

# Nicholas Vrousalis

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

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AOS: Moral and political philosophy

AOC: History of political economy, philosophy of economics, Kant, Hegel, Marx

## EDUCATION

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**D.Phil. in Political Philosophy** 2004-2009  
*University of Oxford, UK*  
Supervisor: G.A. Cohen  
Thesis Title: Equality, Ownership and Time: On the Content and Structure of Intergenerational Justice

**M.Sc. in Political Theory** 2003-2004  
*University of Oxford, UK*

**M.Phil. in Economics** 2002-2003  
*University of Cambridge, UK*

**B.A. (M.A.) in Economics (Double First Class Honours)** 1999-2002  
*University of Cambridge, UK*

## QUALIFICATIONS

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**Basic Teaching Qualification (BKO)** 2014  
*Leiden University, NL*

**Leadership in Academia** 2023  
*Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL*

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Associate Professor (UHD) in Practical Philosophy** 2019-  
*School of Philosophy, Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL*

**Assistant Professor (UD) in Political Philosophy** 2013-2019  
*Institute of Political Science, Leiden University, NL*

**Lecturer in Philosophy** 2012-2013  
*Department of Philosophy, University of Cambridge, UK*

**Director of Studies in Philosophy** 2012-2013  
*Trinity Hall & Jesus College, University of Cambridge*

**FWO Postdoctoral Fellow (part time)** 2012-2013  
*Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Belgium*

**Visiting Professor** 2011-2012  
*Department of Political Science, Facultés Universitaires St Louis, Belgium*

**Postdoctoral Fellow** 2011-2012

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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<b>Visiting Research Fellowship</b> <i>Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, USA</i>	2023-2024
<b>EURIAS/COFUND Research Fellowship</b> <i>Aarhus Institute for Advanced Study, Aarhus University, Denmark</i>	2018-2019
<b>Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship</b> <i>University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, USA</i>	2015-2016
<b>Henrietta Blake Fellowship</b> <i>Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, UK</i>	2006
<b>Harcourt Prize in Economics</b> <i>Trinity Hall, Cambridge, UK</i>	2000

## **GRANTS**

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<b>NWO (Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research) Vidi Grant</b> €800,000 Project title: <a href="#">Inequality Against Freedom: Economic Power, Markets, and the Workplace</a>	2019–2024
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## **EDITORSHIPS**

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<b>Associate Editor</b> <i>Review of Social Economy</i>	2019-
<b>Associate Editor</b> <i>Politics, Philosophy and Economics</i>	2023-
<b>Editorial Board Member</b> <i>Journal of Social Philosophy</i>	2023-

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Citations total (26/8/24): 752 (Google Scholar)

### ***Monographs***

1. *Exploitation as Domination* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023).

Reviewed in:

- *Analysis Reviews*
- *Economics & Philosophy*
- *Res Publica*
- *Revue de philosophie économique*

Book symposium: *Erasmus Journal of Philosophy and Economics* 16 (2023), with my reply

2. *The Political Philosophy of G.A. Cohen* (London: Bloomsbury, 2015).

Reviewed in:

- *Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books*

### ***Edited Book***

Hussain, W. *Living with the Invisible Hand: Markets, Corporations and Human Freedom*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023) (with Arthur Ripstein).

### *Edited Volume*

‘Exploitation and the Social Economy’. *Review of Social Economy* 79 (2019): 91-3 (with Ben Ferguson).

