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## Education

- 2016–2020     Doctor of Philosophy, University of St Andrews. Thesis: *Disagreement, Concepts and Convergence: A New Theory of Political Realist Legitimacy*.  
Examiners: Gerald Gaus and Rowan Cruft. Supervisors: Ben Sachs and Derek Ball.  
AOS: Moral Philosophy and Political Philosophy, Metaphilosophy.  
AOC: Philosophy of Language, Moral Psychology and Applied Ethics.
- 2019           Visiting Scholar, University of Arizona, Invited by Professor Gerald Gaus.
- 2013–2015     Masters of Philosophy, University of Sydney. Thesis *Rawls, Dworkin and Inheritance in Liberal Democracy*.  
Examiners: Duncan Ivison and Paul Patton. Supervisor: Thomas M. Besch
- 2009–2012     Bachelor of Arts Honours (First Class), University of Sydney. Double Major in Philosophy and English.

## Publications

“The Irrevocability of Capital Punishment and Active Voluntary Euthanasia”, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, forthcoming.

## Under Review and In Progress

“Reasonable Disagreement and Metalinguistic Negotiation” (under review)  
“Why the Convergence Conception of Political Liberalism Cannot Achieve Stability” (under review)  
“The Independence of Political Theory”  
“The Dual Convergent Conception of Political Realism”

## Teaching

- 2019–2020     Lecturer and Tutor for P1011 Moral and Political Controversies, and Moral Philosophy module on International Summer School Programme at the University of St Andrews.

2018	Tutor for PY1011 Moral and Political Controversies, PY1012 Reasoning, PY2012 Meaning and Knowing and the Moral Philosophy module on the International Summer School Programme at the University of St Andrews.
2017	Tutor for PY1012 Reasoning and PY1011 Moral and Political Controversies at the University of St Andrews.
2016	Tutor for PY1010 Mind and World at the University of St Andrews.

### **Presentations**

2019	“Metalinguistic Negotiation and Reasonable Political Disagreement” presented at Fifth PLM Conference in St Andrews. “Why Convergence Cannot Achieve Stability” presented at MANCEPT, Theories of Public Reason panel.
2018	“From Disagreement to Politics” presented at the SASP Research Postgraduate Friday Seminar Series.
2017	“Capital Punishment, Voluntary Euthanasia and Epistemic Status” presented at the SASP Research Postgraduate Friday Seminar Series. “Towards a Conceptual Explanation of Political Disagreement about Justice” presented at the Value Disagreement Conference in Lisbon at the New University of Lisbon. “Towards a Better Explanation of Political Disagreement about Justice” presented at the St Andrews Friday Graduate Seminar, and at the Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference.
2014	“The Focus of Luck-egalitarianism” presented at the Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference and Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference.
2013	“Luck-egalitarianism and Harshness” presented at the Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference and the Higher Degree Research One-Day Conference on Social Justice.

### **Awards**

2019	Russell Trust Postgraduate Award (£1250).
2019	St Leonard’s College Research Mobility Scholarship (£675).
2017	St Andrews International Student Hardship Award (£4000).
2013–2015	Australian Postgraduate Award Scholarship (\$24,653 per annum)

### **Extra-Academic Service and Engagement**

2018–2019	Postgraduate Member of St Andrews Centre for Exoplanet Science
2016–2019	Postgraduate Member and co-organiser of the St Andrews Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (CEPPA).

2018	Co-organiser for St Andrews MAP Chapter.
2018	Co-organiser, case author and judge for the St Andrews Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (CEPPA) inaugural John Stuart Mill Cup Debating Competition for secondary school students.
2018	Co-organiser for the inaugural CEPPA Graduate Conference at the University of St Andrews.
2017–2018	Mentor for MAP academic mentoring programme. Mentored two fourth year undergraduates over 10 sessions.
2017–2018	Co-organiser of the Friday Graduate Seminar at the University of St Andrews.
2016–	Producing, with Mario Brce, The New Federation podcast; a weekly podcast that discusses the important political, social and cultural issues facing Australia in the 21st Century.
2014	Organising Committee for the Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference held at the University of Sydney.

#### Postgraduate Coursework

2014	“Thought and the Hyperintensional” conducted by David Braddon-Mitchell (surveyed)
2013	“The Philosophy of Mere Life” conducted by John Grumley “Time” conducted by Craig Callender (surveyed) “Happiness, Welfare and Meaning” conducted by Caroline West “Explanation in Metaphysics and Science” conducted by Sam Baron.

#### Referees

Dr Ben Sachs, Primary Supervisor, Research and Teaching Referee, Lecturer in Philosophy – University of St Andrews. Phone: +441334464439 Email: bas7@st-andrews.ac.uk

Dr Derek Ball, Secondary Supervisor, Research Referee, Lecturer in Philosophy – University of St Andrews. Phone: +441334462486 Email: db71@st-andrews.ac.uk

Dr Rowan Cruft, Research Referee and Thesis Examiner, Professor of Philosophy – University of Stirling. Phone: +441786466230 Email: rowan.cruft@stir.ac.uk

Dr Theron Pummer, Research Referee, Lecturer in Philosophy and Director of CEPPA – University of St Andrews. Phone: +44133 446 2432 Email: tgp4@st-andrews.ac.uk