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## Education

2017 Ph.D. in Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago  
Title: *From the elites to the streets: The psychology of democracy and economic inequality.*  
Committee: Professors Richard Shweder, John Lucy, David Nussbaum, Alex Gillespie.  
2014 M.A. in Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago  
2008 M.Phil. in Social and Developmental Psychology, University of Cambridge  
2006 B.Sc. in Applied Psychology, University College Cork

## Positions Held

2021 – Present Associate Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Copenhagen  
2019 – 2021 Assistant Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Copenhagen  
2017 – 2019 Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow in the Division of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago  
2015 (summer) Visiting Lecturer in Cultural Psychology at the American University of Paris

## Research Interests

Social, Cultural, and Political Psychology; Democracy; Diversity; Economic Inequality; Financial Crisis; Human Development; Migration; Morality; Protest; Riots; Multiple-Methods; Denmark; E.U.; Ireland; U.S.A.

## Fellowships and Grants

2020 SAMF. COVID-19 research. w/ Merlin Schaeffer, Jan Heisig, Thomas Morton (86,500 DKK)  
2020 Carlsberg. “Pluralistic Societies” conference w/ Thomas Morton (59,400 DKK)  
2019 University of Chicago. un-American Activities. w/ Rick Shweder (\$10,000)  
2019 LSE grant. Populist project with Jennifer-Sheehy Skeffington & Sandra Obradovic (£5,000)  
2016 Gianinno Conference Fund  
2016 Advanced Travel Grant from the University of Chicago Graduate Council  
2016 Mellon Fellowship (\$24,000)  
2015 Gianinno Conference Fund  
2015 Society for Psychology Anthropology/Lemelson Fellowship  
2014 – 2015 Division of Social Sciences Summer Research Grant  
2014 – 2015 Innovative Small Grant from the SRA and the Jacobs Foundation  
2014 – 2015 Council on Advanced Studies to develop speaker series (\$10,000)  
- Organized and hosted colloquia on Morality and Intergroup Conflict  
2013 – 2014 The Norman Wait Harris Fund to develop Cultural Psychology speaker series  
2013 – 2015 Division of Social Sciences Summer Grant, University of Chicago  
2012 – 2017 Social Sciences Division 5 Year Ph.D. Fellowship, University of Chicago (c. \$500,000)  
2007 – 2008 Cambridge European Trust, University of Cambridge  
2002 – 2006 Irish National University Grant, University College Cork  
2002 – 2006 Adjunct Governmental Funding, University College Cork

## Affiliations and Memberships

2021 – 2022 Research group leader: Personality, Educational, Work, Organizational, & Social Psychology  
2020 – Present Faculty member: Copenhagen Center for Political Mobilization and Social Movement Studies  
2019 – Present Faculty member: CuPsyNet: Cultural Psychology Network (pan-European association)  
2019 – Present Faculty member: Task Force on Indigenous Psychology  
2019 – Present Founding member: Copenhagen Personality and Social Psychology (CoPSY: [www.copsy.dk](http://www.copsy.dk))  
2017 – Present Founding member: Cultural Psychology Salon (Universities of Chicago and Copenhagen)

## Editorial Responsibilities

2020 – 2023 Editorial Board of [Current Opinion in Psychology](#)  
2019 – Present Invited guest editor of a special edition of [Current Opinion in Psychology](#)  
2019 – Present Editorial Board of [Culture & Psychology](#)  
2013 – Present Editor-in-chief of [Psychology & Society](#)  
2013 – 2016 Editorial Board and Social Media Editor of [Dialogic Pedagogy Journal](#)  
2009 – 2011 Invited guest editor of a special edition of [Psychology & Society](#)

## Article and Book Review

*Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Social Psychology; Cambridge University Press; Culture & Psychology; Current Opinion in Psychology; Dialogic Pedagogy Journal; European Journal of Social Psychology; Europe's Journal of Psychology; Human Arenas; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour; Journal of Social and Political Psychology; Oxford University Press; Papers on Social Representations; Plos One; Political Psychology; Psychology & Society; The Open Psychology Journal; Theory & Psychology.*

## Teaching

### *Teaching at the University of Copenhagen:*

Social Psychology (Fall, 2019; 2020; Spring, 2020)  
Community Psychology (Spring, 2020, 2021; Fall, 2020)  
Qualitative Methods (Spring, 2020, 2021; Fall, 2020; 2021)

