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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**

Faculty of Law & Dpt. of Philosophy, University College London

Supervised by Mark Dsouza, John Hyman, and Ulrike Heuer

2019-2021 **Master of Law**

Faculty of Law, University of Zurich

summa cum laude, Valedictorian (rank 1/215)

2015–2019 Bachelor of Law

Faculty 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'** (with M. Kneer). 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.), <i>Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Law</i> (pp. 133–168). Bloomsbury Press. — runner-up for <u>William James Prize</u>	
	PEER-REVIEWED PROCEEDINGS	
2023	'Causation, Foreseeability, and Norms' (with M. Kneer). <i>Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society</i> , 45, pp. 888–895.	
	OTHER	
2024	'Criminalisation and Its Limits' . <i>Criminal Justice Theory Blog</i> , online Nov 15 th .	
2023	'Motive and Criminal Liability'. Criminal Justice Theory Blog, online Aug 4^{th} .	
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 <i>The Possibility of Altruism</i> and <i>The View from Nowhere</i> † Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Zurich	

Awards	
	SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES
2025–2026	Research Excellence Scholarship for Cross-Disciplinary Training Full funding to spend a year at UCL's Department of Philosophy.
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
2023 (4×)	Neuchâtel Action Conference (Neuchâtel); 27 th Oxford Graduate Conference in Philosophy (Oxford); 45 th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Sydney, ceded); Philosophy and Computer Science Summer School (Bayreuth)
2020	12 th Clinton Global Initiative University Conference (Edinburgh)

Talks

 \dagger = refereed, \ddagger = invited, ∇ = received comments

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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	'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. $\ddagger \nabla \nabla$
Mar 2025	Cambridge Legal Theory Discussion Group, Cambridge University † ▽
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 † \triangledown
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	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	45th 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	$17^{ ext{th}}$ Conference of the Swiss Psychological Society, Univ. of Zurich \dagger
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	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	47 th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Princeton University †
	— runner-up for <u>William James Prize</u>
Jun 2021	2 nd 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
Jul 2019	'Inculpating Mental States Across Cultures' 29th International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy World Congress, SW 148, University of Lucerne
	COMMENTS
May 2025	Shraddha Chaudhary: 'The Moral Wrongs of Sexual Exploitation' 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 ‡
Dec 2024	Manuel Cordes: 'Criminal Responsibility as Reasons-Responsiveness' 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 ‡
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 ‡
	Joshua May: 'Are Rights a Rationalization?'
Jun 2024	Workshop on M. Mahlmann's <i>Mind and Rights</i> , 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

'Ethics of Mass Surveillance' May 2024

Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Art

Interviewed about legal and moral issues surrounding mass surveillance and AI.

'Boundaries between Law and Philosophy' Mar 2023

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		
2024–2025 2023–2024	Writing Tutor 20× LLB 21× LLB	
2023-2024	Academic Mentor 10× LLM	
2022-2024	UCL Journal of Law and Jurisprudence Editor	
Terms 1–2 '22	Research Essay Supervisor 1× graduate (relation of law and liberty)	
	University of Zurich	
	Thesis Co-Supervisor	
Spring '25	$1 \times$ graduate (criminal responsibility and mental states) †	
Spring '24	$3\times$ 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)	
Spring '22	Marking Assistant 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, GAP Conference