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APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2015–Present** **Assistant Professor of Ethics, Philosophy**
Philosophy Coordinator, PPE Programme
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- AOS Political Philosophy, Normative Ethics, Philosophy of Economics
AOC Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Social Science
- 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

RESEARCH

- 2018** The Value of Robustness: Promotion or Protection?, *Moral Philosophy and Politics*.
Can Libertarians Get Away With Fraud?, *Economics & Philosophy*.
Exploitation, in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Ed. William Thompson. New York: Oxford University Press.
Exploitation and Labour, in *Routledge Companion to Business Ethics*, Ed. Eugene Heath, Byron Kaldis, and Alexei Marcoux (Routledge): 490–505.
Exploitation, (with Hillel Steiner) in *The Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice*, Ed. Serena Olsaretti (OUP).
Sweatshops and Consumer Choices, (with Florian Ostmann) *Economics & Philosophy*.
- 2016** The Paradox of Exploitation, *Erkenntnis*, 81(5): 951–972.
Exploitation and Disadvantage, *Economics & Philosophy*, 32(3): 485–509.
- 2012** Kant on Duty in the Groundwork, *Res Publica*, 18(4): 303–319.

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

Exploitation

MANCEPT: New Ideas in Economic Justice, University of Manchester, 2017
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

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

MARKETS **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

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

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 II (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 Philosophy teaching prize

2009 LSE Philosophy PhD scholarship (100,000 GBP)

ORGANISATION AND SERVICE

- 2017** Filosofie BAC Committee
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

EDITORIAL Assistant Editor, *Review of Social Economy*

REFEREE *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Erkenntnis, Economics and Philosophy, Politics Philosophy & Economics, Business Ethics Quarterly, Utilitas, Philosophy Compass, Social Choice and Welfare, Social Theory and Practice, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Review of Social Economy, 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.*

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

TEACHING Dutch Basic Qualification in Education (BKO)
Dutch Senior Teaching Qualification (SKO)

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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Dr. Roberto Veneziani

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