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Education

PhD in Philosophy

The University of Nottingham
September 2014 – December 2018
PhD thesis: Normativity and Ethics: The Error in the Error Theory
Supervisors: Dr. Neil Sinclair, Dr. Andrew Fisher
External Examiner: Prof. Hallvard Lillehammer

MA in Philosophy

The University of Nottingham
September 2012 – September 2013
Dissertation thesis: The Usefulness of Morality and How to be a Moral Preservatist
Related Courses: Metaethics, Ethics, Aesthetics

BA in Philosophy

The University of Sheffield
September 2009 – June 2012
Dissertation thesis: Nietzsche's Critique of Morality
Related Courses: Ethics, Metaphysics, Political Philosophy, Feminism, Pragmatism, Reason and Argument, Elementary Logic, Plato, Aristotle, Kant

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Lecturer and Module Convenor

University of Nicosia
January 2023 – January 2024

- Convened modules, delivered lectures, and assessed student work.
- Developed and implemented course materials and assignments.
- Facilitated student engagement and understanding of complex philosophical concepts.

Adjunct Lecturer and Module Convenor

University of Cyprus
September 2020 – December 2022

- Managed course logistics, provided lectures, and evaluated assignments.
- Enhanced curriculum with innovative teaching methods and materials.

- Supported student learning through individualized feedback and guidance.

Teaching Assistant

The University of Nottingham

September 2015 – July 2019

- Conducted seminars, graded assignments, and assisted in course development.
- Facilitated discussions on a range of philosophical topics.
- Contributed to the academic success of students through effective teaching.

Research Interests

My research primarily focuses on metaethics, moral psychology, and the intersection between morality and rationality. I am particularly interested in the foundational nature of moral reasoning, exploring how normative claims relate to rational requirements and decision-making. My work also examines the conceptual links between morality and reasons, as well as broader issues in value theory and normativity.

Beyond foundational ethics, I have growing interests in applied ethics, including the ethics of AI, biomedical ethics, and emerging ethical questions related to technology. My research also engages with epistemological aspects of normativity, particularly how risk, uncertainty, and rational deliberation factor into ethical decision-making.

Publications

- Lofitis, Kipros (2020). Standard and alternative error theories about moral reasons. *Ratio*, 33(1), 37-45.
- Lofitis, Kipros (Forthcoming). The question of the existence of moral reasons and two kinds of scepticisms. *The Journal of Value Inquiry*.

Selected Presentations

- The question of the existence of moral reasons and two kinds of scepticisms
 - *Deimonakties*, 03/2023, University of Cyprus
- Standard and alternative error theories about moral reasons
 - *Deimonakties*, 09/2019, University of Cyprus
- The conceptual question of morality
 - Postgraduate Talk, 10/2016, The University of Nottingham

Selected Courses Taught

- Applied Ethics (Taught in Greek)
University of Cyprus, Autumn/2022
Role: Module Convenor, Lecturer

An exploration of ethical theories applied to traditional moral dilemmas such as euthanasia, trolley problems, and animal rights, with a focus on developing critical reasoning skills in addressing complex real-world scenarios.

- Ethics (Taught in English)
University of Nicosia, Spring/2023
Role: Module Convenor, Lecturer
Overview of foundational theories and debates in moral philosophy, covering ethical subjectivism, social contract theory, utilitarianism, and Kantian ethics.
- Introduction to Philosophy (Taught in English)
University of Nicosia, Autumn/2023
Role: Module Convenor, Lecturer
A foundational introduction to analytic philosophy, covering elementary issues in epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of mind, and aesthetics.

Dissertation Summary

Title: Normativity and Ethics: The Error in the Error Theory

My dissertation critically examines whether moral norms necessarily provide agents with reasons, challenging the moral error theorist's claim that all reasons are instrumental. I argue that error theorists overstate their case and that moral norms can indeed supply non-instrumental reasons, defending a central tenet of moral realism.

Professional Development

Associate Fellow of The Higher Education Academy (since 2018)

Awards

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship for Research Excellence for PhD in Philosophy, 2014-2017,
The University of Nottingham

Academic Peer Reviews

Philosophical Papers, January 2022

Conferences

- 6th Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, May 2024
- Functional Hypotheses and the Engaged Point of View, University of Nottingham, September 2023
- 5th Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, May 2023
- 4th Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, May 2022

- 3rd Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, May 2021
- 2nd Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, October 2020
- Fifth Southern Normativity Conference, Cardiff University, July 2019
- Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, April 2019
- Understanding Value Six, The University of Sheffield, July 2017
- Southampton-Humboldt Normativity Conference, University of Southampton, June 2017

Skills, Activities & Interests

- Languages: Fluent in English, Greek
- Skills: Proficient in literature searching and accessing library resources on a range of devices, Very good with EndNote, Microsoft Office

References

- Dr. Hallvard Lillehammer, Professor of Philosophy, Birkbeck, University of London, h.lillehammer@bbk.ac.uk
- Dr. Neil Sinclair, Assistant Professor, The University of Nottingham, neil.sinclair@nottingham.ac.uk
- Dr. Andrew Fisher, Professor of Philosophy, The University of Nottingham, andrew.fisher@nottingham.ac.uk