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Curriculum Vitae

Utrecht University
Ethics Institute, Department of
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AOS: Political Philosophy

AOC: Applied Ethics

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

Employment

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

University of Western Ontario (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

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2026. **"Community through Market Competition."** *Economics & Philosophy* 42(2): 280-301.
  - Forthcoming Chinese translation reprinted in *Bijiao ('The Journal of Comparative Studies')*
- 2026. **"Political Liberalism's Skeptical Problem and the Burden of Total Experience"** *Episteme* 23(2): 307-329.

- 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

- 2025. **Review of Perpetuating Advantage: Mechanisms of Structural Injustice**, written by Robert E. Goodin, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 22(5-6): 709-712.

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

- An edited volume: *Real Alternatives to Contemporary Capitalism*, w/ Ingrid Robeyns and Catarina Neves
- A paper on economic democracy (under review)
- A paper on democratic investment
- A paper on comparing different economic systems, w/ Ingrid Robeyns and Catarina Neves

Presentations

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

- **Investment and Democratic Authority** (→ preparing for review)
  *2026 October, Work in Transition Workshop, Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm

- **Economic Democracy and Growth in Times of Ecological Crisis** (→ preparing for review)
  **2026 June, 2nd Dortmund Disputes on Economic Justice, TU Dortmund
  2025 September, MANCEPT workshops, University of Manchester
- **Coercive Economic Power and Economic Democracy** (→ under review)
  *2026 June, Liberalism Rekindled workshop (online)
  **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** 2026)
  ** 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** (→ under 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** 2026)
  2020 February, University of Western Ontario 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

- **Comments on Jean-Philippe Deranty "Meaningful Work as Living Labour"**
  2026 October, Work in Transition Workshop, Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm
- **Comments on Joakim Sandberg and Adrian Walsh "Markets and Motives"**
  2026 September, Book Manuscript Workshop on *Between Ethics and Economics: Towards a Philosophical Theory of Business Ethics*, Utrecht University
- **Comments on Filippo Santoni de Sio "Shaping the Future of Work Through Transdisciplinary R&I: Realising Responsibility, Justice and Democracy in Technological Innovation"**
  2026 May, Political Philosophy and AI: Freedom, Democracy, and Resistance, Leiden University
- **Comments on Kebadu Gebremariam "Harvesting Inequality: Land Grabbing and Distributive Justice"**
  2026 February, New Work in Political Philosophy III, Leiden University
- **Response to Christine Berry "Ours: Reclaiming Ownership of What Matters"**
  2025 October, Vision Speaker Series, Utrecht University (online)
- **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: "Real Democracy Starts at Work"** (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

- **Book Manuscript Workshop: "Real Alternatives to Contemporary Capitalism"**
  2027 May, Utrecht University (co-organized with Catarina Neves and Ingrid Robeyns)
- **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

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

Grants and Scholarships

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

Teaching Experience

Courses

- **Political Philosophy**, 1st year course (PPE)
  Winter 2026, Utrecht University, co-teacher

- **Ethics and the Law,** Graduate Seminar (Philosophy)
  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, University of Western Ontario, sole teacher
  Fall 2020, Fall 2022, University of Western Ontario, teaching assistant
- **Issues in Contemporary Political Theory,** 2nd year course (Political Science)
  Winter 2021, Winter 2022, Winter 2023, University of Western Ontario, teaching assistant
- **Introduction to Political Theory** [history of political thought], 2nd year course (Political Science)
  Fall/Winter 2017-2018, Fall/Winter 2018-2019, University of Western Ontario, teaching assistant

Supervision

- Menno Govaers, Master's in Applied Ethics (Philosophy), Utrecht University, 2026
- 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, University of Western Ontario, March 2023
- **Racial and Feminist Critiques of Rawls,** Foundations of Political Theory, University of Western Ontario, November 2022
- **Theories of Punishment,** Foundations of Political Theory, University of Western Ontario, September 2022
- **Political Authority and Political Obligation,** Foundations of Political Theory, University of Western Ontario, September 2022
- **Political Thought of Alison Jaggar,** Introduction to Political Theory, University of Western Ontario, March 2019
- **Political Thought of John Rawls,** Introduction to Political Theory, University of Western Ontario, 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, University of Western Ontario, December 2021
- **Humanizing Your Virtual Classroom** (half-day workshop), Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Western Ontario, December 2021
- **Fostering Respectful and Inclusive Online Environments** (half-day workshop), Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Western Ontario, September 2020

Service

Department

- **Coordinator:** Ethics Institute Colloquium, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University, 2025-2027
- **Founder and Organizer:** Political Theory and Political Philosophy Workshop, Department of Political Science and Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, 2020-2023
- **Graduate Peer Mentor:** Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario, 2022-2023
- **Steward:** Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario, 2020-2021
- **TA Union Rep:** Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario, 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:** *American Journal of Political Science*; *Contemporary Political Theory* (x2); *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*; *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory*; *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*; *Ergo*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Ethics, Politics & Society*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (x2); *Journal of Ethics* (x3); *Journal of Medical Ethics*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Social Philosophy* (x5); *Moral Philosophy and Politics* (x2); *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophia*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Social Theory and Practice* (x2); *Studies in Social Justice*; *Thought*

References

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