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AOS: Kant's moral and political philosophy
AOC: Political philosophy, ethics, practical ethics

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Employment

Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Philosophy
University of Groningen
Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, Department of Philosophy
University of Oxford
Fellow, Department of Government
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education, LSE
DPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford
Supervisors: Ralf Bader and Ralph Walker
Examiners: Thomas Sinclair and Jens Timmermann
BPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford

Publications

Monographs

2012-2014 2006-2011

1. In progress and under contract. *Kant on Duties to Self*, Cambridge University Press. Cambridge Elements in the Philosophy of Kant series.

B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy, University of Toronto

Peer-reviewed articles

- 6. Accepted. 'Aiding the impermissible? Kant and the morality of medical assistance in dying' in *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.
- 5. 2025. 'Duties to Self in §2 of Kant's Doctrine of Virtue' in History of Philosophy Quarterly 42(2), 193-204.
 - https://doi.org/10.5406/21521026.42.2.05
- 4. 2024. 'Duties to Self, Consent, and Respect in Kant's Moral Philosophy' in *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 1-24. Online first. https://doi.org/10.1163/17455243-20244458
- 3. 2023. 'Kant on Civil Self-Sufficiency' in *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 105(1), 118-140. https://doi.org/10.1515/agph-2020-0030

- 2. 2021. 'Whence Honeste Vive?' in *European Journal of Philosophy* 29(2), 323-338. https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12572
- 1. 2020. 'Kant on Welfare: 5 Unsuccessful Defences' in *Kantian Review* 25(1), 1-25. https://doi.org/10.1017/S136941541900044X

Invited chapters

- 2024. 'Authority and Acquisition: Kant on Property in the State of Nature' in *Property Law and Theory* ed. C. Bevan. Edward Elgar Publishing, 142-154. https://doi.org/10.4337/9781802202069.00017
- 2023. 'Active Citizenship and Kantian Republicanism' in *The Kantian Subject: New Interpretative Essays*, eds. Luigi Caranti and Fernando Silva. Routledge, 161-79. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003462415-14
- 2014. 'A Kantian Defense of the Right to Health Care' in Kantian Theory and Human Rights, eds. Andreas Føllesdal and Reidar Maliks. New York: Routledge, 70-88. https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203796559

Book reviews

- 2. Invited and in progress for Kantian Review. Kantian Citizenship: Grounds, Standards and Global Implications, eds. Sorin Baiasu and Mark Timmons.
- 1. 2023. Kant's Grounded Cosmopolitanism: original common possession and the right to visit by Jakob Huber in Jurisprudence 14(2): 309-316. https://doi.org/10.1080/20403313.2023.2180883

Public engagement and other writing

- 23. Forthcoming. K.D. Robertson, W. Vale-Hagan, A. Ch. Stratakos, O. Doran, E. Drinkwater, X. Wu, M. E. Miller, **Luke Davies**, K. W. Lang, Y. Nakamura, F. E. Benny, S. Sumner, A. Koidis, S. Stergiadis, K. Theodoridou. 'Insects in food and feed: an updated review' in *Nutrition Bulletin*.
- 22. Forthcoming. 'Combating naïve scepticism and epistemic nihilism in the classroom and beyond: an interview with Jake Wright', in *Postgraduate Pedagogies*.
- 21. 2025. 'Kant on language, culture and politics' for Cambridge Core Blog.
- 20. 2021. 'No grades, no degree classes, just pass/fail' for LSE Higher Education blog.
- 19. 2021. 'A modest proposal: the case for a pass/fail first year at the LSE' for LSE Contemporary Issues in Teaching and Learning Blog.
- 18. 2021. 'Options for teaching the western canon: no more 'Plato to NATO' style courses' for LSE Contemporary Issues in Teaching and Learning Blog.
- 17. 2015. 'Should Vegetarians Consider Eating Insects?' in *Alternative Diets*. Cambridge: Independence Educational Publishers, 32-33.
- 16. 2015. 'Child Euthanasia Should Be Allowed' in *Opposing Viewpoints: Euthanasia*, Gale: Cengage Learning, 35-40.
- 15. February 2015. 'The Fundamental Elements of Rights' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'

