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*Curriculum Vitae*

Utrecht University  
Ethics Institute, Department of  
Philosophy and Religious Studies

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**AOS:** Political Philosophy

**AOC:** Applied Ethics

**Research Areas:** economic justice; philosophy of work; markets; political liberalism; relational equality

## Employment

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### Utrecht University (2025–2027)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Ethics Institute, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

### Trinity College Dublin (2023–2024)

IRC Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy

## Education

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### Western University (2017–2023)

Ph.D. Political Science (Political Theory), 2018-2023

Dissertation: *Justice and Meaningful Work*

M.A. Political Science (Political Theory), 2017-2018

### University of Adelaide (2013–2016)

B.A. Politics and International Studies (Honours – First Class)

## Publications

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### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

- FirstView. “**Community through Market Competition.**” *Economics & Philosophy* (published online 09/2025).
- FirstView. “**Political Liberalism’s Skeptical Problem and the Burden of Total Experience**” *Episteme* (published online 01/2025).
- 2025. “**Meaningful Work, Nonperfectionism, and Reciprocity.**” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 28(4): 685-706.

- 2025. **“Do We Have Relational Reasons to Care About Intergenerational Equality?”** w/Elizabeth Finneron-Burns, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 28(3): 421-442.
- 2024. **“Productive Justice in the ‘Post-Work Future.’”** w/ Elizabeth Finneron-Burns, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 41(2): 330-349.
- 2023. **“Are Savior Siblings a Special Case in Procreative Ethics?”** w/ Elizabeth Finneron-Burns, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 26(1): 49-73.
- 2023. **“What Is Meaningful Work?”** *Social Theory and Practice* 49(4): 579-604.
- 2023. **“The End of the Right to the City: A Radical-Cooperative View.”** w/ Martin Horak, *Urban Affairs Review* 59(1): 14-42.

#### *Book Reviews*

- FirstView. **Review of Perpetuating Advantage: Mechanisms of Structural Injustice**, written by Robert E. Goodin, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (published online 10/2025)

#### *Public Writing*

- 2024. **Should We Mourn the Loss of Work?**, w/ Elizabeth Finneron-Burns, *Justice Everywhere*
- 2024. **What Is Meaningful Work? A Philosopher’s View**, *The Conversation UK*  
Republished in: *Empirics Asia*, *Nexo Jornal* (as “A visão da filosofia sobre o que é um trabalho significativo”), *Social Europe*, *The Business Times*, *Workplace Insight*
- 2021. **The End of the Right to the City: A Radical-Cooperative View**, w/ Martin Horak, *Urban Affairs Forum*
- 2016. **The Challenges Posed to Principled Aid by International and Australian Counter-Terrorism Legislation**, *Quarterly Access*

## **Works in Progress**

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- A paper on economic democracy
- A paper on growth, ecological sustainability, and democratic values
- A paper on comparing different economic systems

## **Presentations**

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*Academic Talks* (\* = invited, \*\* = invited after peer-review of submissions)

- **Degrowth and the Values of Democracy** (→ preparing for review)  
2025 September, MANCEPT workshops, University of Manchester
- **Economic Democracy: Workplace and Otherwise** (→ preparing for review)  
\*\*2025 October, Work and Democracy Conference, University of Groningen  
\*\* 2025 July, Association for Social and Political Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Glasgow