### *Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow at the University of Chicago:*

Political Psychology: Rallies, Riots, & Revolutions (Fall, 2017; Winter, 2019)  
Remembering and Imagining in Human Development (Winter, 2018; Spring, 2019)  
Methods that Matter in the Social Sciences (Spring, 2018, Winter, 2019)

### *Teaching experience throughout PhD:*

Lecturer in *Mind in Context*: (Spring, 2016, 2018; 2019)  
Intern lecturer for *Mind*, (Fall, Winter, Spring 2014 & 2015)  
T.A. *Cultural Psychology* (Fall, 2013 (BA); Fall, 2014 (MA/PhD))  
T.A. *Power & Influence* (MBA, Booth School of Business) (Fall, 2013 – Spring, 2019 (13 classes))  
T.A. *Negotiations* (MBA, Booth School of Business) (Fall, 2018)  
T.A. *Managerial Decision Making* (MBA, Booth School of Business) (Winter, 2018)

## Supervision

2020 – Present Postdoc advisor for Dr. Crystal Shackleford, *Cultural Clashes & un-American Activities*  
2020 – Present PhD supervisor for Thomas Madsen, *Cultural Clashes, Gentrification, & Danish Ghettos*  
2020 – Present MA advisor for 14 students at the University of Copenhagen  
2017 – 2019 BA advisor for four students and MA advisor for one student at the University of Chicago

## Publications

30. Wagoner, B. & Power, S.A. (in press). Social Change. In Vlad Glaveanu (Eds). *Encyclopedia of the Possible*. Palgrave. London.
29. Power, S.A., & Jindra, M. (in press). The *Equality – Difference Paradox*: National policies on pluralism. In Fathali M. Moghaddam and Margaret J. Hendricks (Eds). *Immigrants: Psychological Perspectives*. APA Press.
28. Power, S.A. (2021). Revisiting the crowd: Peaceful assembly in Irish water protests. *Culture & Psychology*.
27. Power, S.A., Mandalaywala, T. and Kay, A. (2021). An investigation of perceptions of (un)just systems: Tests of rationalization in the context of Irish austerity measures. *Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*.
26. Rao, N. & Power, S.A. (2021). “Communities change when individuals change:” The sustainability of system challenging collective action. *European Journal of Social Psychology*.
25. Schmidt, D. & Power, S.A. (2020). World Offline: The internet as social infrastructure among the unconnected in quasi-rural Illinois. *Integrative Psychological & Behavioral Science*. Online First.
24. Power, S.A. (2020). The psychology rallies, riots, and revolutions. *Current Opinion in Psychology*. 35, v-x.
23. Power, S. A., Madsen, T., & Morton, T. A. (2020). Relative Deprivation and Revolt: Current and Future Directions. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 35, 119 – 124.
22. Obradović, S., Power, S. A., & Sheehy-Skeffington, J. (2020). Understanding the psychological appeal of populism. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 35, 125 – 131.
21. Velez, G. & Power, S.A. (2020). Teaching students how to think, not what to think: Pedagogy and political psychology. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*. 8(1), 388-403.
20. Power, S.A. and Velez, G. (2020). The *MOVE* Framework: Meanings, Observations, Viewpoints, and Experiences in processes of social change. *Review of General Psychology*. Online First.
19. Power S.A. (2020). Why a richer world will have more civic discontent: The Infinity Theory of Social Movements. *Review of General Psychology*. 24(2), 118-133.
18. Power, S.A. (2018). Expanding the *Deprivation – Protest Paradox*: The tipping point theory of civic unrest [response]. *Current Anthropology*. 59, (6), 783 – 789.
17. Power, S.A. (2018). The *Deprivation – Protest Paradox*: How the perception of unfair economic inequality leads to civic unrest [Lead article with commentaries] *Current Anthropology*. 59, (6), 765 – 782.
16. Power, S.A. (2018). Actual Democracy and a United Europe of States: A case study of Austerity and Protest in the Republic of Ireland. In Brady Wagoner, Ignacio Brescó, and Vlad Glaveanu (Eds). *The Road to Actualized Democracy: A Psychological Perspective* (pp. 147 – 164). Charlotte, N.C.: Information Age Publishing.
15. Power, S.A. (2018). Remembering and Imagining in Human Development: Fairness and Social Movements in Ireland. In Constance de Saint-Laurent, Sandra Obradovic, and Kevin Carriere (Eds). *Imagining Collective Futures: Perspectives from Social, Cultural and Political Psychology* (pp. 221 – 235). Palgrave Macmillan: UK.
14. Power, S.A. (2018). Economic Inequality and the Rise of Civic Discontent: Remembering and Deprivation in the Republic of Ireland. In Brady Wagoner, Fathali Moghaddam and Jaan Valsiner (Eds). *The Psychology of Radical Social Change: From Rage to Revolution* (pp. 29 – 53). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

