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Employment

2023–	**Research Fellow** Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Graz — Chair of Ethics of Artificial Intelligence
2023–	**Graduate Lecturer** Faculty of Law, University College London
2019–2023	**Research Assistant** Faculty of Law & Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Zurich — Chair of Applied Ethics (2019–23) — Chair of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, and Criminology (2022) — Chair of Philosophy and Theory of Law, Legal Soc., and Int. Publ. Law (2020–22) — 'Fundamental Psychological Dispositions in Human-Robot Interactions' (2020)

Education

DEGREES

2022–	**Ph.D. in Law** University College London Supervised by Mark Dsouza and John Hyman
2019–2021	**Master of Law** University of Zurich *summa cum laude*, Valedictorian (rank 1/215)
2015–2019	**Bachelor of Law** University of Zurich

RESEARCH STAYS

2025	**Yale Law School** Invited by Gideon Yaffe and Joshua Knobe (Feb–May 2025)
2023, 2025	**Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security, and Law** Invited by Philipp-Alexander Hirsch (Jun–Sep 2023) and Sabine Gless (Jun–Aug 2025)

Publications

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

2025	**'Causation, Norms, and Cognitive Bias'**. Forthcoming in *Cognition*.
2025	**'Untangling the Gordian Knot of Motive'**. *Journal of Legal Philosophy*, 50(1), pp. 1–26. — winner of ASLP Essay Prize

2024   **'The Unity of Motive'**. *Argumenta*, 9(2), pp. 231–245.
                    — runner-up for <u>Young Scholar Prize</u>
                    — winner of <u>Lex Academic Prize</u>

2023   **'Causation and the Silly Norm Effect'** (with M. Kneer). In S. Magen & K.
              Prochownik (eds.), *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Law* (pp. 133–168).
              Bloomsbury Press.
                    — runner-up for <u>William James Prize</u>

PEER-REVIEWED PROCEEDINGS

2023   **'Causation, Foreseeability, and Norms'** (with M. Kneer). *Proceedings of the
              Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 45, pp. 888–895.

OTHER

2024   **'Criminalisation and Its Limits'**. *Criminal Justice Theory Blog*, online Nov 15th.

2023   **'Motive and Criminal Liability'**. *Criminal Justice Theory Blog*, online Aug 4th.

2019   **'From *Is* to *Ought*: How Scientific Research in the Field of Moral Cognition Can
              Impact the Criminal Law'**. *Cognitio: Student Law Forum*, 1(2), pp. 1–22.

Teaching

† = undergraduate, ‡ = graduate

GRADUATE LECTURER

2023–2025 (2×)   **Criminal Law** †
                 Faculty of Law, University College London

2023–2025 (2×)   **Introduction to Law** †
                 Faculty of Law, University College London
                      — Case Study on *Medical Accidents* (Term 1 '24)
                      — Case Study on *Fake News and Falsehoods* (Term 1 '23)

CO-INSTRUCTOR

Fall '21   **Theory and Philosophy of Law** †
              Faculty of Law, University of Zurich

TUTOR

Fall '21   **Blame and Punishment** †
              Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Zurich

Fall '20   **Theories of Morality** ‡
              Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Zurich

Spring '20   **Thomas Nagel's *The Possibility of Altruism* and *The View from Nowhere*** †
              Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Zurich

Awards

2025   **Yale–UCL Scholarship**
Full funding for research stay at Yale University.

2024   **ASLP Essay Prize**
Awarded by the Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy for best paper in legal theory.

2024   **Lex Academic Prize**
Awarded by Lex Academic, SIFA & *Argumenta* for best paper in action theory and ethics.

2023   **Project Development Grant**
Awarded by Clearer Thinking Foundation for 'Understanding Moral Luck' project.

2023   **Young Scholar Prize (finalist)**
Runner-up for best submission in practical philosophy at the 15th SIFA Conference.

2023, 2025   **Max Planck Fellowship**
Full funding for research stay at the MPI for the Study of Crime, Security, and Law.

2022–2025   **Graduate Research Scholarship & Overseas Research Scholarship**
UCL's most prestigious funding package 'awarded only to the most outstanding potential and existing research students from all departments and faculties'.

2022–2026   **Hollond-Whittaker Research Studentship (declined)**
Full funding to study at Trinity College, University of Cambridge.

