

PAUL RYAN KATZ

Professional Summary

Senior policy and development finance professional specializing in the governance and deployment of public capital for green and just transitions. At the Jain Family Institute, leads Social Wealth, an applied research, design, and partnership initiative focused on translating public-purpose mandates into financial vehicles and institutional strategies. Current work connects sovereign funds, public development banks, and finance-ministry counterparts across Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Fluent in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Employment

Senior Vice President, Social Wealth, Jain Family Institute, New York, NY, January 2025 – Present

- Direct a global workstream on development-mandated sovereign funds and their relationships with public development banks, DFIs, MDBs, and philanthropy, including a landscape study, a June 2026 London Climate Action Week reception co-hosted with the Forum of Brazilian Sovereign Wealth Funds, and closed-door convenings at the 2026 IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Bangkok and the 2027 Spring Meetings in Washington.
- Since 2024, lead the initiative to design a Multi-Sovereign Investment Fund with the Vulnerable Twenty Group of Finance Ministers (V20), the finance track of the 74-country Climate Vulnerable Forum, to support investment in resilience, adaptation, and mitigation, working in sustained collaboration with the Secretariat and in consultation with member governments.
- Support the ongoing development of the Forum of Brazilian Sovereign Wealth Funds through JFI Brasil, contributing to strategic planning, regulatory engagement, and international peer exchange.

Vice President and Lead Researcher, Social Wealth, Jain Family Institute, New York, NY, April 2020 – December 2024

- Founded and built the Social Wealth initiative, growing it from a single research project into a multi-country program on the governance and investment of public capital.
- Built the Brazil sovereign-funds workstream at JFI from its Niterói/UFF pilot, laying the foundation for a Forum whose members now manage roughly US\$2 billion in combined assets.
- Led California work on public-purpose financial institutions, including public-bank design and portfolio modeling for Los Angeles and CDFI-based guaranteed-income financing strategy for Compton.

Research Fellow, Guaranteed Income, Jain Family Institute, New York, NY, July 2019 – April 2020

- Managed the launch of a multi-method study of more than 5,000 households in the basic income program in Maricá, Brazil, the largest in Latin America.

Richard Hofstadter Fellow, Department of History, Columbia University, New York, NY, August 2013 – October 2021

- Completed doctoral research in Latin American history, including visiting fellowships at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, the Universidade Estadual de Campinas, and the Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social in Buenos Aires.

Selected Reports and Publications

- **Fondos soberanos.** Special SWF-focused issue of *Perspectivas Energéticas*. Co-edited with José María Valenzuela. El Colegio de México, forthcoming 2026.
- **Subnational Sovereign Wealth Funds in Brazil: Building Long-Term Public Capacity.** With Fernando Teixeira and Leandro Ferreira. Case study in the IFSWF 2026 Annual Review, *Concentration and Convergence*, pp. 49–58. International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds, 2026. [\[Link\]](#)
- **The State of SWF Social Impact Integration.** Jain Family Institute & the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF), 2025. [\[Link\]](#)
- **Mineral Wealth and Electrification: A Producer-Country Perspective.** With Jonah Allen and Sina Sinai. Jain Family Institute, 2024. [\[Link\]](#)
- **Municipal Public Banking.** Jain Family Institute & Berggruen Institute, 2023. [\[Link\]](#)
- **Renda Básica e Economia Solidária: O Exemplo de Maricá.** Edited volume on basic income and solidarity economy. With Fabio Waltenberg. Cortez Editora, 2023. [\[Link\]](#)

Selected Speaking and Panels

- **IFSWF Annual Meeting.** “Harnessing Sovereign Wealth for Social Good.” Muscat, 2024.
- **Open Society Foundations / IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings.** “Sovereign Wealth Funds & National Development Banks for Green Industrialization in the Global South.” Washington, DC, 2025.
- **African Union Africa Industrialization Week.** Two panels: procurement-linked regional integration finance; SME inclusion in SEZs. Kampala, 2025.
- **Cape Town Conversation (Observer Research Foundation and Thabo Mbeki Foundation).** “The Green Decoupling: Industrial Policy and the New Geography of Jobs.” 2025.

Education

Ph.D. in Latin American History, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2022

Specialization in Social History, Universidad Nacional de Luján, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2017

B.A. *summa cum laude* in History and Literature, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2009

Languages

English, native speaker

Portuguese, full professional fluency

Spanish, full professional fluency

French, limited working proficiency