

AOS: Kant's moral and political philosophy

AOC: Ethics, political philosophy, early modern philosophy

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Employment

2025-2028	Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Philosophy University of Groningen
2022-2025	Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, Department of Philosophy University of Oxford
2018-2022	Fellow, Department of Government London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Education

2020-2021	Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education, LSE
2014-2019	DPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford
2012-2014	BPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford
2006-2011	B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy, University of Toronto

Publications († indicates an invited publication)

Articles and chapters

9. 2026. 'Aiding the impermissible? Kant and the morality of medical assistance in dying' in *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 55(2), 174-189.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2025.10048>
8. 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>
7. 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>
6. † 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>
5. 2023. 'Kant on Civil Self-Sufficiency' in *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 105(1), 118-140.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/agph-2020-0030>

4. † 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>
3. 2021. 'Whence Honeste Vive?' in *European Journal of Philosophy* 29(2), 323-338.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12572>
2. 2020. 'Kant on Welfare: 5 Unsuccessful Defences' in *Kantian Review* 25(1), 1-25.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S136941541900044X>
1. † 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>

Under contract

1. In progress and under contract. *Duties to Self and Throwing Humanity Away*, Cambridge University Press.
Cambridge Elements in the Philosophy of Kant series.
2. † In progress and under contract. 'A Kantian duty to vote?' for *Kant on Democracy*, eds. Reidar Maliks and Michael Kryluk. Cambridge University Press.
Due to publisher: September 2026.

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. 2026. 'Combating naïve scepticism and epistemic nihilism in the classroom – and beyond: an interview with Jake Wright', in *Postgraduate Pedagogies* 6(1): 100-124.
<https://doi.org/10.82191/pp.142>
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 († indicates an invited talk)

Upcoming

34. TBD
 - † Enlightenment, Publicity and Citizenship in Kant, University of Fribourg. June 2026.

Past

33. *Duties to self and moral agency*
 - Duties to self workshop, University of Utrecht [co-organiser]. June 2025.
 - † Kant on civil subordination, Laval University. June 2025.
32. *Aiding the impermissible: Kant and the morality of assisted dying*
 - † University of Toronto Centre for Ethics. February 2024.
 - † McMaster University, Department of Philosophy Speaker Series. February 2024.
 - Kant 300 Years from Now, University of Catania. October 2024.
 - † Kant Colloquium, University of St. Andrews. Spring 2025.
31. *Kant and the primacy of duties to self in §2 of the Doctrine of Virtue*
 - 14th International Kant Congress, University of Bonn. September 2024.
 - Multilateral Kant Colloquium, Universities of Parma and Ferrara. 2023.
30. *Kantian duties to self, consent, and respect for persons*
 - † Kantian Foundations of Democracy Group, University of Oslo. April 2024.
 - † 300 Jahre Kant: Perspektiven für die Philosophie des 21. Jahrhunderts, Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. April 2024.
29. *Inalienable rights (in Kant)*
 - † Kant & Migration, University of Bristol. 2023.
28. *Duties to self, consent, and being used merely as a means*
 - † Ethics and Political Philosophy Colloquium, University of Fribourg. 2023.
 - † Means and Ends Kant Network. 2023.
27. *Authority and acquisition: Kant on property in the state of nature*
 - † Kant workshop, University of Fribourg. 2023.
26. *Kant's innate right and bodily rights*
 - ECPR General Conference. 2021.
25. *Unilateral choice and the necessity of the state*
 - Justice, Peace, and Cosmopolitan Values, University of Lisbon. 2021.
24. *Unilateral choice, property acquisition, and independence*
 - † Political Philosophy Research Seminar, LSE. 2020.
23. *Kant on provisional rights and the state: three theses*
 - Beyond the State and the Citizen, University of Economics, Prague. 2020.
22. *Kant on civil self-sufficiency*
 - Humanity and personality in Kant, University of Lisbon. 2019.
 - † New readings of Kant's political philosophy, University of Buenos Aires. 2019.
21. *The feeling of honour in the Doctrine of Right*
 - Multilateral Kant Colloquium, University of Catania. 2018.
20. *Kant on the independence of citizens*
 - † Kant's legal and political philosophy workshop, University of Oslo. 2018.
19. *The Kantian Proviso*
 - ECPR General Conference, University of Oslo. 2017.
 - † Kant Colloquium, University of St. Andrews. 2017.

18. *Slavery and Self-ownership in the Doctrine of Right*
- Leuven Kant Conference, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven. 2017.
17. *Kant's Two Arguments Against Self-Ownership*
- Warwick Graduate Conference in Legal and Political Theory. 2017.
- The Ockham Society, University of Oxford. 2017.
- LSE Graduate Political Theory Conference. 2017.
16. *Whence 'Honeste Vive'?*
- Annual PhD Kant Workshop, Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenburg. 2016.
15. *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.
13. *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*
- The Ockham Society, University of Oxford. 2012.
- 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.
2. *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 seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vices and Crimes (Groningen, co-taught)- Kant (Oxford)- Foundations in Political Theory (Oxford)
Undergraduate lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Political Obligation (Groningen, co-taught)- Themes in Kant's Moral and Political Philosophy (Oxford)
Undergraduate tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction to Political Theory (LSE)- 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, grading only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- General Philosophy (Oxford)- Global Bioethics (Toronto)- Bioethics (Toronto)

Professional service

Peer-review refereeing for: *Ethics*; *Political Theory*; *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Kantian Review*; *Kant-Studien*; *Topoi*; *Dialogue*; *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, <i>Kantian Review</i> , special issue on sovereignty, nationality and language
June 2025	Co-organiser, 'Duties to self' conference, Utrecht
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 <i>Doctrine of Right</i> 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
2010	Winner, abstract writing competition, Canadian Bioethics Society
2009-2010	Honours seminar, Philosophy department, University of Toronto

References

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