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## Short presentation

Since retirement, he has focussed on writing shorter pieces concerned with boundaries/margins/mobility and on empire and its aftereffects. He is also preparing a memoir currently entitled 'Living with British Post-Imperialism: a Memoir' From 2003 to 2016, Associate Professor in Political Theory and the History of Ideas at the University of Copenhagen. Previously (1993-2002) Lecturer/Reader in European Politics at the University of Surrey (UK). From 1977 to 1993, he was a member of the academic staff at the British Open University. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy, an M.A. in the History of Ideas, a *Maîtrise de Philosophie*, and Ph.D. in Government (from the London School of Economics).  
Current research interests centre on the spatial, geopolitical and identity construction of socio-political orders: their borders, boundaries and margins; and empires as non-sovereign-state forms extending over space. Longer-standing interests have been the meaning and historical evolution of practices of contention such as revolution and terrorism; and the validity and force of survivals from Enlightenment thought.

Spring 2014: Honorary Research Fellow at University of Sussex Centre for Advanced International Theory

Spring 2010: Honorary University Fellow at the University of Exeter, UK

## Publications

### **Travellers' Tales: How Human Stories Portray 'Elsewhere'**

Parker, Noel, 2022, *Routledge Handbook of Borders and Tourism*. Timothy, D. J. & Gelbman, A. (eds.). London: Routledge, p. 17-31

### **Borderwork and its contraries: boundary-making and the re-imagining of borders**

Parker, Noel, 2020, *Debating and Defining Borders: philosophical and theoretical perspectives*. Routledge, p. 43 56 p.

### **Concluding remarks to the special issue: Rethinking periphery in Europe: redistributing the cards**

Parker, Noel, Oct 2019, In: *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*. 27, 4, p. 479-485 6 p.

### **Empire and International Order**

Parker, Noel (ed.), Apr 2013, Aldershot: Ashgate. 168 p.

### **Empires and the Sovereign State Order: A Revisionist History**

Parker, Noel, Apr 2013, *Empire and International Order*. Parker, N. (ed.). Aldershot: Ashgate, p. 69-91 22 p.

### **Introduction: Empires and the international – in History or throughout History**

Parker, Noel, Apr 2013, *Empire and International Order*. Parker, N. (ed.). Aldershot: Ashgate, p. 1-18

### **Critical Border Studies: Broadening and Deepening the 'Lines in the Sand' Agenda**

Parker, Noel & Vaughan-Williams, N., 2012, In: *Geopolitics*. 17, 4, p. 727-733 6 p.

### **Picking and Choosing the 'Sovereign'Border: A Theory of Changing State Bordering Practices**

Parker, Noel & Adler-Nissen, Rebecca, 2012, In: *Geopolitics*. 17, 4, p. 773-796 23 p.

**Imperial Rule and the Art of Managing Diversity: Review of Jane Burbank & Frederick Cooper: Empires in World History: Power and the Politics of Difference. Princeton University Press, 2010**

Parker, Noel, 2011, In: Journal of Political Power . 4, 3, p. 451-455

**Imperial power and the organization of space in Europe and North America**

Parker, Noel & Gravier, M., 2011, In: Journal of Political Power . 4, 3, p. 451-455 4 p.

**Imperialism, territory, and liberation: on the dynamics of empire stemming from Europe**

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**Journal of Political Power**

Parker, Noel (ed.) & Gravier, M. (ed.), 2011, 3 ed. Taylor & Francis.

**Empire as a Geopolitical Figure**

Parker, Noel, 2010, In: Geopolitics. 15, 1-2, p. 109 - 132

**From Borders to Margins: A Deleuzian Ontology for Identities in the Postinternational Environment**

Parker, Noel, 2009, In: Alternatives - Global Local Political. 34, 1, p. 17-39 22 p.

**Lines in the Sand? Towards an Agenda for Critical Border Studies**

Parker, Noel & Vaughan-Williams, N., 2009, In: Geopolitics. 14, 3, p. 582-587 5 p.

**Parallaksy: revolutsii i "revolutsiya" v global'nom predstavlenii**

Parker, Noel, 2009, *Kontsept "Revolutsiya" v sovremennom politicheskom diskurse*. Blyakher, B. V. M. & Pavlov, A. V. (eds.). Petersburg: Aleteiia, p. 163-184

**A Theoretical Introduction: Space, Centers, and Margins**

Parker, Noel, 2008, *The Geopolitics of Europe's Identity: Centers, Boundaries, and Margins*. Parker, N. (ed.). New York: Palgrave Macmillan, p. 3-23

**Conclusion**

Parker, Noel, 2008, *The Geopolitics of Europe's Identity: Centers, Boundaries, and Margins*. Parker, N. (ed.). New York: Palgrave Macmillan, p. 225-234

**Denmark's and Britain's Marginality Strategies Compared**

Parker, Noel, 2008, *The Geopolitics of Europe's Identity: Centers, Boundaries, and Margins*. Parker, N. (ed.). New York: Palgrave Macmillan, p. 103-120

