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Bio

BIO

Jonathan Rodden is the Fairleigh S. Dickinson, Jr. Professor of Public Policy and the Faculty Chair of the Department of Political Science at Stanford. He works on the comparative political economy of institutions and has written several articles and three books on federalism and fiscal decentralization. One of those books, "Hamilton's Paradox: The Promise and Peril of Fiscal Federalism," was the recipient of the Gregory Luebbert Prize for the best book in comparative politics in 2007. He works with institutions including the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, USAID, and the European Parliament on issues related to fiscal decentralization and federalism.

He has also written papers on the geographic distribution of political preferences within countries, legislative bargaining, the distribution of budgetary transfers across regions, and the historical origins of political institutions. He has written a series of papers applying tools from mathematics and computer science to questions about redistricting, culminating in a 2019 book called "Why Cities Lose: The Deep Roots of the Urban-Rural Political Divide" (Basic Books). Rodden has also embarked on an inter-disciplinary collaborative project focused on handgun acquisition.

Rodden received his PhD from Yale University and his BA from the University of Michigan, and was a Fulbright student at the University of Leipzig, Germany. Before joining the Stanford faculty in 2007, he was the Ford Associate Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Other Affiliation:

Director of the Spatial Social Science Lab at Stanford

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Political Science
- Hoover Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution
- Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)

LINKS

- My Website: http://www.jonathanrodden.com/

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Comparative Political Economy: POLISCI 440B (Win)

2024-25

- The Science of Politics: POLISCI 1 (Aut)

2023-24

- Comparative Political Economy: POLISCI 440B (Win)
- The Science of Politics: POLISCI 1 (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Madison Dalton

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Douglas Leonard

Doctoral (Program)

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Fiscal Federalism in Canada (Book Review)** *PUBLIUS-THE JOURNAL OF FEDERALISM*
  Book Review Authored by: Rodden, J.
  2024
- **The Great Global Divider? A Comparison of Urban-Rural Partisan Polarization in Western Democracies** *COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STUDIES*
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  2024
- **The great recession and the public sector in rural America** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY*
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  2023
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- **Viral Voting: Social Networks and Political Participation** *QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
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- **Who Is My Neighbor? The Spatial Efficiency of Partisanship** *STATISTICS AND PUBLIC POLICY*
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- **Hybrid Regimes within Democracies: Fiscal Federalism and Subnational Rentier States. (Book Review)** *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS*
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- **Handgun Ownership and Suicide in California.** *The New England journal of medicine*
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- **Assembly of the LongSHOT cohort: public record linkage on a grand scale.** *Injury prevention : journal of the International Society for Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention*
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  2019
- **Geography, Uncertainty, and Polarization** *POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND METHODS*
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- **FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION AND THE BUSINESS CYCLE: AN EMPIRICAL STUDY OF SEVEN FEDERATIONS** *ECONOMICS & POLITICS*
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- **Federalism and inter-regional redistribution** *POLITICAL ECONOMY OF INTER-REGIONAL FISCAL FLOWS: MEASUREMENT, DETERMINANTS AND EFF ECTS ON COUNTRY STABILITY*
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