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EDUCATION

- 2014–present **Ph.D., Sociology** (expected summer 2026)
University of Wisconsin–Madison
Dissertation: *The British Class Matrix*
Committee: Ivan Ermakoff (chair), Gay Seidman, Fabien Accominotti
Preliminary Exams: Political Sociology; Class Analysis and Historical Change
Minor: Political Science
- 2012–2013 **M.Sc., Nationalism Studies** (with Distinction)
University of Edinburgh
- 2005–2009 **M.A., Political Science** (with Honours)
University of Glasgow

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Inequality, Political Sociology, Populism, Nationalism, Alternatives to Capitalism, Comparative-Historical Methods, Quantitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Foley, James and Peter Ramand. 2014. *Yes: The Radical Case for Scottish Independence*. London: Pluto Press.

Edited Volumes

Ramand, Peter and Jamie Maxwell, editors. 2014. *Old Nations, Auld Enemies, New Times: The Selected Works of Tom Nairn*. Edinburgh: Luath Press.

Book Chapters

Ramand, Peter. “The Strategic Dilemmas of Democratic Socialism.” In *The Left and the Ballot Box: The Strategic Dilemmas of Democratic Socialism in Europe and the Americas*, edited by Peter Ramand, Patrick Barrett, and Daniel Chavez. Forthcoming.

Foley, James and Peter Ramand. “Democratic Socialism, Nationalism and Left-Populism.” In *The Left and the Ballot Box: The Strategic Dilemmas of Democratic Socialism in Europe and the Americas*, edited by Peter Ramand, Patrick Barrett, and Daniel Chavez. Forthcoming.

Ramand, Peter. 2024. “From Class Analysis to Real Utopias and Back Again: Erik Olin Wright in Conversation with Left Populism.” In *Engaging Erik Olin Wright: Between Class Analysis and Real Utopias*, edited by Michael Burawoy and Gay Seidman. London: Verso.

Journal Articles

Foley, James and Peter Ramand. 2018. “In Fear of Populism: Referendums and Neoliberal Democracy.” *Socialist Register* 54.

Research Reports

Ramand, Peter and Kristinn Már Ársælsson. 2026. “Politics After the Pandemic: Attitudes to Democracy, Authoritarianism, Protest and the ‘Culture War’ Across Six Countries.” ENDURE Project Research Report.

Selected Public Writing

Foley, James and Peter Ramand. 2023. "A Second Scottish Independence Referendum Isn't Going to Happen." *Jacobin*.

Ramand, Peter. 2014. "Scotland's Labour Traditions Are the Real Battleground for the Yes Vote." *The Guardian*.

Ramand, Peter. 2014. "To Understand UKIP, Britain's Establishment Must Identify Its Own Nationalism." *Open Democracy*.

Additional writing in *Jacobin*, *Open Democracy*, *Bella Caledonia*, and others.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Ramand, Peter. "Neo-Marxist and Neo-Weberian Approaches to Mapping the Class Structure: The Convergence of Erik Olin Wright and John Goldthorpe's Class Analysis."

Ramand, Peter. "Reconstructing Erik Olin Wright's 'Contradictory Class Locations' Matrix from British NS-SEC Data."

Ramand, Peter. "Testing the Validity of Erik Olin Wright's Neo-Marxist Class Schema."

Már Ársælsson, Kristinn and Peter Ramand. "How Populist Is America? Mapping Anti-elite and Nationalist Sentiment in the United States Using Latent Class Analysis."

Ramand, Peter, Patrick Barrett, and Daniel Chavez, editors. *The Left and the Ballot Box: The Strategic Dilemmas of Democratic Socialism in Europe and the Americas*. In preparation.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022–2025 **Lead Researcher, Survey Study (Cluster III)**

ENDURE: Inequalities, Community Resilience and New Governance Modalities in a Post-Pandemic World

Trans-Atlantic Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities (T-AP)

Lead PI: Mihai Varga, Freie Universität Berlin. Total budget: €1.5 million.

Designed and fielded a six-country survey experiment (UK, US, Germany, Poland, Croatia, Brazil) testing causes of populist mobilization. Constructed Erik Olin Wright's class matrix in each national context. Survey budget: \$88,000.

INVITED TALKS

"Who Are the Professional Managerial Class (PMC) in Britain and What Do They Do?" Havens Wright Center for Social Justice, University of Wisconsin–Madison, February 2023.