2022   **Poster Prize**
Best poster at the 3rd SPP and ESPP Joint Conference.

2021   **Orelli Prize**
Biannually awarded by the Faculty of Law of UZH for an 'extraordinary thesis'.

2021   **William James Prize (finalist)**
Runner-up for best graduate submission at the 47th Soc. for Phil. and Psych. Conference.

2019–2020   **Clinton Fellowship**
Awarded by ETH Zurich and Clinton Foundation for 'Urban Classroom' project.

2023 (4×)   **Neuchâtel Action Conference** (Neuchâtel); **27th Oxford Graduate Conference in Philosophy** (Oxford); **45th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society** (Sydney, ceded); **Philosophy and Computer Science Summer School** (Bayreuth)

2020   **12th Clinton Global Initiative University Conference** (Edinburgh)

Talks

† = refereed, ‡ = invited, ▽ = received comments

'Ordinary Recklessness Wrongdoing'
Feb 2025   Experimental Philosophy Lab, Yale University

'Making Sense of Mistakes of Fact'

May 2025	Foundations of Criminal Responsibility Workshop, Cambridge Univ. ‡ ▽ ▽
Nov 2024	Edinburgh Criminal Law Discussion Group, Edinburgh University †
Jul 2024	Philosophy Department Colloquium, Univ. of Erlangen-Nuremberg ‡
May 2024	Criminal Law Group Brown Bag Lunch, University of Zurich ‡

'The Significance of Philosophy of Action for Criminal Law'

Sep 2024	Theorising Criminal Law Workshop, University of Zurich ‡

'Causation, Norms, and Cognitive Bias'

Jul 2024	Experimental Jurisprudence Workshop, University of Surrey ‡

'Untangling the Gordian Knot of Motive'

Feb 2024	Edinburgh Criminal Law Discussion Group, Edinburgh University †
Feb 2024	Criminal Jurisprudence and Philosophy Group, Cambridge University †
Nov 2023	Cambridge Legal Theory Discussion Group, Cambridge University † ▽
Sep 2023	Criminal Law Department Meeting, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security, and Law

'The Unity of Motive'

Dec 2023	Neuchâtel Action Conference, University of Neuchâtel †
Nov 2023	27th Oxford Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Oxford University † ▽
Sep 2023	15th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, University of Eastern Piedmont †
	— runner-up for <u>Young Scholar Prize</u>
Jul 2023	97th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Open Session, Birkbeck, University of London †

'Closeness and Double Effect'

Sep 2022	Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, University of Salzburg †

'Causation, Foreseeability, and Norms'

Jul 2023	45th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Univ. of Sydney †
Jul 2022	3rd Joint Conference of the Soc. for Philosophy and Psychology and European Soc. for Philosophy and Psychology, Univ. of Milan (poster) †
	— winner of <u>Poster Prize</u>
Jul 2022	30th International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy World Congress, SW 21, Dimitrie Cantemir Christian Univ. of Bucharest †
Feb 2022	Doctoral Students Day: Perspectives on Philosophy in Switzerland, Univ. of Basel (poster) †

'Misascription of Action-Descriptions'

Sep 2022	17th Conference of the Swiss Psychological Society, Univ. of Zurich †
Jun 2022	UK-IVR 2022 Annual Conference, University of Surrey †
Jun 2020	1st European Experimental Philosophy Conf., Charles Univ. Prague †

'Causation and the Silly Norm Effect'

Oct 2021	Georgetown Lab for the Empirical Study of Law and Language, Georgetown University ‡
Oct 2021	Reasons and Decisions Lab, Lake Forest College ‡
Sep 2021	28th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Leipzig †
Aug 2021	Law, Language, and Philosophy Summer School, Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik
Jun 2021	47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Princeton University †
	— runner-up for William James Prize
Jun 2021	2nd European Experimental Philosophy Conf., Charles Univ. Prague †

'Action, Intention, and Double Effect'

May 2021	Values and Reasons Research Colloquium, University of Zurich

'Anscombe, Davidson, and Criminal Law'

May 2020	Values and Reasons Research Colloquium, University of Zurich

'Inculpating Mental States Across Cultures'

Jul 2019	29th International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy World Congress, SW 148, University of Lucerne

