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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 Young Scholar Prize
 — winner of Lex Academic Prize
- 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 William James Prize
- 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

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

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| 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 & <i>Argumenta</i> 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 15 th 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 3 rd 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 47 th Soc. for Phil. and Psych. Conference. |
| 2019–2020 | Clinton Fellowship Awarded by ETH Zurich and Clinton Foundation for ‘Urban Classroom’ project. |

COMPETITIVE CONFERENCE FUNDING

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| 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

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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| Feb 2025 | ‘Ordinary Recklessness Wrongdoing’ Experimental Philosophy Lab, Yale University |
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| | ‘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 | 27 th Oxford Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Oxford University † ▽ |
| Sep 2023 | 15 th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, University of Eastern Piedmont † |
| | — runner-up for <u>Young Scholar Prize</u> |
| Jul 2023 | 97 th 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 | 45 th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Univ. of Sydney † |
| Jul 2022 | 3 rd 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 | 30 th 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 | 17 th Conference of the Swiss Psychological Society, Univ. of Zurich † |
| Jun 2022 | UK-IVR 2022 Annual Conference, University of Surrey † |
| Jun 2020 | 1 st 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

‘Inculcating 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

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 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).

INTERVIEWS

- 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

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

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| | 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) |

UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH

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| | 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) |

REFEREE

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