

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF INTEREST

- political philosophy, especially of economic institutions
- ethics and political theory of resistance and social change
- business ethics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

since 04/2025: wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (non-TT Assistant Professor), Munich School of Politics and Public Policy at TUM

11/2024 - 07/2025: Docent (Fixed-term lecturer), Ethics Institute, Utrecht University

09/2020 - 10/2024: PhD Researcher, Utrecht University. Full-time position in Rutger Claassen's ERC project "The Business Corporation as a Political Actor"

09/2022 - 12/2022: Visiting Research Fellow, Brown University. Host: Alex Gourevitch

04/2018 - 08/2020: Teaching and Research Assistant, Ruhr-University Bochum. Chair of Practical Philosophy, esp. Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Law, Prof. Corinna Mieth

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, Utrecht University, 2025. Thesis Title: *Democratizing Business Corporations. An Exercise in Transitional Theory.* Available online. Supervisors: Rutger Claassen and Maurits de Jongh. Examination committee: Alex Gourevitch, Christian Neuhäuser, Ingrid Robeyns, Lisa Herzog and Mauro Bonazzi

MA in "Ethics - Economics, Law and Politics (EELP)", Ruhr-University Bochum, 2020

BA in Philosophy with a minor in Business Studies, Goethe-University Frankfurt, 2017

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Philipp Stehr, "A Democratic Right to Political Strikes," *Political Philosophy* 2, no. 2 (2025), <https://doi.org/10.16995/pp.18607>

Philipp Stehr, "Expropriation as a Measure of Corporate Reform: Learning from the Berlin Initiative," *European Journal of Political Theory* 24, no. 1 (2025): 70–91, <https://doi.org/10.1177/14748851231197799>

Philipp Stehr, “The Boundary Problem in Workplace Democracy: Who Constitutes the Corporate Demos?,” *Political Theory* 51, no. 3 (2023): 507–529, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00905917221131821>

WORK IN PROGRESS

Drafts available upon request. Titles withheld to protect anonymous peer review.

An article defending strikes as a means for workers to combat degeneration in democratic corporations. Article under review: R&R at *Journal of Social Philosophy*

An article on the problem of making managers cooperate in democratizing firms, arguing for the permissibility of a temporary workers’ dictatorship. Article under review

An article on the ethics of dismissal, arguing that people’s life plans in employment are a strong reason to protect them from dismissal. Co-authored with Daniel Sharp. Article under review

An article defending an agonistic perspective on corporate governance, arguing that unions should be a key part of such a framework. Co-authored with Chi Kwok. Article under review

SHORTER WRITINGS AND PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Barbara Bziuk and Philipp Stehr, “What Is Wrong with the World Power System and What Can Accounting Do About It?,” *Journal of Law and Political Economy* 3, no. 3 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.5070/LP6336II50>

Philipp Stehr, *Dienstpflcht von unten*, praeftisch.de, 2023 [Link](#)

Savriel Dillingh and Philipp Stehr, *Hoe lossen we de wooncrisis op?*, Bij Nader Inzien, 2022 [Link](#)

Philipp Stehr, *A Match Made in Law? On Corporations and Their Uncomfortable Fit with Democracy*, Blog of the APA, 2021 [Link](#)

Philipp Stehr, *Das Berliner Volksbegehren und die politische Theorie des Unternehmens*, praeftisch.de, 2021 [Link](#)

EVENT ORGANISATION

- *TUM Political Theory and Philosophy Colloquium*, Winter term 2025/26, Munich, with Manon Westphal and Emily Katzenstein
- *Reconceiving Business Corporations in Times of Political Contestation*, 22 - 24 May 2025, Utrecht, with Uğur Aytaç and Rutger Claassen
- *MANCEPT Workshop: Business Corporations, Non-ideal Theory, and Social Change*, 11 - 12 September 2023, Manchester, with Barbara Bziuk
- *Democracy and the Corporation*, 16 - 18 March 2022, Utrecht, with Rutger Claassen

SERVICE

Peer Review for:

- *American Political Science Review* (2025)
- *Krisis* (2025)
- *Journal of Business Ethics* (2025)
- *Ethics & Global Politics* (2025)
- Book Review for Springer Nature (2025)
- *Review of Social Economy* (2025)
- *Journal of Social Philosophy* (2023, 2024, 2025)
- *Critical Horizons* (2024)
- *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics* (2023, 2024)
- *Political Theory* (2023)

