

Peter Faulconbridge

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2014-present

PhD in Philosophy, UCL

Thesis: Convention, Reflection, and Agency

Supervisors: Dr. Douglas Lavin, Prof. Mike Martin, Prof. Lucy O'Brien

Abstract: I argue that rules, norms, and conventions belong to the ontological category of 'abstract individuals', and are created through the reproduction of patterns of behaviour. I defend the empirical adequacy of this picture from certain nominalist arguments in the literature on cultural diffusion. I then show how the resulting ontology of rules can illuminate their role in practical reasoning – in particular, their metaphysical 'generality' can help to explain the peculiar sense of 'requirement' which attaches to many rules.

Submitted: December 2018; viva forthcoming.

2012-2014

MPhil Stud in Philosophy, UCL

Thesis: Delusions, Rationality, and Conceptions of Radical Interpretation

Supervisors: Prof. Mike Martin, Prof. Paul Snowdon

2008-2011

BA Philosophy & Literature, University of Warwick

1st Class Hons. (Highest mark overall in the Philosophy & Literature cohort.)

Research Areas

AOS: Philosophy of Mind & Action; Social Ontology

AOC: Ethics; Metaphysics; Philosophy of Social Science; Wittgenstein

Publications

Forthcoming

'Coordination and the Need for Culture', *Australasian Philosophical Review*.
(Commentary on Sally Haslanger's forthcoming 'Cognition as a Social Skill'; accepted
via blind-reviewed abstract.)

Research Presentations

‘Deflating Thick Description’

2019 Departmental Symposium, UCL Philosophy Department.

‘The Place of Ordinary Practices in Practical Reasoning’

2018 The Future of Normativity, University of Kent.

2018 London Intercollegiate Graduate Philosophy Conference, UoL.

‘Between Instrumentality and Virtue: The place of ordinary practices in Life and Action’

2017 Department of Philosophy, University of Leipzig.

‘Hacking the Extended Mind?’

2013 Annual Convention for the Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and Simulation of Behaviour (AISB), University of Exeter.

Research Grants and Academic Awards

2017-2018 **Royal Institute of Philosophy Jacobsen Bursary**

2014-2017 **AHRC Research Studentship**

Full funding for three years of doctoral study at UCL. (London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP).)

2012-2014 **AHRC Research Preparation Masters Grant**

Full funding for a two-year MPhil in Philosophy at UCL. (LAHP.)

2010 **Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme**

University of Warwick. Project title: ‘The Paradox of Fiction?’

2009 **Philosophy and Literature Essay Prize Competition**

University of Warwick. First Prize.

Teaching Experience

Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, UCL Philosophy Department (2014-2019):

Modules	Introduction to Logic 1 & 2 Early Wittgenstein Matters of Life and Death Metaethics Advanced Tutorials – ‘The Mind and the Social World’*
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*This tutorial class was a third-year undergraduate course, for which I designed the syllabus. It is a ten week introduction to social ontology and its connections to politics and social science.

Other Relevant Experience

Graduate Reviewer	<i>British Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy</i> (2014-)
Organiser	UCL Philosophy Departmental Seminar (2015-2016)