

# ALEXANDRA PRÉGENT

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Philosophy of Technology; Affective Computing; Moral & Political Philosophy (Privacy & Social Justice); Philosophy of Mind (Emotion & Cognition); Information; Practical Philosophy; Ethics of AI

## EDUCATION

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### Leiden University, Institute for Philosophy

*PhD in Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology*

2021 – present

*Leiden, Netherlands*

- **Dissertation:** *Emotion Recognition Technology: Privacy, Relationships, and the Self*
- **Advisors:** Prof. [Dorota Mokrosinska](#), Prof. [James McAllister](#)

### Laval University

*MA in Philosophy, Ethics of AI*

2019 – 2021

*Québec, Canada*

- **Advisor:** Prof. [Jocelyn Maclure](#)

### Montreal University

*BA in Philosophy and French Literature*

2016 – 2019

*Montréal, Canada*

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] **Alexandra Prégent** (2021) *Affective Computing: Is the Use of Emotion Recognition Technology Consistent With Social Justice?*, Master's Thesis, Laval University.
- [2] **Alexandra Prégent** & Keven Bisson (2021) "The Dividual Conception of Identity: A Possible Solution to Marusic's Grief Puzzle?", *Phares*, 21(1).
- [3] **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).

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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### PhD Graduate Scholarship

*SSHRC of Canada*

2021 – 2025

*Canada-Netherlands*

- Full-ride scholarship for pursuing the PhD at Leiden University (NL)
- Value of **110 000\$ CAD**

### PhD Graduate Scholarship

*Joseph-Armand Bombardier*

2021 – 2024

*Canada*

- Canada Graduate Scholarships (105 000\$ CAD / 3 years)
- **Declined** to go study abroad (Netherlands)

### MA Graduate Award

*OBVIA*

2020 – 2021

*Canada*

- Merit-based award for pursuing the MA in Philosophy
- Value of **15 000\$ CAD**

### BA Award

*Desjardins*

2016

*Canada*

- Award for pursuing the BA in Philosophy
- Value of **1 250\$ CAD**

## RELEVANT PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

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### Lecturer

*Leiden University*

Jan. 2023 – Aug. 2023

*Leiden, Netherlands*

- Philosophy of Technology, BA3, 5013KC53
- Design of new syllabus, course material, evaluations, grading, etc.

### Invited Guest Lecturer

*Laval University*

Mar. 2021

*Québec, Canada*

- Philosophical and Ethical Issues of AI, PHI-4142
- One-time Lecture in Prof. Jocelyn Maclure's course

### Ethics Advisor – Student Trainee

*Ethics in Science & Technology Commission (Québec Government)*

2019 – 2021

*Québec, Canada*

- The Commission's mandate is to advise the Government on ethical questions related to Science & Technologies
- Participation in the writing of several documents, including official briefs and reports on topics such as AI & the Workplace, Covid-Tracking apps, and AI & Ethical Deliberation

### Team Member of the Innovative Ideas Incubator (OBVIA)

*Think Tank: International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI & Digital Technologies*

2019 – 2021

*Québec, Canada*

- 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 Québec (211)
- This project was scheduled to be presented at a workshop at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Oct. 2020 (cancelled due to pandemic travel restrictions)

### Teaching Assistant

*Laval University*

2019 – 2021

*Québec, Canada*

- Assistance in diverse tasks related to the course *Philosophical and Ethical Issues of AI, (PHI-4142)* of Prof. Jocelyn Maclure (3 times between 2019 and 2021)

### Research Assistant

*Laval University*

2019 – 2021

*Québec, Canada*

- Worked as an RA in the field of Philosophy of Technology / Ethics of AI
- Design of new courses on Ethics of AI, literature reviews, and reviews of academic work
- Supervision by Prof. Jocelyn Maclure

## SOCIAL COMMITMENT & VOLUNTEERING

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### Student Refugee Program (SRP)

*Laval University*

2019 – 2021

*Québec, Canada*

- Mission: Ensuring financial, educational and social autonomy
- Position: Vice-President

### Graduate Council

*Leiden University*

2024 – present

*Leiden, Netherlands*

- Mission: Represent the general interests of all of the institute's PhD candidates
- Position: Council Member

<b>2024 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference</b> <i>5th Conference on Surveillance / Co-Organization</i>	2024 Montréal, Canada
<b>2023 10th Annual OZSW Conference</b> <i>Dutch National Conference in Philosophy / Track Lead Philosophy of Technology</i>	2023 Leiden, Netherlands
<b>2023 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference</b> <i>4th Conference on Affective Computing / Co-Organization</i>	2023 Montréal, Canada
<b>2022 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference</b> <i>3rd Conference on Ethics &amp; Simulation / Co-Organization</i>	2022 Montréal, Canada
<b>2021 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference</b> <i>2nd Conference on Algorithmic Quandaries / Co-Organization</i>	2021 Montréal, Canada

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## TALKS & WORKSHOPS (SELECTION)

- [1] **EAAMO 2024.** The 4<sup>th</sup> ACM Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization. Title: “Contextual Integrity and Socially Disruptive Technology”, San Luis Potosí (Mexico), Fall 2024.
- [2] **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 (NL), Fall 2023.
- [3] **SPT 2023.** Joint Conference from Society for Philosophy and Technology & Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies. Title: “Emotion Recognition Technology: An Analysis of the Risks at Stake”, Tokyo (Japan), Summer 2023. Supported by Van Haersolte Grant.
- [4] **OZSW 2023.** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual OZSW Conference, Dutch National Conference. Title: “Revisiting Our Conception(s) of Privacy”, Leiden (NL), Summer 2023.
- [5] **ESDIT 2022.** International Conference on Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies. Title: “Re-Shaping Human Relationships: An Analysis of the Consequences of the Disruption of Emotion Recognition Technology”, Leiden (NL), Fall 2022. Supported by Van Haersolte Grant.
- [6] **AIES 2022.** The 5<sup>th</sup> AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society. Title: “Emotion Recognition Technology: Re-Shaping Human Relationships”, Oxford (UK), Summer 2022. Supported by AAAI/ACM Grant.
- [7] **IID 2021.** Guest Speaker at the Institute of Intelligence and Data. Title: “Ethical Quandaries in Emotion Recognition Systems”, Québec (Canada), Winter 2021.
- [8] **Rendez-Vous en IA 2021.** Guest Speaker at *Rendez-Vous en IA*. Title: “Algorithmic Discrimination”, Montréal (Canada), Fall 2021.
- [9] **Parlons Éthique 2021.** Guest at the French-Canadian Podcast “Parlons Éthique”, Épisode #17: “[Les Systèmes de Reconnaissance des Émotions avec Alexandra Prigent](#)”, Montréal (Canada), Fall 2021.
- [10] **Rationality of Emotions 2020.** Speaker at Symposium on Rationality of Emotions. Title: “Do Reasons Heal? An Essay on Grief” with Keven Bisson, Québec (Canada), Fall 2020.
- [11] **VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosophy 2020.** Speaker at the VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosophy. Title: “Ethical Issues Raised by Opacity in Emotion Recognition Systems”, Québec (Canada), Fall 2020.

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE

- **Journal Reviewer** at [Philosophy & Technology](#) / 2024 –