

**Helena Rosenblatt**  
**short CV**

**Education:** Ph. D. in European History, Columbia University, 1994.

**Dissertation:** “Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Geneva”

**Current and Past Positions:** Professor of History, The Graduate Center, City University of New York (2002-); Professor of French, (2008-); Professor of Political Science (2019-).

**Fellowships/ Honors:**

My latest book was named one of *Foreign Affair's* Best Books of 2018; one of *The American Interest's* Top Books of 2018; *Editor's Picks'* Favorite Nonfiction Book of 2018; *Isthmus'* Most Important Read of 2018; and one of *El Confidencial's* (Spanish): Ten Best Books of the Year.

2020-2021 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

2010 Prix Benjamin Constant, Lausanne, Switzerland

2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Hunter College

**Publications:**

**Sole authored books:**

In preparation: An Intellectual Biography of Madame de Staël, under contract with Princeton University Press.

*The Lost History of Liberalism: From Ancient Rome to the Twenty-First Century*, Princeton University Press, 2018.

Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, translations forthcoming

*Liberal Values: Benjamin Constant and the Politics of Religion*, Cambridge University Press, 2008.

*Rousseau and Geneva. From the First Discourse to the Social Contract, 1749-1762*, Cambridge University Press, 1997; French translation, Editions Markus Haller, 2019

**Edited books:**

*Thinking with Rousseau, from Machiavelli to Schmitt*, co-edited with Paul Schweigert, Cambridge University Press, 2017.

*French Liberalism from Montesquieu to the Present Day*, co-edited with Raf Geenens, Cambridge University Press, 2012.

A Bedford/St. Martin's Press edition (and new translation) of Jean-Jacques Rousseau's *Discourse on the Origin and Foundations of Inequality*

*The Cambridge Companion to Constant*, Cambridge University Press, 2009.

**Peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia essays published since 2012**

"Constant, Benjamin," *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, Springer Online, April, 2020

"The Rise and Decline of 'Liberalism' in France," *In Search of European Liberalisms. Concepts, Languages, Ideologies*, eds. Michael Freeden, Javier Fernández Sebastián, Jörn Leonard, Berghan Books, 2019.

"Madame de Staël's Religion," in *Germaine, ou la politique. Mme de Staël 1817-2017, Storia del pensiero politico* 3 (September-December, 2018), pp. 403-418.

"The Liberal Mysticism of Madame de Staël," in *Life Forms in the Thinking of the Long Eighteenth Century*, eds. Keith M. Baker and Jenna Gibbs, University of Toronto Press, 2016

"Sismondi, from Republicanism to Liberal Protestantism," in Bela Kapossy and Pascal Bridel, eds., *Sismondi: Républicanisme moderne et libéralisme critique/Modern Republicanism and Critical Liberalism*, Slatkine, 2013, pp. 123-143.

"Liberalism and Religion," in *In the Footsteps of Herodotus. Towards European Political thought*, "Il pensiero politico" Biblioteca no. 33, Florence: Leo S. Olschki, 2012

"On the Need for a Protestant Reformation: Constant, Sismondi, Guizot and Laboulaye," in *French Liberalism from Montesquieu to the Present Day* eds. Raf Geenens and Helena Rosenblatt, Cambridge University Press, 2012.

**A sampling of recent op eds/essays in the mainstream media**

With Vasant Dhar, "Social Media platforms are undermining our democracy; lawmakers need to step up and protect it," *Business Insider*, September 17, 2020

"No, there isn't a constitutional right not to wear masks," *The Washington Post*, 8/20/2020

"Before we can save liberalism, we must first know what it is," *The Hill*, May 7, 2019.

"Liberal Democracy is in crisis. But...do we know what it is?" *The Guardian*, 27 May, 2018

**Other relevant activities:** Over twelve podcasts/interviews on the topic of liberalism; fifteen invited talks on my latest book, *The Lost History of Liberalism*; four recent invited talks or keynotes on my new book project (an intellectual biography of Madame de Staël).