- \*\* 2025 July, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Annual Conference London, King's College London
- \*\* 2025 June, Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho
- 2025 June, Ethics Institute Colloquium, Utrecht University
- **Meaningful Work and Economic Systems** (→ preparing for review)
  - 2024 November, New Directions in Meaningful Work Workshop, Trinity College Dublin
- **Community through Market Competition”** (→ E&P FirstView)
  - \*\* 2024 November, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
  - 2024 May, Work and Equality Workshop, Trinity College Dublin
  - \* 2024 January, Work and Taxation Workshop, Center for Ethics at the University of Zurich
  - \* 2023 October, Political Studies Association of Ireland All-Island Political Theory Seminar Series (online)
  - 2023 October, Department of Philosophy Work-in-Progress Seminar, Trinity College Dublin
- **Productive Justice in the Post-Work Future** (→ JAP 2024)
  - \*\* 2023 December, The Future of Work and Income Conference, University of St Andrews
  - \*\* 2023 December, LMU Munich PPE Workshop: The Future of Work, LMU Munich
- **Do We Have Relational Reasons to Care About Intergenerational Equality?** (→ CRISPP 2025)
  - \* 2023 September, Relational Equality and Intergenerational Justice Workshop, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- **Economic Power as an Externality** (→ preparing for review)
  - 2022 September, Prairie Political Science Association Annual Conference, Banff, AB
- **Are Saviour Siblings a Special Case in Procreative Ethics?** (→ JESP 2023)
  - \*\* 2022 June, Bucharest Conference in Analytical Political Theory, University of Bucharest (online)
- **Meaningful Work, Nonperfectionism, and Reciprocity** (→ CRISPP 2025)
  - \*\* 2022 January, Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought Conference, University of Oxford (online)
  - \*\* 2021 July, Labor Justice and the Transformation of Work Workshop, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (online)
  - \*\* 2021 June, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (online)
- **Political Liberalism's Skeptical Problem and the Burden of Total Experience** (→ Episteme FirstView)
  - 2020 February, Western University Political Philosophy Workshop, London, ON
  - 2019 September, Prairie Political Science Association Annual Conference, Banff, AB
  - \*\* 2019 June, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, UBC, Vancouver

*Commentaries and other Academic Talks*

- **Themes and Methodology of the Visions for the Future Project** (w/ Hannah McHugh)
  - 2025 July, Visions for the Future – Challenges to the Realization of System Change Workshop, Utrecht University

### *Public Talks and Outreach*

- **Podcast interview: “Workplace Democracy”** (w/ Isabelle Ferreras)  
2025 December, De Linkse Revolte, Utrecht
- **Public lecture: “From Shareholder Capitalism to Economic Democracy”** (response to Isabelle Ferreras)  
2025 December, Studium Generale Beyond Capitalism Series, Utrecht
- **Panel member: “Visions for the Future and Alternative Economic Systems”**  
2025 October, Utrecht University Philosophical Cafe, Utrecht
- **Podcast interview: “Why We Work”**  
2024 November, RTÉ ‘Brainstorm,’ Dublin
- **Panel member: “What Is Meaningful Work?”**  
2024 May, HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, Hay-on-Wye, UK
- **Public lecture: “Making Work Meaningful”**  
2024 March, Philosophy Today Series, Trinity College Dublin
- **Radio interview: “Searching for Meaning at Work”**  
2024 February, RTÉ ‘The Business,’ Dublin
- **Public lecture: “Counter-Terrorism Legislation and Principled Aid”**  
2015 June, Workshop on International Humanitarian Law, Australian Red Cross, Adelaide

## **Organized Events**

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- **Panel: “Philosophy of Degrowth”**  
2025 September, MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (co-organized with Catarina Neves)
- **Workshop: “Visions for the Future – Challenges to the Realization of System Change”**  
2025 July, Utrecht University (co-organized with Hannah McHugh, Catarina Neves, and Ingrid Robeyns)
- **Workshop: “New Directions in Meaningful Work”**  
2024 November, Trinity College Dublin (co-organized with Charlotte Unruh)
- **Workshop: “Work and Equality”**  
2024 May, Trinity College Dublin (co-organized with Adina Preda)

## **Awards**

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- Canadian Association for Graduate Studies Distinguished Dissertation Award (Nominated), Western University (2024)  
Nominated as the Western representative for the national competition in the ‘Arts, Humanities, and Social Science’ category.
- Research, Training, and Development Fund Award, Western University (2020)
- Research, Training, and Development Fund Award, Western University (2019)

## Grants and Scholarships

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- Postdoctoral Fellowship (Government of Ireland), Irish Research Council (2023-2025)
- Faculty of Social Science Doctoral Completion Scholarship, Western University (2022-2023)
- F.M. Barnard Scholarship in Political Philosophy, Western University (2018–2023)
- F.M. Barnard Scholarship in Political Philosophy, Western University (2017–2018)

