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Employment

- 2023– **Graduate Lecturer**
Faculty of Law, University College London
- 2019– **Research Assistant**
Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Graz
— Chair of Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (2023–)
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 **Exchange Scholar**
Yale Law School & Dpt. of Philosophy
Invited by Gideon Yaffe and Joshua Knobe (Feb–May 2025)
- 2023, 2025 **Visiting Research Student**
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

PEER-REVIEWED

- forth. **‘Untangling the Gordian Knot of Motive’**. Forthcoming in *Journal of Legal Philosophy*, 50(1).
— 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, Foreseeability, and Norms’** (with M. Kneer). *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 45, pp. 888–895.
- 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

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

- 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 and talk at the 47 th SPP Annual Meeting.
2019–2020	Clinton Fellowship Awarded by ETH Zurich and Clinton Foundation for ‘Urban Classroom’ project.

COMPETITIVE CONFERENCE FUNDING

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

	‘Making Sense of Mistakes of Fact’
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	28 th 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

- Dec 2024 **Anna Peters: ‘The Duty to Criminalise’**
Philosophy, Law, and Politics Graduate Forum, King’s College London ‡
- Dec 2024 **Manuel Cordes: ‘Criminal Responsibility as Reasons-Responsiveness’**
ECR Workshop, University of Glasgow ‡
- Nov 2024 **Philipp Hirsch: ‘How Criminal Law Disapproves of Our Reasons for Action’**
Centre for Criminal Law, University College London ‡
- Sep 2024 **Daniel Miller: ‘Why Culpable Ignorance Requires Awareness’**
Workshop on Wilful Blindness and Mistakes of Fact, Max Planck
Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law ‡
- Jun 2024 **Joshua May: ‘Are Rights a Rationalization?’**
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**
Schwartzler 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 my research and experience in law and philosophy.

Service and Supervision

† = Dpt. of Psychology

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

	Writing Tutor
2023–2024	21× LLB
	Academic Mentor
2023–2024	10× LLM
	UCL Journal of Law and Jurisprudence
2022–	Editor

Research Essay Supervisor

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

UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH

Thesis Co-Supervisor

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

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