"The Antinomies of Left Populism: Britain, Spain and the US Compared." Democratic Socialism in Global Perspective Conference, Transnational Institute, January 2021. With James Foley.

"Scottish Independence in Global Perspective." "From the Streets to the State" Conference, Department of Politics, York University, Toronto, November 2017.

"Class, Nationalism and the Crisis of the British State: Analyzing Scotland's Independence Referendum." Havens Center Visiting Scholars Program, University of Wisconsin–Madison, October 2014.

"The Break-Up of Britain and the Radical Case for Scottish Independence." Panel: "The Radical Case for Scottish Independence," House of Commons, Westminster, June 2014. Organized by Open Democracy, Red Pepper, and Plaid Cymru.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Marxism and Left-Populism." Reconstructing Critical Social Theory Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz, April 2026. (Travel funded.)

- “Politics After the Pandemic: Attitudes to Democracy, Authoritarianism, Protest and the ‘Culture War’ Across Six Countries.” ENDURE Project Conference, 2025.
- “The Strategic Dilemmas of Democratic Socialism.” “Starting Over: Mass Politics and the Future of the Left” Conference, *Alternate Routes: A Journal of Critical Social Research* and University of Naples Federico II, May 2025.
- “Empirically Adjudicating Between Competing Marxist Definitions of Class: Erik Olin Wright and the Debate on the Professional Managerial Class.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2023.
- “The Class Dynamics of Britain’s Constitutional Crisis: Nationalism, Brexit and Scottish Independence.” Social Stratification Research Seminar, University of Stirling, September 2022.
- “From Class Analysis to Real Utopias and Back Again: Erik Olin Wright in Conversation with Left Populism.” Alternative Futures and Popular Protest Conference, University of Manchester, June 2022.
- “The Class Dynamics of Britain’s Multifaceted Constitutional Crisis: Nationalism, Brexit and Scottish Independence.” Panel: “Celebrating Erik Olin Wright’s Class Analysis,” International Sociological Association Conference, February 2021.
- “Class, Nation and the Breakup of Britain.” International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) Annual Conference, 2021.
- “Varieties of American Populism: Affect, Ideology and Authoritarianism.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 2020. With Kristinn Már Ársælsson.
- “Mapping and Comparing Populisms in the United States and the United Kingdom.” European Sociological Association Annual Conference, September 2019. With Kristinn Már Ársælsson.
- “Populism and Affect in the United States.” Populism Mini-Conference, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August 2019. With Kristinn Már Ársælsson.
- “Anti-populism and Populism: Concept Building and a Relational Approach to the Study of Populism.” Politics and Culture Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison, February 2018.
- “Populism, Nationalism and Sovereignty: New Dynamics of Contention.” Politics and Culture Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison, October 2016.
- “Neoliberalism, Inequality and the Delegitimization of the Post-Colonial State: Contentious Politics and the Emergence of New Nationalisms in Egypt and Bolivia.” Sociology of Development Conference, Brown University, February 2015.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

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| 2023 | Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Marxist Sociology, American Sociological Association |
| 2015 | Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison

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| Spring 2015 | Sociology 134: Race and Ethnicity in America |
| Fall 2014 | Sociology 125: American Society: How It Really Works |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2015–present | Project Assistant , Havens Wright Center for Social Justice, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Organized seminar series, coordinated visiting scholar programs, and managed public lectures and events. |
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Organized “Democratic Socialism in Global Perspective” international conference (2021) with Patrick Barrett and Daniel Chavez (Transnational Institute, Amsterdam), bringing together speakers from 20+ countries.

Lead editor of forthcoming book based on the conference (Pluto Press, 2027), overseeing translation, editing, and development of chapters from academics and movement-based contributors.

Other Experience

2012–2014 **Co-founder and Organizer**, Radical Independence Campaign, Scotland

Co-founded grassroots campaign during the 2014 Scottish independence referendum. Organized national conferences, mass canvasses, and coalition-building across trade unions, communities, and social movements.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSION

2018–2019 Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison

2017–2018 Cohort Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Fall 2016 Organizer, Reading Marx Seminar (supported by Mustafa Emirbayer), Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison

LANGUAGES AND SOFTWARE

Languages: English (native), Spanish (conversational)

Software: Stata, R, Descript, Riverside

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Section on Political Sociology

Section on Marxist Sociology

Theory Section

Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work

Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility

REFERENCES

Ivan Ermakoff (advisor)

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