

Peter Faulconbridge

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2014-2019 **PhD in Philosophy, UCL**
Thesis: Convention, Reflection, and Agency
Supervisors: Dr. Douglas Lavin, Prof. Mike Martin, Prof. Lucy O'Brien
Examiners: Prof. Richard Holton, Prof. Hallvard Lillehammer
An abstract can be found at the bottom of this CV.
- 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 Grants and Academic Awards

- 2017-2018 **Royal Institute of Philosophy 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.

Research Presentations

- ‘Passionate Belief: Religious Practice and Social Explanation in Hume’**
2019 8th International Hume Conference, Oxford Brookes.
- ‘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.

Teaching Experience

Primary Instructor, UCL Philosophy Department (2017-2018)

Modules The Mind and the Social World*
*A third-year undergraduate tutorial course, for which I designed the syllabus. It is a ten week introduction to social ontology and its connections to politics and social science.

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

Modules Introduction to Logic 1 & 2
Early Wittgenstein
Matters of Life and Death (*covering metaphysical and ethical issues*)
Metaethics

Service

Graduate Reviewer *British Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy* (2014-)
Organiser UCL Philosophy Departmental Seminar (2015-2016)

PhD Thesis Summary

Title: Convention, Reflection, and Agency

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. This ontological picture helps to shed light on both the continuities and differences between mundane practices such as games, and ethically important practices such as promising.