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## Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology, Leiden University (NL)	2021-
- Under the direction of Dorota Mokrosinska & James McAllister	
Master in Philosophy - AI Ethics, Laval University (CAN)	2019-2021
- Under the direction of Jocelyn Maclure	
Baccalauréat in Philosophy and French literature, Montreal University (CAN)	2016-2019

## Scholarships

Canada Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (20 000\$ CAD/year)	2021-2025
Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships (105 000\$ CAD)	2021-2024
- Scholarship declined to go study abroad.	
OBVIA M.A. Fellowship Award (15 000\$ CAD)	2020-2021
Bourse Desjardins Baccalauréat (1250\$CAD)	2017

## In-The-Field Experience

<b>Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technology (ESDiT) (NL)</b>	2023-
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I am an affiliated member of ESDiT, working within The Future of a Fair & Free Society Line. This Line tries to map how the changes in social relations, social structures, social institutions, and democratic practices, brought about by SDTs affect the basic concepts of social and political philosophy.

**Ethics in Science and Technology Commission (Quebec Government)**

2020-2021

Employment at the Ethics in Science and Technology Commission as an ethics counsellor - student trainee.  
Active participation in various research, leading to several official reports and briefs<sup>1</sup> regarding the ethics of science and technology.

**Hub: Innovative Ideas Incubator, affiliated to the International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI and Digital Technology (Qc)**

2019-2021

Involvement in this hub led to the creation and development of an AI supportive system for the Service of Information and the Referral Service on socio-community services in Quebec (211). This AI project was scheduled to be presented at a workshop at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in October 2020 (cancelled due to pandemic travel restrictions).

Organization of Events & Conferences

Co-organizer of the Fourth Study Day on AI ethics "Affective Computing", Montreal. 2024-W

- Joint organization with Martin Gibert (UdeM) & Hazar Haidar (UQAR)

Co-organizer of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual OZSW Conference, Dutch National Conference in philosophy, Leiden. 2023-S

- Lead of the Track "Philosophy & Technology".

Co-organizer of the Fourth Study Day on AI ethics "Affective Computing", Montreal. 2023-W

- Joint organization with Martin Gibert (UdeM) & Hazar Haidar (UQAR)

Co-organizer of the Third Study Day on AI ethics "Ethics and simulation", Montreal. 2022-W

- Joint organization with Martin Gibert (UdeM) & Hazar Haidar (UQAR)

Co-organizer of the Second Study Day on AI ethics "Algorithmic Quandaries", Montreal. 2021-W

- Joint organization with Martin Gibert (UdeM) & Hazar Haidar (UQAR)

Involvement in the academic and research community

- Affiliated member of ESDiT, The Future of a Fair & Free Society Line
- Member of the OZSW (Nederlandse Onderzoeksschool Wijsbegeerte)
- Member of the Canadian Philosophical Association
- Member of the Quebec Society of Philosophy
- Member of International Observatory on the societal impacts of AI and digital technology (OBVIA)

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<sup>1</sup> For examples, see <https://www.decitre.fr/livres/l-intelligence-artificielle-et-les-mondes-du-travail-9782763753829.html> ; <https://www.ethique.gouv.qc.ca/IA-monde-du-travail-et-justice-sociale/> ; <https://www.ethique.gouv.qc.ca/fr/projets-en-cours/l-utilisation-de-l-information-scientifique-par-les-decideurs-publics-au-sein-d-une-societe-democratique/>.

## Social commitment

Vice president of the student refugee program (srp) at laval university 2019-2020

- Ensuring financial, educational and social autonomy

## Publications

Alexandra Prégent (Forthcoming) Why You Should Not Use CI to Evaluate Socially Disruptive Technology Contexts, Privacy, and Socially Disruptive Technology. Under revision at Philosophy&Technology.

Alexandra Prégent & Keven Bisson (2021) "The Dividual Conception of Identity: A Possible Solution to Marusic's Grief Puzzle?", *Phares*, 21(1).

Alexandra Prégent (2021) "How to define a group without excluding any of its parts? Gender and the Sartrean notion of serial structure according to Iris Marion Young", *Era Novum*, 21(1).

Master's Thesis: Affective Computing: Is the use of emotion recognition system consistent with social justice? (2021) (<https://corpus.ulaval.ca/entities/publication/51ae87be-f5fa-4924-a24b-4159b2772bb8>).

Nicolas Bernier & Alexandra Prégent (2020) "Ethical Deliberation In a Sanitary, Economic and Environmental Crisis", *Commission de L'Éthique en Science et Technologie* (CEST), Press Release.

## Conferences & Workshops (Selection)

*AI & Policy 2023*. International workshop on Epistemic Rights in AI Policy. With a focus on explainable AI, LLMs and generative AI, and fairness and accountability, this workshop aimed to explore innovative approaches to address contemporary challenges in AI policy. Eindhoven, Fall 2023.

*SPT 2023*. Joint Conference from Society for Philosophy and Technology & Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies, "Technology & Mobility", Talk: "Emotion Recognition Technology: An Analysis of the Risks at Stake", Tokyo, Summer 2023. Supported by Van Haersolte Grant.

*OZSW 2023*. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual OZSW Conference. Dutch National Conference, Talk: "Revisiting our conception(s) of privacy", Leiden, Summer 2023.

*ESDIT 2022*. International Conference Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies, Talk: "Re-Shaping Human Relationships: An analysis of the consequences of the disruption of emotion recognition technology", Leiden, Fall 2022. Supported by Van Haersolte Funding.

*AIES 2022.* Fifth AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society. Talk: "Emotion Recognition Technology: Re-Shaping Human Relationships", Oxford, Summer 2022. Supported by AAAI/ACM funding.

*IID 2021.* Guest Speaker at the Institute of Intelligence and Data. Talk: "Ethical quandaries in Emotion Recognition Systems", Québec, Winter 2021.

*Rendez-vous en IA.* Guest Speaker at "Rendez-vous en IA". Talk: "Algorithmic discrimination", Montreal, Fall 2021.

*Let's Talk Ethic.* Guest at the French-Canadian Philosophy Podcast "Let's talk Ethic", Montreal, Fall 2021.

*Rationality of Emotions.* Speaker at Symposium on Rationality of Emotions. Talk: "Do Reasons Heal? An essay on Grief", with Keven Bisson, Québec, Fall 2020.

*VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosophy.* Speaker at the VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosop. Talk: "Ethical Issues Raised by Opacity in Emotion Recognition Systems", Québec, Fall 2020.

## Lecturer Experience

Lecturer for *Philosophy of Technology* course BA3 Level\_5013KC53. (Leiden University) 2023-S

- Include design of new syllabus, courses content, evaluations, grading, etc.

Invited Guest Lecturer for *Philosophical and Ethical Issues of Artificial Intelligence*, PHI-4142. (U.Laval) 2021-S

## Teaching Assistant & Research Assistant Experience

Research Assistant. Prof. Jocelyn Maclure. Designing new course in philosophy. (U.Laval) 2021-S

Teaching Assistant. PHI-4142. Philosophical and Ethical Issues In AI. (U.Laval) 2020-F

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Research Assistant. Prof. Jocelyn Maclure. Designing new course in philosophy. (U.Laval) 2019-S