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. Director of the Sovereign Investment Research & Design (SIRD) Unit at the CVF-V20 Secretariat. Previously founded and led the Jain Family Institute's Social Wealth initiative, translating public-purpose mandates into financial vehicles and institutional strategies. Across roles, has connected sovereign funds, public development banks, and finance-ministry counterparts in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Fluent in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Employment

Director, Sovereign Investment Research & Design, Climate Vulnerable Forum and V20 Finance Ministers (CVF-V20) Secretariat, New York, NY, October 2026 – Present

- Build and lead an in-house unit helping the CVF-V20's 77 member countries design and strengthen sovereign investment institutions and put public assets to work for green development.

Senior Vice President, Social Wealth, Jain Family Institute, New York, NY, January 2025 – October 2026

- Directed a global workstream on development-mandated sovereign funds and their relationships with public development banks, DFIs, MDBs, and philanthropy, including a landscape study and closed-door convenings at the 2026 IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Bangkok.
- Led the initiative with the CVF-V20 to design a Multi-Sovereign Investment Fund to support investment in resilience, adaptation, and mitigation, working in sustained collaboration with the Secretariat and in consultation with member governments.
- Supported 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, 2026. [Link]
- **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