13. Power, S.A., Velez, G., Qadafi, A. and Tennant, J. (2018). The *SAGE* Model of Social Psychological Research. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*. Vol 13, Issue 3, pp. 359 – 372.
12. Power, S.A. (2017). *From the elites to the streets: The psychology of democracy and economic inequality*. The University of Chicago, Chicago, USA.
11. Power, S. A. (2016). A Violent Past but a Peaceful Present: The Cultural Psychology of an Irish Recession. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, Vol. 22 (1), 60 – 66.
10. Power, S.A. (2015). To Understand the Eurozone Crisis, Consider Culture. *Chicago Booth Review*. (p.63-65).
9. Warren, Z. and Power, S.A. (2015). It's Contagious: Rethinking a Metaphor Dialogically. *Culture & Psychology*. Vol. 21 (3), 359 – 379.
8. Power, S. A. (2014). Humans as Objects: Processes, Predictions and Problems. *Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*. Vol. 20 (4), 593-594.
7. Power, S.A. (2014). Where I end, where you begin. *Science*. Vol. 345, (6194), 262.
6. Power, S.A. (2014). Powerful Ideas: Cultural Psychology and the Transformation of Societies. *Ethos: Journal for Psychological Anthropology*. Vol., 42 (2), E6-E9.
5. Shweder, R.A. and Power, S.A. (2013). Robust Cultural Pluralism: An Interview with Professor Richard A. Shweder. *Europe's Journal of Psychology*, Vol. 9 (4), 671-686.
4. Power, S.A. (2013). Continuing the Dialogue. *Theory & Psychology*, Vol. 23 (1), 140-142.
3. Power, S.A. (2011). Towards a Dialogical Model of Conflict Resolution. *Psychology & Society*, Vol. 4 (1), 53-66.
2. Power, S.A. and Peterson, L. (2011). Theorizing Propaganda: Extending Kohl (2011). *Psychology & Society*, Vol. 4 (1), 27-30.
1. Power, S.A. (2011). On Social Psychology and Conflict Resolution. *Psychology & Society*, Vol. 4 (1), 1-6.

### Manuscripts Under Review

Skauge, A., Haugestad, C. Kunst, J., and Power, S.A. (revise and resubmit). A mixed-methods socio-cultural psychological investigation of the #FridaysForFuture youth environmentalist movement in Norway. (Winner of the U.N. Sustainability Award from the University of Oslo).

### Manuscripts In Preparation

Power, S.A & Moghaddam (in preparation). How do governments shape social movements? Psychological explanations of repertoires of control

Power, S.A. and Velez, G. (in preparation). Field Social Psychology: What is it? Why do we need it? How do we do it?

Power, S.A., Shackleford, C. and Shweder, R. A. (in preparation). What's on your un-American cultural activities list?

Power, S.A., Shackleford, C., Mandalaywala, T. and Kay, A. (in preparation). The psychology of radical social change: how protests lead to social movements.

Power, S.A., Shackleford, C., Sheehy-Skeffington, J., Hauser, O. (in preparation). How unfair economic recoveries lead to civic unrest.

Power, S.A., Zittoun, T. Akkerman, S. (...12 other authors...), Gillespie, A. (in preparation). Social psychology of and for world making.

Power, S.A., Shackleford, C. & Wang, Q. (in preparation). Cross-cultural variation in memories of recurring dreams reflect deep cultural differences: Evidence from U.S.A., U.K. and China.

Obradovic, S. Power, S.A., & Sheehy-Skeffington, J. (in preparation). A multi-method approach to understanding what national level factors lead to the emergence of right or left wing populism.

Velez, G. Taylor, G., & Power, S.A. (in preparation). Developing in a Dynamic World: Harnessing Psychology to Support the COVID-19 Generation.

Power, S.A. (in preparation). Social movements and imagining moral futures.

