**PROF. SIMON TORMEY**

**APPOINTMENTS**

***2009-present Professor of Politics, University of Sydney***

2009-2018 Professor and founding Head of the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Sydney

2007-2009 Head of School, Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham [Deputy Head, 2007-9]

2006-2009 Founding Director, Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice, University of Nottingham

2005-2009 Professor of Politics and Critical Theory, University of Nottingham

2001-2005 Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Nottingham

1990-2000 Lecturer in Politics, University of Nottingham

1990-2009 Affiliate, Postgraduate School of Critical Theory and Cultural Studies

1989-1990 Lecturer in Politics, University of Leicester

1988-1989 Research Scholar, Department of Politics, University of Leicester

**RESEARCH AREAS**

Political Theory, History of Ideas, Political Sociology, European Politics, Philosophy and Methodology of Social Enquiry, Continental Thought.

**KEY PUBLICATIONS - BOOKS**

S. F. Tormey, *Populism*, (Oxford, Oneworld) – MS accepted October 15th 2018, publication expected early 2019, pp. 200.

R. A. Feenstra, S. F. Tormey, A. Casero-Ripollés, J. Keane, *The Refiguring of Democracy: The Spanish Political Laboratory* (London: Routledge, June 2017), pp. 120.

S. F. Tormey, *The End of Representative Politics* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2015), pp. 168.

S. F. Tormey and J. Townshend, *Key Thinkers from Critical Theory to Post-Marxism* (London and New York: Sage, 2006), pp. 250.

S. F. Tormey, *Anti-Capitalism* (Oxford and New York: Oneworld, 2004), pp. 193- Revised edition published June 2013.

S. F. Tormey, *Agnes Heller: Socialism, Autonomy and the Postmodern* (Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press/Palgrave USA, 2001), pp. 220

C. Pierson and S. F. Tormey (eds), *Politics at the Edge: The PSA Yearbook 1999* (London and Basingstoke: Macmillan, 2000), pp. 284

S. F. Tormey, *Making Sense of Tyranny: Interpretations of Totalitarianism* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1995), pp. 202

**RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES (SINCE 2014)**

‘Populism: Democracy’s Pharmakon?’, *Policy Studies* (in press for publication in 2018).

‘The End of Representative Politics: a reply to critics’ *EPS:* *European Political Science*. Online version published January 2017.

(with J-P Gagnon) ‘The End of Representative Politics, Revisited’, *Democratic Theory*, vol. 4, no. 2 (2017), pp. 82-101.

(with R. Feenstra, A. Casero-Ripollés), ‘Old and new media logics in an electoral campaign: the case of Podemos’, *The International Journal of Press and Politics*, vol. 21, no. 3 (2016), pp. 378-97.

(with R. Feenstra, V. Ordonez), ‘Citizens Against Austerity: a comparative reflection on Plataforma de Afectados por la Hipoteca (PAH) and Bündnis Zwangsräumung Verhindern (BZV)’. *Araucaria*, vol. 17, no. 34 (Winter 2015), pp. 133-54.

‘Democracy will never be the same again: 21st Century Protest and the Transformation of Politics’, *Recerca, Revista de Pensament i Analisi*, no. 17 (2015), pp. 107-28.

(with R. Feenstra), ‘Reinventing the political party in Spain: 15M and the Spanish mobilisations’. *Policy Studies,* vol. 36, no. 6 (December 2015), pp. 590-606.

‘How realistic is “reconstituting realism?”, *Contemporary Political Theory*, vol. 14, no. 3, (2015) pp. 276-313.

‘The contemporary crisis of representative democracy’, *Democratic Theory*, vol. 1, no. 2 (2014) pp. 104-12. \* republished by the Australian Senate in *Papers on Parliament*, no. 66, pp. 85-96.

(with B. Moffitt), ‘Rethinking populism: Politics, mediatisation and political style’, *Political Studies*, vol. 62, no. 2 (2014) pp. 381-97. [Runner-up, PSA Harrison Prize for the best article in *Political Studies*, 2014.]

**CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

1. *The Crisis of Liberal Democracy* (2009-present) – Political and philosophical aspects of the erosion of representation (voting, party membership, political trust, collective identities and ideologies). What are the causes and normative consequences of the crisis? Is the emergence of populism a cause or an effect of the crisis? Single-author book published in 2015 with Polity - on-going publication and presentations. Informed by annual fieldwork in Spain since 2013, investigating a variety of different groups and mobilisations. Co-authored book published in 2017 with Routledge (with Spanish translation). Single author book on Populism to be published 2019.

2. *Connective Politics and Governance* – (2013-present) – What are the consequences of the shift from traditional forms of collective action based around asymmetric organisational forms to network forms based on horizontal forms? How can we measure the effectiveness of new political organisations? How does connective politics translate into connective governance? $300k grant awarded by the Halloran Trust (Sydney) to examine the new city governance in Madrid and Barcelona as part of a larger comparative study. Two weeks fieldwork completed June 2018.

3. *Digitisation, new media logics and the Political* (2013-present) – What is the impact of the digital in terms of our understanding of how politics works, for whom (‘infopolitics’ vs ‘biopolitics’)? What is the impact of new ‘media logics’ (Web.2 etc) on our understanding of political needs and capacities? Does communicative abundance and hyper-mediation reinforce distance, anomie or create new kinds of immediacy in political terms? Media commentary on the cases of *inter alia*: Podemos, ‘Corbyn-mania’ and Russell Brand leading to a book proposal for Polity on new media logics and democracy.