- 14. January 2015. 'Aboriginal rights and refusal of treatment in Canada' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 13. November 2014. 'A Methodological Worry for 'Top Down' Accounts of Human Rights' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 12. October 2014. 'The Humane and the Ethical in Animal Research' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 11. September 2014. 'On the Supposed Importance of Cultural Traditions for Whaling Practice' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 10. July 2014. 'Principles for the Legalisation of Trade in Rhino Horn' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 9. June 2014. 'Should Vegetarians Consider Eating Insects?' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 8. May 2014. 'On Canada's Proposed Bill C-24: the So-Called 'Strengthening Canadian Citizenship' Act' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 7. March 2014. 'Reconsidering the Ethics of Enhanced Punishment' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 6. February 2014. 'Private Lives, Dying Wishes, and Technological Development' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 5. January 2014. 'Three Arguments Against the Belgian Child Euthanasia Bill, Criticised' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 4. October 2013. 'Can we have an Interest Theory of Rights for Animals, and a Will Theory for Humans?' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 3. October 2013. 'Can a Person in a Vegetative State get Married?' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 2. September 2013. 'Should Some People be Barred from Pursuing Higher Education?' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'
- 1. August 2013. 'Political Change and the Olympic Games' University of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics blog 'Ethics in the News'

Presentations

- 35. Duties to self and moral agency
 - (i.) Duties to self workshop, University of Utrecht [co-organiser]. June 2025.
 - (ii.) Kant on civil subordination, Laval University [invited]. June 2025.
- 34. Aiding the impermissible: Kant and the morality of assisted dying
 - (i) University of Toronto Centre for Ethics [invited]. February 2024.
 - (ii) McMaster University, Department of Philosophy Speaker Series [invited]. February 2024.
 - (iii) Kant 300 Years from Now, University of Catania. October 2024.
 - (iv.) Kant Colloquium, University of St. Andrews. [invited] Spring 2025.
- 33. Kant and the primacy of duties to self in §2 of the Doctrine of Virtue
 - (i) 14th International Kant Congress, University of Bonn. September 2024.
 - (ii) Multilateral Kant Colloquium, Universities of Parma and Ferrara. 2023.

- 32. Kantian duties to self, consent, and respect for persons
 - (i) Kantian Foundations of Democracy Group, University of Oslo [invited]. April 2024.
 - (ii) 300 Jahre Kant: Perspektiven für die Philosophie des 21. Jahrhunderts, Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften [invited]. April 2024.
- 31. Inalienable rights (in Kant)

Kant & Migration, University of Bristol [invited]. 2023.

- 30. Duties to self, consent, and being used merely as a means
 - (i) Ethics and Political Philosophy Colloquium, University of Fribourg [invited]. 2023.
 - (ii) Means and Ends Kant Network [invited]. 2023.
- 29. Authority and acquisition: Kant on property in the state of nature Kant workshop, University of Fribourg [invited]. 2023.
- 28. Commentary on George Pavlakos' *The Kantian Legal Relation as Radical Non-Positivism* Law and Morality in Kant, University of Göttingen [invited]. 2022.
- 27. Kant's innate right and bodily rights ECPR General Conference. 2021.
- 26. Unilateral choice and the necessity of the state
 Justice, Peace, and Cosmopolitan Values, University of Lisbon. 2021.
- 25. Unilateral choice, property acquisition, and independence Political Philosophy Research Seminar, LSE [invited]. 2020.
- 24. Kant on provisional rights and the state: three theses
 Beyond the State and the Citizen, University of Economics, Prague. 2020.
- 23. Kant on civil self-sufficiency
 - (i) Humanity and personality in Kant, University of Lisbon. 2019.
 - (ii) New readings of Kant's political philosophy, University of Buenos Aires [invited]. 2019.
- 22. The feeling of honour in the Doctrine of Right Multilateral Kant Colloquium, University of Catania. 2018.
- 21. Kant on the independence of citizens
 Kant's legal and political philosophy workshop, University of Oslo [invited]. 2018.
- 20. The Kantian Proviso
 - (i) ECPR General Conference, University of Oslo. 2017.
 - (ii) Kant Colloquium, University of St. Andrews [invited]. 2017.
- 19. Slavery and Self-ownership in the Doctrine of Right Leuven Kant Conference, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven. 2017.
- 18. Kant's Two Arguments Against Self-Ownership
 - (i) Warwick Graduate Conference in Legal and Political Theory. 2017.
 - (ii) The Ockham Society, University of Oxford. 2017.
 - (iii) LSE Graduate Political Theory Conference. 2017.
- 17. Commentary on Louis-Philippe Hodgson's *Kantian Right and Ideal Justice* Kant, Rights and the State, University of Oxford. 2016.
- 16. Whence 'Honeste Vive'?

Annual PhD Kant Workshop, Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenburg. 2016.

Grounding Human Rights
 Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho. 2015.