Morton, T.A., Heisig, J., Schaeffer, M., Power, S.A., & Udsen, R. (in preparation). How trust in politics and the people shape behaviour and well-being in response to the corona virus.

Power, S.A. Morton, T. Udsen, R., Heisig, J., Schaeffer, M. (in preparation). Typology of Trust: Cultural, institutional, and inter-personal trust in Denmark during the Covid-19 crisis.

Power, S.A. Morton, T. Udsen, R., Heisig, J., Schaeffer, M. (in preparation). Imagining beyond a crisis: Descriptive and moral possible futures resulting from the Covid-19 crisis.

### Invited Talks

Power, S.A. (TBA, 2021). What are the scopes and limits for diverse cultural practices in western liberal democracies? Keynote: Pluralistic Societies Conference. University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Power, S.A. (TBA, 2021). Economic Inequality and Civic Unrest. Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada.

Power, S.A. (December, 2020). Psychological Reactions to Dismal Economic Realities: From the Elites to the Streets: Presented at the Social Science Division at Bjorknes University College. Oslo, Norway.

Power, S.A. (September, 2020). The Infinity Theory of Social Movements. Presented at the Danish School of Education. Aarhus University. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Power, S.A. (June, 2019). Psychological Reactions to Dismal Economic Realities: From the Elites to the Streets." Presented at the Department of Psychology at the University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Power, S.A. (May, 2019). The future of socio-cultural psychology: Global problems and methodological pluralism. Presented at the University of Neuchatel. Neuchatel, Switzerland.

Power, S.A. (May, 2019). Where is my mind? Cultural psychological theories & methods to study mind in context. Presented at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (November, 2018). Psychological Reactions to Dismal Economic Realities: From the Elites to the Streets: Presented at the Department of Psychology at the University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway.

Power, S.A. (April, 2018). Psychological Reactions to Dismal Economic Realities: From the Elites to the Streets: Presented at the Department of Methodology at the London School of Economics. London, UK.

Power, S.A. (January, 2018). Psychological Reactions to Dismal Economic Realities: From the Elites to the Streets." Presented at the Department of Human Development at Cornell University. Ithaca, USA.

Power, S.A. (December, 2017). "The Big Three of Social Movements: Remembering, Deprivation, and Imagining." Presented at the Department of Psychology at the University of Limerick. Limerick, Ireland.

Power, S.A. (May, 2016). "From the Elites to the Streets: A Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession." Presented at Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (February, 2016). "From the Elites to the Streets: A Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession." Presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Niels Bohr Lecture Series. Aalborg, Denmark.

## Presentations

Power, S.A. (February, 2021). "Cultural Psychology – The View From *Manywheres*." Promotion talk presented to the Department of Psychology at the University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark. [Available to view online: [here](#)].

Power, S.A. (October, 2020) "Memory and Social Change." Presented as part of a panel at the Inaugural Symposium of the Memory Studies Association. University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Power, S.A. (June, 2019). "Teaching students how to think, not what to think: Three methods." Presented to the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Power, S.A. (November, 2018). "Navigating the academic job market as a transdisciplinary scholar: challenges and opportunities." Presented at the professional development seminar series at the Department of Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (June, 2017). "From the Elites to the Streets: The Psychology of Democracy and Economic Inequality." Dissertation defense talk presented at the Department of Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (February, 2017). "Why I write. How I write. And where to publish." Presented at the Global Transitions in Human Development workshop at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (July, 2016). "The Deprivation – Protest Paradox: How unfulfilled moral expectations lead to the legitimacy of civic disobedience." Presented at the APA Division 45 Conference on Race, Ethnicity, and Culture. Stanford, USA.

Power, S.A. (May, 2016). "The Deprivation – Protest Paradox: How unfulfilled moral expectations lead to the legitimacy of civic disobedience." Presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (2015, May). "The Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession: The Elites and the Unemployed." Presented at the Annual Social Science Division Conference. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (2015, May). "The Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession: The Elites and the Unemployed." Presented at the Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology. New York, USA.

Power S.A. (2015, April). "The Cultural Psychology of the Irish Recession: A Violent Past but a Peaceful Present." Presented at the Society for Psychological Anthropology. Boston, USA.

