

LEVIN S. GÜVER
levin.guever@gmail.com
levinguever.com

Bentham House
4–8 Endsleigh Gardens
London WC1H 0EG
United Kingdom

Employment

- 2023– **Research Associate**
Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Graz
— Chair of Ethics of Artificial Intelligence
- 2023–2025 **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 and John Hyman
- 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). *Cognition*, 259, 106105.
- 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'. <i>Argumenta</i> , 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'. <i>Criminal Justice Theory Blog</i> , online Aug 4 th . |
| 2019 | 'From <i>Is</i> to <i>Ought</i> : How Scientific Research in the Field of Moral Cognition Can Impact the Criminal Law'. <i>Cognitio: Student Law Forum</i> , 1(2), pp. 1–22. |

Teaching

† = undergraduate [7], ‡ = graduate [2]

GRADUATE LECTURER

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2023–2025 (2x) | Criminal Law † Faculty of Law, University College London |
| 2023–2025 (2x) | Introduction to Law † Faculty of Law, University College London — Case Study on <i>Medical Accidents</i> (Term 1 '24) — Case Study on <i>Fake News and Falsehoods</i> (Term 1 '23) |

CO-INSTRUCTOR

| | |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fall '25 | Wrongs and Crimes: Rethinking Consent, Coercion, and State Power ‡ Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg |
| 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 | The View from Nowhere: Objectivity and Subjectivity in Practical Philosophy † Dpt. of Philosophy, University of Zurich |

Awards

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

| | |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2025–2026 | Research Excellence Scholarship for Cross-Disciplinary Training University-wide competition to fully fund a continuation of one's studies in a different department – in my case, UCL 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); 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 [20], ‡ = invited [14], ▽ = received comments [5]

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

'Intentions: *de dicto* and *de re*'

Sep 2025 12th German Society for Analytic Philosophy Congress, HHU Düsseldorf †

'Ordinary Recklessness Wrongdoing'

Nov 2025 Work-in-Progress Series, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime,
Security, and Law ‡

Feb 2025 Experimental Philosophy Lab, Yale University

'Making Sense of Mistakes of Fact'

May 2025 Foundations of Criminal Responsibility Workshop, Cambridge Univ. ‡ ▽ ▽
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 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 Young Scholar Prize

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 Poster Prize

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 | 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 |
| 'Inculpating Mental States Across Cultures' | |
| Jul 2019 | 29 th International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy World Congress, SW 148, University of Lucerne |
| COMMENTS | |
| JP Fassnidge: 'Criminalisation Theories: A Meta-Normative Inquiry' | |
| Nov 2025 | Book Workshop, University of Aberdeen ‡ |
| David Chandler: 'Back to the Phineas Gage Effect' | |
| Sep 2025 | Philosophy Graduate Conference, University College London ‡ |
| Lewis Ross: 'What Does the End of Punishment Mean?' | |
| June 2025 | The Distinctiveness of the Criminal Standard of Proof, Univ. of Zurich ‡ |
| Shraddha Chaudhary: 'The Moral Wrongs of Sexual Exploitation' | |
| May 2025 | 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 ‡ |
| 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 <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

| | |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. |

WORKSHOPS

| | |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct 2025 | ‘The Promises and Dangers of AI in Education’ International School of Schaffhausen (ISSH) Gave a workshop to the teaching staff on the interplay between AI and good education. |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Academic Citizenship and Supervision

† = Dpt. of Psychology

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

| | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| | Writing Tutor |
| 2024–2025 | 20× LLB |
| 2023–2024 | 21× LLB |
| | Academic Mentor |
| 2023–2024 | 10× LLM |
| | UCL Journal of Law and Jurisprudence |
| 2022–2023 | Editor |
| | Research Essay Supervisor |
| Terms 1–2 ‘22 | 1× graduate (relation of law and liberty) |

UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH

| | |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Thesis Co-Supervisor |
| Fall ’25 | 1× graduate (mental illness and criminal responsibility) † |
| 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, <i>Cognitive Science</i> (2×), Cognitive Science Society (2×), Northeast Normativity Workshop (2×), <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Studi di estetica</i> , UCL <i>Journal of Law and Jurisprudence</i> |
| Abstracts | AI Ethics and HCI Conference, GAP Conference |