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APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2015–Present** Assistant Professor of Ethics, Faculty of Philosophy
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 2013–2015** Lecturer in Political Philosophy, Department of Philosophy
Universität Bayreuth
- 2013–2014** Visiting Research Fellow
London School of Economics, CPNSS

EDUCATION

- 2009–2013** **PhD: Philosophy** “The paradox of exploitation: A new solution”
London School of Economics and Political Science
- SUPERVISORS Alex Voorhoeve, Richard Bradley, Michael Otsuka
EXAMINERS Hillel Steiner, Christian List
- 2007–2008** **MSc: Philosophy of the Social Sciences** (*distinction*)
London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2002–2006** **BSBA: Economics, Philosophy** (*magna cum laude*)
Creighton University

PHILOSOPHICAL INTERESTS

- AOS** Political Philosophy, Normative Ethics, Philosophy of Economics
AOC Philosophy of Social Science, Applied Ethics

RESEARCH

- FORTHCOMING** Exploitation, (with Hillel Steiner) in *The Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice*, ed. Serena Olsaretti (OUP).
Exploitation, in *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, ed. William R. Thompson (OUP Online, in progress).
Exploitation and Labour, in *Routledge Companion to Business Ethics*, ed. Eugene Heath, Byron Kaldis, and Alexei Marcoux (Routledge).
- 2016** The Paradox of Exploitation, *Erkenntnis*, 81(5): pp. 951–972.
Exploitation and Disadvantage, *Economics & Philosophy*, 32(3): pp. 485–509.
- 2012** Kant on Duty in the *Groundwork*, *Res Publica*, 18(4): pp. 303–319.
- UNDER REVIEW** Robust Love
Territorial Rights and Colonial Wrongs (with Roberto Veneziani)
Sweatshops and Consumer Choices (with Florian Ostmann)
Can Libertarians Get Away With Fraud?

WORKING PAPERS Bargaining Based Fairness
 Bettersness of Permissibility (with Sebastian Köhler)
 Parental Justice (with Jan Willem van der Rijt)
 Why Buy Local? (with Chris Thompson)

PRESENTATIONS

EXPLOITATION **The Paradox of Exploitation**

EIPE Research Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2015
Ethics of Economic Institutions, Utrecht University, 2015
Philosophy Seminar Series, ENS Lyon, 2014
Eighth European Conference of Analytic Philosophy, University of Bucharest, 2014
Seminar Series, Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences, 2014
MANCEPT: Exploitation, University of Manchester, 2013
Department Retreat, LSE, 2011

Bargaining Based Fairness

OZSW Conference, University of Groningen, 2016
Radical Exploitation Workshop, Humboldt University, 2016
EIPE Research Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2016
Political Philosophy Workshop, Universität Bayreuth, 2013
IV Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, 2013
Institute of Philosophy Spring Graduate Conference, University of London, 2013
Brave New World Conference, University of Manchester, 2010

Sweatshops and Consumer Choices

UCLU UNICEF Panel, UCL, 2017
Non-ideal Justice Workshop, University of Amsterdam, 2017
Exploitation Workshop II, QMUL, 2015
Practical Philosophy Colloquium, VU Amsterdam, 2015
Exploitation Workshop I, QMUL, 2014

Who's Responsible for Exploitation?

MANCEPT: Exploitation, University of Manchester, 2011
Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Warwick University, 2011

Exploitation and Disadvantage

Decisions, Games and Logic, KTH Stockholm, 2013
Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, University of Pavia, 2012
Political Philosophy Conference II, Vejle, 2012
Choice Group, LSE, 2012
Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on Economics Seminar Series, LSE, 2012

MARKETS **Territorial Rights and Colonial Wrongs**

PPE Conference, New Orleans, 2017
Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica, Pistoia, 2016
ASPP Meeting, LSE, 2016
Practical Philosophy Colloquium, VU Amsterdam, 2015

Why Buy Local?

MANCEPT: Normative Challenges of Food Governance, University of Manchester, 2015

Can Libertarians Get Away With Fraud?

MANCEPT: Libertarian Political Philosophy, University of Manchester, 2014

LOVE **Robust Love**

Seminar Series, University of Amsterdam, 2017

Research Seminar, Uppsala University, 2017

Seminar Series, Creighton University, 2016

Social Seminar Series, VU Amsterdam, 2016

Workshop: The Robust Demands of the Good, University of St. Gallen, 2016

KANT **Kant on Duty in the *Groundwork***

Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, UC Boulder, 2011

Graduate Philosophy Conference, CUNY, 2010

COMMENTARIES **What Do Tyrants Teach Us About Freedom?**, by Katrina Gajewska
British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Conference, 2012

Virtue Theory and Action-Guidance, by Joshua Habgood-Coote
London Intercollegiate Graduate Conference, 2012

Terrorism and Moral Distinctiveness, by Brian Berkey
London-Berkeley Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2010

TEACHING

MA COURSES History of Political Philosophy (VU)
Ethics (VU, Bayreuth)
Business Ethics (VU)

BA COURSES Ethics (VU)
PPE in Practice (VU)
Contemporary Topics in Philosophy (VU)
Ethics of Responsibility (VU)
Living, Eating, Loving, Dying: Topics in Applied Ethics (Bayreuth)
Introduction to Philosophy (Bayreuth, LSE)
Exploitation (Bayreuth)
Business Ethics (Bayreuth)
Philosophy of Economics (LSE)
Problems of Analytic Philosophy (VU, LSE)

HIGH SCHOOL Widening Participation Programme: Mathematics Course Director (LSE)
PPE Pre-University Mastercourse (VU)

SUPERVISION Beatrice Mella, MA Thesis, VU Amsterdam, 2016
Elizabeth Backer, MA Thesis, VU Amsterdam, 2016
Sam van Dijck ReMA Thesis, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2016
Fabrizio Ciatti, ReMA Thesis, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2016

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2016–2020** NWO Veni Grant ‘Fair for All’ (250,000 EUR)
2013 LSE Annual Travel Fund for LSE-Bayreuth Conference
2010, 2011, 2012 Postgraduate travel fund award, London School of Economics
2011 LSE departmental teaching prize (Philosophy)
2009 LSE department PhD scholarship (Philosophy)

ORGANISATION

- 2016** VU Internationalisation Committee
EIPE-VU Seminar Series in PPE
VU PPE Philosophy Course Coordinator
2015 VU Amsterdam PPE BA Accreditation Proposal Committee
2014 QMUL exploitation workshop (with Roberto Veneziani)
Bayreuth Political Philosophy Workshop
Bayreuth ‘Research Forum’ Seminar Series
LSE–Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference
2013 Bayreuth Political Philosophy Workshop
MANCEPT ‘Exploitation’ Workshop
LSE–Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference
2011–2012 LSE Student Philosophy Conference
2011 LSE Philosophy PhD Seminar Series

SERVICE

REFEREE *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Erkenntnis, Politics Philosophy & Economics, Business Ethics Quarterly, Utilitas, Social Choice and Welfare, Social Theory and Practice, Journal of Applied Philosophy, European Journal of Political Theory, Cambridge Journal of Economics, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics, Organon F, Theoria, and Cambridge University Press.*

EDITORIAL Assistant Editor, *Review of Social Economy*

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

TEACHING Dutch Basic Qualification in Education (BKO)
LANGUAGES English: Native speaker. Dutch: Written CEF A2; Spoken CEF A2.

REFERENCES

Prof. Hillel Steiner

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Dr. Alex Voorhoeve

Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, LSE.
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Prof. Martin van Hees

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