Power, S.A. (2014, October). "The Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession: The Elites and the Unemployed." Guest Lecture in Cultural Psychology presented at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (May, 2014). 'Anatomy of an Irish Recession: A Violent Past but a Peaceful Present'. Presented at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (May, 2008). 'On stereotypes of beautiful people – creation and avoidance'. Presented at the 9th annual joint University of Cambridge and London School of Economics Conference. Cambridge, England.

Power, S.A. (March, 2008). 'Representing Beauty'. Presented at the Department of Psychology at the University of Cambridge. Cambridge, England.

## In the Media

Power, S.A. (2021, March 9<sup>th</sup>). [Ulighed, krise, og kultur](#). (Inequality, crises, & culture). Séamus Power interviewed by Gustav Kristensen and Erik Seidenfaden-Lassen for the "Studerende i Babelsbiblioteket" (Students at the library of Babel) podcast.

Power, S.A. (2020, May 16<sup>th</sup>). Team results featured in "[New Danish Study – Johanne and lots of other Danes have suffered mentally during the Corona virus](#)" by Sebastian Bjerring Jensen. *B.T.*

Power, S.A. (2020, May 6<sup>th</sup>). Radio: "RTÉ Drivetime" Invited discussant on "[Lessons from Denmark for the re-opening of Irish society during the COVID-19 crisis.](#)" *RTÉ Radio 1.*

Power, S.A. (2020, May 1<sup>st</sup>). Comments featured in "[I have seen the future – And it's not the life we knew](#)" by Uri Friedman. *The Atlantic.*

Power, S.A. (2019, May 22<sup>nd</sup>). [The global aspects of an Irish protest against Donald Trump.](#) *RTÉ Brainstorm.*

Power, S.A. (2018, October 30<sup>th</sup>). [Séamus Power: Violations of Fairness in a Generation of Protests.](#) *Dialogo.* Interviewed by Tina Cormier.

Power, S.A. Velez, G., Qadafi, A., & Tennant, J. (2018, August 28<sup>th</sup>). [The SAGE model of social psychological research.](#) *Character & Context: Society for Personality & Social Psychology Blog.*

Power, S.A. (2018, August 1<sup>st</sup>). [What lessons did Ireland really learn from the recession?](#) *RTÉ Brainstorm.*

Power, S.A. (2018, May 31<sup>st</sup>). [Why write for the popular press?](#) *International Society for Political Psychology.*

Power, S.A. (2017, October 1<sup>st</sup>). Comments featured in "[Take a knee protest against U.S. President: is the uprising capturing the entire U.S.?](#)" by Simon Schutz in *BILD.*

Power, S.A. (2017, January 31<sup>st</sup>). Comments featured in "[4 rules for making a protest work, according to experts](#)" by Brian Resnick in *Vox.*

Power, S.A. (2016, January 22<sup>nd</sup>). Comments featured in "[What journalists get wrong about social science: full responses](#)" by Brian Resnick in *Vox.*

Power, S.A. (2016, May 26<sup>th</sup>). "[Do Irish people at home and abroad feel differently about recession and recovery?](#)" By Ciara Kenny in *The Irish Times.*

Power, S.A. & Nussbaum, D. (2016, March 15<sup>th</sup>). ['You Reap What You Sow': The Psychology of Irish Austerity Protests.](#) *The Guardian.*

(Op Ed also featured in *Medium*: "[Psychology 2016: A Year in Review](#)").

Nussbaum, D. and Power, S.A. (2015, February 28<sup>th</sup>). [Can Violence Be Moral?](#) *The Guardian*.

Power, S.A. and Nussbaum, D. (2014, July 24<sup>th</sup>). [The Fightin' Irish? Not when it comes to recession and austerity.](#) *The Guardian*.

Power, S.A. (2014, July 30<sup>th</sup>). [The Fightin' Irish](#) Op Ed was reprinted on the Newstalk.com website.

Power, S.A. (July 23<sup>rd</sup> & August, 10<sup>th</sup>). Radio: Invited discussant on "Psychology of the Recession." *Beat FM 102-103fm*

Power, S.A. (2014, August 2<sup>nd</sup>). Radio: "The Business" Invited discussant on "[Psychology of the Recession.](#)" *RTÉ Radio 1*.

Power, S.A. (2014, August 4<sup>th</sup>). [Powerful Ideas: Cultural Psychology and the Transformation of Societies.](#) *Character & Context: Society for Personality & Social Psychology Blog*.

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