## Teaching Experience

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### *Courses*

- **Integrating Insights (Markets)**, 3rd year course (PPE)  
Winter 2026, Utrecht University, sole teacher
- **The Ethics of Work**, Graduate Seminar (Philosophy)  
Winter 2025, Utrecht University, sole teacher
- **Bioethics**, 3rd year course (Philosophy)  
Winter 2025, Utrecht University, co-teacher
- **Foundations of Political Theory**, 2nd year course (Political Science)  
Fall 2021, Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Western University, sole teacher  
Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Western University, teaching assistant
- **Issues in Contemporary Political Theory**, 2nd year course (Political Science)  
Winter 2021, Winter 2022, Winter 2023, Western University, teaching assistant
- **Introduction to Political Theory** [history of political thought], 2nd year course (Political Science)  
Fall/Winter 2017-2018, Fall/Winter 2018-2019, Western University, teaching assistant

### *Supervision*

- Wieke van Vlaardingen, Research Masters (Philosophy), Utrecht University, 2025

### *Guest Lectures*

- **Ethics of Organ Donation**, Wicked Problems (Interdisciplinary), Utrecht University, May 2025, May 2026
- **Racial Justice**, Issues in Contemporary Political Theory, Western University, March 2023
- **Racial and Feminist Critiques of Rawls**, Foundations of Political Theory, Western University, November 2022
- **Theories of Punishment**, Foundations of Political Theory, Western University, September 2022
- **Political Authority and Political Obligation**, Foundations of Political Theory, Western University, September 2022

- **Political Thought of Alison Jaggar**, Introduction to Political Theory, Western University, March 2019
- **Political Thought of John Rawls**, Introduction to Political Theory, Western University, March 2018

### *Pedagogical Training*

- **Universal Teaching Qualification Modular Certificate** (4 half-day workshops), Centre for Academic Teaching and Learning, Utrecht University, February-May 2025
- **‘Rewriting the Assignment’ – Assessing writing in the age of GenAI** (half-day workshop), Centre for Digital Humanities, Utrecht University, February 2025
- **ABC Approach to Learning Design** (half-day workshop), Centre for Academic Practice, Trinity College Dublin, April 2024
- **Inclusive Practice for Teaching and Learning** (10-week course), Trinity-INC, Trinity College Dublin, January-March 2024  
Received Digital Badge in Universal Design in Teaching and Learning from the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education
- **Decolonizing Your Online Classroom** (half-day workshop), Centre for Teaching and Learning, Western University, December 2021
- **Humanizing Your Virtual Classroom** (half-day workshop), Centre for Teaching and Learning, Western University, December 2021
- **Fostering Respectful and Inclusive Online Environments** (half-day workshop), Centre for Teaching and Learning, Western University, September 2020

## Service

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### *Department*

- **Coordinator:** Ethics Institute Colloquium, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University, 2025-2026
- **Founder and Organizer:** Political Theory and Political Philosophy Workshop, Department of Political Science and Department of Philosophy, Western University, 2020-2023
- **Graduate Peer Mentor:** Department of Political Science, Western University, 2022-2023
- **Steward:** Department of Political Science, Western University, 2020-2021
- **TA Union Rep:** Department of Political Science, Western University, 2018-2019

### *University*

- **Committee Member:** Postdoc Academy, Trinity College Dublin, 2024

### *The Profession*

- **Editorial Assistant:** *The Oxford Handbook of Population Ethics* (2022) Gustaf Arrhenius, Krister Bykvist, Tim Campbell, and Elizabeth Finneron-Burns (eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press

- **Reviewer:** *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*; *Ergo*; *Ethics, Politics & Society*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *Journal of Ethics* (x2); *Journal of Medical Ethics*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Social Philosophy* (x4); *Moral Philosophy and Politics* (x2); *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophia*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Studies in Social Justice*; *Thought*

## References

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### 4. Adina Preda

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### 5. Elizabeth Finneron-Burns (*Teaching*)

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