to inaugurate the new UCSD Center on Global Justice* (with Gerry Mackie) La Jolla, March 2011.

Press and Interviews

“Civic Innovation Lab pioneering neighborhood upgrades,” *San Diego Union Tribune*, March 14, 2014.

Fonna Forman and Teddy Cruz, “The Urbanization of Happiness” on *Why? Radio: Philosophical Discussions About Everyday Life*, National Public Radio, February 9, 2014.

“A Year of Urban Thinking in San Diego,” *Voice of San Diego*, January 3, 2104.

“Filner’s Incubator Lives On,” *Voice of San Diego*, October 13, 2013.

“City Hall Fourth Floor Still Empty, but Ideas Start Taking Shape,” *Voice of San Diego*, August 5, 2013.

“What We Know About The Mayor’s Think Tank,” *Voice of San Diego*, June 13, 2013.