TEACHING

- At TU Munich
 - *Power, Injustice, and Resistance* (Political Science BA); course design, coordination and seminar teacher (Fall 2025)
 - *The Political Theory of Big Tech* (Politics and Technology MA); course design and coordination, co-taught with Manon Westphal (Fall 2025)
 - *Introduction to Political Theory* (Political Science BA, in German); course design and seminar teacher, co-taught with Manon Westphal (Fall 2025)
 - *Democratic Innovations* (Political Science BA), co-taught with Manon Westphal (Spring 2025)
- At Utrecht University
 - *Uncivil Resistance* (Applied Ethics MA, Philosophy MA); course design and coordination. (Spring 2025)
 - Bachelor thesis supervision: six students, in Dutch and English (Philosophy BA, spring 2025)
 - *Metaethics* (Philosophy BA); seminar teacher, co-taught with Janis Schaab (Spring 2025)
 - *Introduction to Practical Ethics* (Philosophy minor); seminar teacher, co-taught with Pepijn Al and Uwe Peters (Spring 2025)
 - *Ethics and Public Policy* (PPE BA); seminar teacher; co-taught with Yara Al Salman and Lila Braunschweig (Fall 2024)
 - *History and Philosophy of the Welfare State* (PPE BA minor); course coordinator, lecturer and seminar teacher; Interdisciplinary course co-taught with Esther Baakman (Fall 2024)
 - *Ethics and Public Policy* (Applied Ethics MA); seminar teacher; co-taught with Frans Brom (Fall 2024)
 - *Political Philosophy* (PPE BA); seminar teacher; co-taught with Barbara Bziuk, Rutger Claassen (Spring 2023) and Dorothea Gädke (Spring 2022)
- As teaching assistant at Ruhr-University Bochum:

- 2020: *Universal Basic Income*. Seminar for EELP MA students, with Martin Sticker
- 2019: *Human Enhancement*. Seminar for EELP MA students, with Marcelo Araujo
- 2018: *Legitimacy*. Seminar for EELP MA students, with Ana Matan
- 2018, 2019, 2020: *Introduction to Ethics*. Tutorial teacher for 1st year philosophy students, with Corinna Mieth (2018, 2020) and Klaus Steigleder (2019)
- Training in Teaching
 - Ongoing: University Teaching Qualification at Utrecht University (9-month teaching development course, >125 hours total workload)
 - 2021: PhD Teaching course at Utrecht University (15-hour course)
 - 2019: Introductory teaching course for teaching assistants at Ruhr-University Bochum (12-hour course)

PRESENTATIONS

* = invited presentation

- **What's a Realistic View of Efficiency and Firms?* Book Workshop on Gonzalez-Ricoy's *Labour in the Boardroom: The Political Theory of Workplace Democracy*, Munich, 29 January 2026
- **Considering Resistance in Economic Institutions*. Colloquium in Social and Political Philosophy, LMU Munich, 21 January 2026
- *Expropriating Agricultural Land*. The Land Question Conference, Berlin, 30 October 2025
- *A Life Plan View of Employment and the Ethics of Dismissal* (with Daniel Sharp)
 - Dortmund Disputes on Economic Justice, 13 June 2025
- *A Democratic Right to Political Strikes*
 - Tagung für praktische Philosophie, Passau, 26 September 2025
 - Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie, Münster, 23 September 2024
 - OZSW Annual Conference, Eindhoven, 30 August 2024
- *A Right to Strike in Democratic Corporations?*
 - MANCEPT Workshop: Economic Democracy: Normative and Practical Challenges, Manchester, 4 September 2025
 - Association for Social and Political Philosophy (ASPP) Annual Conference 2024, Swansea, 11 July 2024
 - Workshop für politische Philosophie, Düsseldorf, 5 July 2024
- **Political Resistance: Between Expression and Self-Defense*. Keynote at Utrecht Philosophy Graduate Conference, Utrecht, 9 May 2025
- *On a problem for workplace democracy and its solution via a workers' dictatorship*
 - ECPR General Conference, Dublin, 12 August 2024

- 13th Braga meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, 16 June 2023
- EURO-DEM Workshop: Varieties of Workplace Democracy: from specific models to a political economy, Berlin, 8 June 2023
- OZSW Annual Conference, Leiden, 2 June 2023
- Workshop für politische Philosophie, Düsseldorf, 25 May 2023
- *Expropriation as a Measure of Corporate Reform - Learning from the Berlin Initiative*
 - Association for Social and Political Philosophy (ASPP) Annual Conference 2022, Durham, 13 July 2022
 - Utrecht Philosophy Graduate Conference, 13 May 2022
- *Defining the Corporate Demos*
 - VIII. Tagung für praktische Philosophie, Salzburg, 1 October 2021
 - Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 27 April 2021

LANGUAGES

- German: native
- English: fluent (C2)
- Dutch: proficient (B1)
- Spanish: proficient (B1)
- French: basic (A2)

REFERENCES

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