**Europe and a Globalizing United States: Political Ideals Projected and Counter-projected**

Parker, Noel, 2008, *The Geopolitics of Europe's Identity: Centers, Boundaries, and Margins*. Parker, N. (ed.). New York: Palgrave Macmillan, p. 121-139

**The Geopolitics of Europe's Identity: Centers, Boundaries and Margins**

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**Northern Europe as a "Constructive Margin"**

Parker, Noel, 2006, *Wider Europe: Nordic and Baltic Lessons to Post-Enlargement Europe*. Tassinari, F., Joenniemi, P. & Jakobsen, U. (eds.). Copenhagen: Hans Reitzels Forlag, p. 39-48

**Religion and politics: Voltaire's and Rousseau's Enlightenment strategies**

Parker, Noel, 2006, In: Distinktion : Scandinavian Journal of Social Theory. 12, p. 93-115

**Da Revolução à Tecnocracia, ou Euroscepticismo: os significados de 1989**

Parker, Noel, 2005, *As Revoluções Contemporâneas*. Martins, F. & Oliveira, P. A. (eds.). Lissabon: Colibri, p. 233-258

**Parallaxes: Revolutions and "Revolution" in a Globalized Imaginary**

Parker, Noel, 2003, *The Future of Revolutions: rethinking political and social change in the age of globalization*. Foran, J. (ed.). London: Zed Books, p. 42-56

**Political Thought and Political Forms**

Parker, Noel, 2003, In: *Politologiske studier (Tema:Film og politik)*. 6, 1, p. 44-56

**Review of J.K.J. Thomson: Decline in History: the European Experience. Polity Press, 1998**

Parker, Noel, 2003, In: *Journal of World History*. 14, 3, p. 402-406

**Differentiating, Collaborating, Outdoing: Nordic identity and marginality in the contemporary world**

Parker, Noel, 2002, In: *Identities - Global Studies in Culture and Power*. 9, 3, p. 355-381

**Activities**

**The Space of Cities**

Parker, Noel (Lecturer)

29 Oct 2015

**E.S.F. Exploratory Workshop**

Parker, Noel (Participant)

30 Oct 2014

**Centre for Advanced International Theory: Honorary Research Fellow**

Parker, Noel (Participant)

15 Feb 2014 → 30 Jun 2014

**IPSA RC 36**

Parker, Noel (Participant)

27 Sep 2013

**Sixth Deleuze Studies International Conference**

Parker, Noel (Participant)

9 Jul 2013

**European Statehood: Challenged, paradoxical or just plain incoherent?**

Parker, Noel (Speaker)

27 Jan 2013

**Empire: Hvorfor er 'Imperiet' blevet aktuelt igen? Hvad er det imperiet som koncept kan forklare os om verden i det 21. århundrede?**

Parker, Noel (Lecturer)

1 Nov 2012

**Critical Junctures of Globalization**

Parker, Noel (Speaker)

16 Sep 2012 → 18 Sep 2012

**Honorary University Fellow, University of Exeter**

Parker, Noel (Participant)  
1 Apr 2010 → 31 Aug 2010

**Journal of International Relations and Development (Journal)**

Parker, Noel (Editor)  
26 Feb 2010 → ...

**Geopolitics (Journal)**

Parker, Noel (Editor)  
1 Feb 2010 → ...

**Globalizations (Journal)**

Parker, Noel (Editor)  
1 Feb 2010 → ...

**Journal of European Public Policy (Journal)**

Parker, Noel (Editor)  
1 Feb 2010 → ...

**Political Geography (Journal)**

Parker, Noel (Editor)  
1 Feb 2010 → ...

**Beyond the border: Drawing new lines around political order.**

Parker, Noel (Organizer)  
1 Jun 2009 → ...

**Empires Past, Present and Future I & II: European and American Reflections', and '...prognoses'.**

Parker, Noel (Organizer)  
1 Jun 2009 → ...

**Re-thinking IR – Imaginary Borders in the Time of the War on Terror.**

Parker, Noel (Organizer)  
1 Jun 2009 → ...

**'Empire over Europe: Past experience and Future prospects: European and American perceptions', with funding from University of Copenhagen Europa Satsningsområde.**

Parker, Noel (Organizer)  
1 Nov 2008 → ...

**Lines In The Sand? Non-Territorial Bordering Practices In Global Politics', with additional support from University of Copenhagen Migration Initiative and Centre for Advanced Security Theory.**

Parker, Noel (Organizer)  
1 Oct 2008 → 1 May 2009

**Borders, Lines, Margins: the Problem of the Limits of International Relations.**

Parker, Noel (Organizer)  
1 Feb 2007 → 1 Mar 2007

**Oxford University Press (Journal)**

Parker, Noel (Editor)  
1 Jan 2007 → ...

**Political Subjectivities in Globalizing Structures.**

Parker, Noel (Organizer)

1 Jun 2005 → ...

**Academic coordinator for the Danish Political Theory Network's 2004 conference 'Beyond the State'.**

Parker, Noel (Organizer)

1 Jun 2004 → ...

**Post-structuralism and theorising space.**

Parker, Noel (Organizer)

1 Jun 2004 → ...