COMMENTS

Shraddha Chaudhary: 'The Moral Wrongs of Sexual Exploitation'

Dec 2024	Criminal Law and Philosophy Conference, University of York

Anna Peters: 'The Duty to Criminalise'

Dec 2024	Philosophy, Law, and Politics Graduate Forum, King's College London ‡

Manuel Cordes: 'Criminal Responsibility as Reasons-Responsiveness'

Dec 2024	ECR Workshop, University of Glasgow ‡

Philipp Hirsch: 'How Criminal Law Disapproves of Our Reasons for Action'

Nov 2024	Centre for Criminal Law, University College London ‡

Daniel Miller: 'Why Culpable Ignorance Requires Awareness'

Sep 2024	Workshop on Wilful Blindness and Mistakes of Fact, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law ‡

Joshua May: 'Are Rights a Rationalization?'

Jun 2024	Workshop on M. Mahlmann's *Mind and Rights*, University of Zurich ‡

Legal Practice

2019–2022	**Legal Consultant**
	Levuro (Tech Start-Up)

Jul–Aug 2019   **Law Firm Intern**
Schwärzler Attorneys at Law

Sep 2018   **Court Intern**
District Court Andelfingen, Canton of Zurich

Summer Schools

Jul 2023   **Philosophy and Computer Science**
University of Bayreuth

Aug 2021   **Law, Language, and Philosophy**
Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik

Jul 2021   **Causation and Responsibility**
University of Berne

Jul 2021   **Ancient Philosophy**
University College London

Volunteer and Outreach

<div align="center">PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT</div>

Sep 2023   **'Understanding Moral Luck'**
Clearer Thinking Foundation
Project aimed at making the ethical implications of moral luck accessible to the public.

Jun 2022   **Career Forum Speaker**
International School of Schaffhausen (ISSH)
Introduced prospects in law and philosophy to ca. 25 high schoolers.

2021   **Graduate Student Representative of Switzerland**
Youth Forum on the Future of the Humanities (EHC 2021)
Formulated recommendations in cooperation with the Portuguese National Funding
Agency, International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences, and UNESCO.

2019–2021   **'Urban Classroom'**
Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U)
Project aimed at making expert knowledge accessible to the public (led a group of three).

2018–2020   **Legal Consultant**
University of Zurich Student Association (VSUZH)
Free legal consultation open to all UZH and ETH students (150+ students assisted).

<div align="center">INTERVIEWS</div>

May 2024   **'Ethics of Mass Surveillance'**
Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Art
Interviewed about legal and moral issues surrounding mass surveillance and AI.

| Mar 2023 | **'Boundaries between Law and Philosophy'**
The Philosopher's Nest Podcast
Interviewed about quandaries at the intersection of law and philosophy. |

Academic Citizenship and Supervision

† = Dpt. of Psychology

<div align="center">UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON</div>

Writing Tutor

| 2024–2025 | 20× LLB |
| 2023–2024 | 21× LLB |

Academic Mentor

| 2023–2024 | 10× LLM |

UCL Journal of Law and Jurisprudence

| 2022–2024 | Editor |

Research Essay Supervisor

| Terms 1–2 '22 | 1× graduate (relation of law and liberty) |

<div align="center">UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH</div>

Thesis Co-Supervisor

Spring '25	1× graduate (criminal responsibility and mental states) †
Spring '24	3× graduate (biases in legal and moral decision-making) †
Spring '23	1× graduate (epistemology of criminal procedure law)
Spring '22	2× undergraduate (constitutional guarantees of freedom and equality) 2× graduate (sexual violence and consent in criminal law)
Fall '21	3× undergraduate (moral foundations of criminal law in relation to evolutionary biology, neuroscience, and behavioural economics)

Marking Assistant

Spring '22	First-year course 'Legal Theory' (3 ECTS)
Spring '21	First-year course 'Legal History' (6 ECTS) and second-year course 'Private Law II' (18 ECTS)
Fall '20	First-year course 'Public Law I' (15 ECTS)

<div align="center">REFEREE</div>

| Full articles | Bloomsbury Press, *Cognitive Science* (2×), Cognitive Science Society (2×), Northeast Normativity Workshop (2×), *Philosophical Quarterly*, *UCL Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* |
| Abstracts | AI Ethics and HCI Conference, GAP Conference |