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## Education

### UNIVERSITY DEGREES

- 2022 – **PhD in Law**  
University College London  
Thesis: ‘Closeness and Double Effect’  
Supervised by Mark Dsouza, John Hyman, and Kevin Toh
- 2019 – 2021 **Master of Law**  
University of Zurich  
*summa cum laude*, Valedictorian (rank 1/215)  
Theses: ‘Action, Intention, and Double Effect’  
‘Causation and Norms’ (\* awarded Orelli Prize, see *Awards*)  
‘A Vindication of Methodological Plurality in the Law’
- 2015 – 2019 **Bachelor of Law**  
University of Zurich  
Thesis: ‘From Is to Ought: How Scientific Research in the Field of Moral Cognition Can Impact the Criminal Law’

### SUMMER SCHOOLS

- Aug 2021 **Law, Language, and Philosophy**, Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik
- July 2021 **Causation and Responsibility**, University of Berne
- July 2021 **Ancient Philosophy**, University College London

## Research Experience

- 2022 – **Research Assistant**  
Faculty of Law, University of Zurich  
Assistant Professor of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, and Criminology
- 2020 – **Research Assistant**  
Faculty of Law, University of Zurich  
Chair of Philosophy and Theory of Law, Legal Sociology, and Int. Public Law
- 2019 – **Research Assistant**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Zurich  
Chair of Applied Ethics
- 2020 **Research Assistant**  
Digital Society Initiative, University of Zurich  
‘Fundamental Psychological Dispositions in Human-Robot Interactions’

## Teaching Experience

### CO-INSTRUCTOR

- Fall '21      **Theory and Philosophy of Law**  
Faculty of Law, University of Zurich  
Seminar (undergraduate)
- TUTOR
- Fall '21      **Blame and Punishment**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Zurich  
Seminar (undergraduate)
- Fall '20      **Theories of Morality**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Zurich  
Lecture (graduate)
- Spring '20      **T. Nagel: *The Possibility of Altruism* and *The View from Nowhere***  
Department of Philosophy, University of Zurich  
Seminar (undergraduate)

## Awards

- 2022 – 2025      **Graduate Research Scholarship & Overseas Research Scholarship**  
Fully funded offer to undertake postgraduate studies at UCL, “awarded only to the most outstanding potential and existing research students from all UCL departments and faculties.”
- 2021      **Orelli Prize**  
Biannually awarded by the Faculty of Law of UZH for an extraordinary thesis. Received for ‘Causation and Norms.’
- 2021      **William James Prize (*finalist*)**  
Honourable mention for the William James Prize at the 47<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology for paper ‘Causation and Norms.’
- 2020      **Travel Stipend**  
Competitive stipend covering conference travel and lodging expenses in full.
- 2019 – 2020      **Clinton Fellowship**  
Awarded by ETH Zurich and the Clinton Foundation. Leading a group of three endowed with a highly competitive grant to implement ‘Urban Classroom’ project (see *Volunteer*).

## Publications

### PEER-REVIEWED

**Güver, L. & Kneer, M.** (2022). Causation and the Silly Norm Effect. In S. Magen & K. Prochownik (eds.), *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Law* (to appear), Bloomsbury Publishing. [[link](#)]

## OTHER

**Güver, L.** (2019). From Is to Ought: How Scientific Research in the Field of Moral Cognition Can Impact the Criminal Law. *Cognitio* 1, pp. 1–22. [\[link\]](#)

## IN PREPARATION

Kneer, M., Hannikainen, I.R., Zehnder, M.-A., [...], **Güver, L.**, [...], et al. (ms). The Severity Effect on Intention and Knowledge. A cross-cultural study with laypeople and legal experts. [\[link\]](#)

## Talks

† indicates refereed, ‡ indicates invited

### ‘Telicity in Language and Law’

- Sept 2022 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Swiss Psychological Society, University of Zurich †
- June 2022 UK-IVR 2022 Annual Conference, University of Surrey †

### ‘Causation, Foreseeability, and Norms’

- Sept 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> European Experimental Philosophy Conference, University of Granada †
- July 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Milan (*poster*) †
- Feb 2022 Doctoral Students Day: Perspectives on Philosophy in Switzerland, University of Basel (*poster*) †

### ‘Causation and the Silly Norm Effect’

- July 2022 30<sup>th</sup> International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy World Congress, Special Workshop 21, Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University of Bucharest †
- Oct 2021 Georgetown Lab for the Empirical Study of Law and Language, Georgetown University ‡
- Oct 2021 Reasons and Decisions Lab, Lake Forest College ‡
- Sept 2021 5<sup>th</sup> International Law and Language Association General Conference, University of Alicante (*unable to attend*) †
- Sept 2021 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Leipzig †
- Aug 2021 Law, Language, and Philosophy Summer School, Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik
- June 2021 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology †
- \* nominated for William James Prize, see *Awards*
- June 2021 1<sup>st</sup> European Experimental Philosophy Conference, Charles University Prague †

### **‘Action, Intention, and Double Effect’**

- Sept 2021      Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, University of Salzburg (*unable to attend*) †
- May 2021      Values and Reasons Graduate Research Colloquium, University of Zurich

### **‘Misascription of Action-Descriptions’**

- Sept 2021      5<sup>th</sup> International Law and Language Association General Conference, University of Alicante (*unable to attend*) †
- June 2020      1<sup>st</sup> European Experimental Philosophy Conference, Charles University Prague †

### **‘Anscombe, Davidson, and Criminal Law’**

- May & Dec 2020      Values and Reasons Graduate Research Colloquium, University of Zurich

### **‘Inculpating Mental States Across Cultures’**

- July 2019      29<sup>th</sup> International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy World Congress, Special Workshop 148, University of Lucerne

### **Legal Practice**

- 2019 – 2022      **Legal Consultant**  
Levuro (Tech Start-Up)
- 2019      **Law Firm Intern**  
Schwärzler Attorneys at Law
- 2018      **District Court Intern**  
District Court Andelfingen, Canton of Zurich
- 2017 – 2018      **Assistant Financial Consultant**  
VZ Vermoegenszentrum

### **Volunteer**

- 2021      **Graduate Student Representative of Switzerland**  
Youth Forum on the Future of the Humanities (EHC 2021)  
Early career researchers formulating recommendations in cooperation with the Portuguese National Funding Agency, International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences, and UNESCO (final report available [here](#)).
- 2019 – 2021      **‘Urban Classroom’**  
Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U)  
Created a non-profit organisation aimed at rekindling the passion for learning in Swiss society by enabling the exchange of expert knowledge outside of traditional classroom settings.

2018 – 2020      **Legal Consultant**  
University of Zurich Student Association (VSUZH)  
Provided weekly legal consultation for university students from all faculties (for a total of over 150 students assisted).

## **Service**

### UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH

#### **Thesis Co-Supervisor**

Spring '22      Two undergraduate theses on the constitutional guarantees of freedom and equality in Switzerland and India as well as two graduate theses on the notion of sexual violence and consent in criminal law.

Fall '21      Three undergraduate theses on the moral foundations of criminal law and their relation to research in evolutionary biology, neuroscience, and behavioural economics.

#### **Grading Assistant**

Spring '22      First-year course 'Legal Theory' (3 credits).

Spring '21      First-year course 'Legal History' (6 credits) and second-year course 'Private Law II' (18 credits).

Fall '20      First-year course 'Public Law I' (15 credits).

### REFEREE

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## **References**

Available upon request.

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