- 14. Kant's Argument for the Formula of Humanity and the Dualism of Practical Reason Leuven Kant Conference, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven. 2015.
- Are There Juridical Laws in Kant's Moral Philosophy?
 Graduate Workshop in Kant's Political Philosophy, LSE. 2015.
- 12. The Structure, Grounds and Content of Human Rights
 Political Theory Research Seminar, University of Oxford. 2015.
- 11. Kant and the Freedom of Citizens
 Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop, University College London. 2014.
- 10. Child Euthanasia? Three Arguments Against, Criticised Graduate Student and Alumni Speaker Series, Brasenose College, Oxford. 2014.
- 9. Emotion, Akrasia, and Decision-Making Capacity in Cases of Anorexia Nervosa Practical Ethics Discussion Group, University of Oxford, Department of Philosophy. 2013.
- 8. A Kantian Defence of the Right to Health Care
 - (i) The Ockham Society, University of Oxford. 2012.
 - (ii) Graduate Conference on Kant and Human Rights Jurisprudence, University of Oslo. 2012.
- 7. Kant's Rejection of Leibniz's Principle of the Identity of Indiscernibles Undergraduate Conference, Philosophy Department, SUNY Oneonta. 2011.
- 6. 'If he has committed murder, he must die'?: Kant's View of Punishment in the Doctrine of Right. Philosophy Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Toronto. 2011.
- 5. Aspect Perception and Understanding the Meaning of Words in the Philosophical Investigations Critical Reflections, Philosophy Department, University of Windsor. 2011.
- 4. Let Needs Increase that Rights May Prosper: Strengthening Henry Shue's Account of Basic Rights Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Toronto Scarborough. 2011.
- 3. Addicted Bodies, Disciplined Communities: a Foucauldian Analysis of Addiction Models and their Constitutive Subject Communities
 21st Annual Canadian Bioethics Society Conference. 2010.
- Communicative Action, Disciplinary Power, and Addiction Philosophy Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Toronto. 2010.
- 1. A Critical Analysis of Robert Levine's Concept of First-Person Informed Consent Critical Reflections, Philosophy Department, University of Windsor. 2010.

Teaching

Graduate Kant (Oxford)

seminars Foundations in Political Theory (Oxford)

Undergraduate Themes in Kant's Moral and Political Philosophy (Oxford)

lectures

Undergraduate Introduction to Political Theory (LSE)

tutorials Theory of Politics (Oxford)

Introduction to Theory of Politics (Oxford) Kant's Ethics (Oxford, not for examination)

Ethics (Oxford)

Early Modern Philosophy (Oxford) Introduction to Ethics (Toronto) Political Philosophy (Toronto)

Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (Toronto)

Introduction to Philosophy (Toronto)

Undergraduate, General Philosophy (Oxford) grading only Global Bioethics (Toronto)

Bioethics (Toronto)

Other teaching Philosophy of Rights (Alliance University, Bengaluru)

Essay writing workshop for politics students (LSE)

Graduate Mentor, Merton College Oxford Tutor, Oxford Summer Courses (OSC) Lead Tutor for Arts & Humanities, OSC

Tutor, Universify Education

Professional service

Peer-review refereeing for: Ethics; Political Theory; Kantian Review; Philosophy & Phenomenological Research; Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Ethics & Global Politics; Philosophy and Social Criticism; Studi Kantiani; Kantian Journal; Con-textos Kantianos; European Journal of Bioethics; Philosophia.

June 2023-February 2025 Guest editor, Kantian Review, special issue on

sovereignty, nationality and language

June 2025 Co-organiser, 'Duties to self' conference 2014, 2016, 2017 Admissions Assistant, Merton College

2017 Co-organiser, Kant on political change panel, ECPR

2016-2017 Co-organiser, Kant reading group

2016 Co-organiser, 'Kant, Rights, and the State' conference

Funded by: BSHP and the Mind Association

2014-2015 Co-organiser, Kant's Doctrine of Right reading group

2014 Reviewer, Graduate Conference (Oxford)

2013 Co-organiser, 'CRNAP' Workshop

2013 Reviewer, Canadian Bioethics Society Conference

Professional membership

Member of the UK Kant Society

Member of the North American Kant Society

Member of the British Society for the History of Philosophy

Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy Member of the 'Means and Ends Network' (2023-present) Researcher in the EU-funded 'Kant in South America' research project (2018-2023)

Awards and distinctions

2022-2025	Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship (value: £117,908)
2021-2022	Fellow, Eden Centre for Education Enhancement, LSE

2021 LSE Excellence in Teaching Award

2017 Philosophy faculty lecturing scheme, University of Oxford

2010-2011 Socrates project, University of Toronto

2010 C.L. Burton Scholarship, University of Toronto

Winner, abstract writing competition, Canadian Bioethics Society
 Honours seminar, Philosophy department, University of Toronto

References

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