### *Refereed articles*

1. ‘Who needs Gilabertian dignity?’. *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (2024).
2. ‘Why Kant is Sooner Socialist than Toronto Liberal’. In Kaufman, A. (ed) *Realizing Equality in Policy* (Michigan: University of Michigan Press, 2024).
3. ‘Replies to Barn, Love, Stanczyk’. *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics* 16 (2023): 31-38.
4. ‘Interdependent Independence: Civil Self-Sufficiency and Productive Community in Kant’s Theory of Citizenship’ *Kantian Review* 27 (2022): 443-460.
5. ‘Socialism Unrevised: A Reply to Roemer on Marx, Exploitation, Solidarity, Worker Control’. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 49 (2021): 78-109.
6. ‘Public Ownership, Worker Control and the Labour Epistocracy Problem’. *Review of Social Economy* 79 (2020): 439-453.
7. ‘Structural Domination and Collective Agency in the Market’. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 37 (2020): 18-37.
8. ‘Free Productive Agency: Reasons, Alienation, Socialism’. *Philosophical Topics* 49 (2020).
9. ‘Workplace Democracy implies Economic Democracy’ *Journal of Social Philosophy* 50 (2019): 259-79.
10. ‘How Exploiters Dominate’. *Review of Social Economy* 78 (2019): 1-21.
11. ‘Public Ownership and the Socialisation of Production in the German Revolution of 1918-19’ *Renewal: A Journal of Social Democracy* 26 (2019).
12. ‘Revolutionary Principles and Strategy in the November Revolution: The Case of the USPD’, in Kets, G. and J. Muldoon (eds.), *Political Theory and the German Revolution*. Palgrave Macmillan (2019): 113-34.
13. ‘Erfurt plus Councils: The Distinctive Relevance of the German Revolution’, *Socialist History* 54 (2019): 27-46.
14. ‘Capital without Wage-labour: Marx’s Modes of Subsumption Revisited’, *Economics & Philosophy* 34 (2018): 411-438.
15. ‘Council Democracy and the Socialization Dilemma’, in Muldoon, J. (ed.), *Council Democracy: Theorising Boundaries Between the Political and Economic*. Routledge (2018): 89-107.
16. ‘Exploitation: A Primer’, *Philosophy Compass* 13 (2018): <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12486>.
17. ‘Intergenerational Justice: A Primer’, in Gosseries, A. & I. Gonzalez (eds.), *Institutions for Future Generations*, Oxford University Press (2016): 49-64.
18. ‘Exploitation as Domination: A Response to Arneson’, *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 54 (2016): 527-38.
19. ‘Analytical Marxism’, in Thompson, D. (ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Oxford University Press (2016) <http://politics.oxfordre.com>.
20. ‘Imperialism, Globalization, and Resistance’, *Global Justice: Theory, Practice, Rhetoric* 9 (2016): 69-92.
21. ‘G.A. Cohen on Exploitation’, *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* 13 (2014): 151-164.
22. ‘Gosseries on Intergenerational Savings’, *Diacritica* 16 (2014): 301-6.
23. ‘Exploitation, Vulnerability, and Social Domination’, *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 41 (2013): 131-157.
24. ‘Smuggled into Existence: Non-Identity, Procreation and Non-consequentialism’, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* 16 (2012): 589-604.
25. ‘Jazz Bands, Camping Trips and Decommodification: G. A. Cohen on Fraternity’, *Socialist Studies* 8 (2012): 141-163.
26. ‘Lamentation in the Face of Historical Necessity’, *Arguing about Justice: Essays for Philippe Van Parijs*, Gosseries, A. & Y. Vanderborght (eds.), Presses Universitaires de Louvain (2011): 367-376.

27. 'Libertarian Socialism: A Better Reconciliation between Self-Ownership and Equality', *Social Theory and Practice* 37 (2011): 211-226.
28. G.A. Cohen's Vision of Socialism', *Journal of Ethics* 14 (2010): 185-216.
29. 'Against the Will Theory of Rights', *Res Publica* 16 (2010): 415-423.

### **Reviews & Notes**

1. 'Synpnowich on *What's Wrong with Equal Opportunity*' *Boston Review* 26 (2023): 43-47.
2. 'Review of Pascoe, *Kant's Theory of Labour*' *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 61 (2023).
3. 'Review of Kain, *Marx, Revolution, and Social Democracy*' *Contemporary Political Theory* 22 (2023).
4. 'Review of Psillos, *Karl Marx: The metaphysics of method*' *Krisi* 11 (2023).
5. 'Review of Screpanti, *Labour and Value*' *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy & Economics* 13 (2020): 102-109.
6. 'Review of Sensat, *The Logic of Estrangement*', *Economics & Philosophy* 34 (2018): 282-89.
7. 'Review of Thomas, *Republic of Equals*', *Philosophical Review* 128 (2018): 125-30.
8. 'Review of Roberts, *Marx's Inferno*', *Capital & Class* 41 (2017): 378-83.
9. 'Piketty's Grandchildren', *Capital & Class* 39 (2015): 155-60.
10. 'Responsibilities to Posterity', *Theoretical and Applied Ethics* 1 (2011): 48-50.

### **Dictionary entries**

1. 'Exploitation'. in Bellamy, R. (ed.) *Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2023).
2. 'L'exploitation de l'homme par l'homme'; 'Le Marxisme analytique', in Savidan, P. (ed.) *Dictionnaire des inégalités et de la justice sociale* PUF (2018).
3. 'G.A. Cohen', in Sellers, M.N.S. and Kirste, S. (eds.) *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*. Springer (2018).
4. 'Analytical Marxism', in James Wright (ed.) *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioural Sciences* 2nd ed., vol. I. Elsevier (2015): 665-7 (with Philippe Van Parijs).
5. 'L'exploitation de l'homme par l'homme', DiCoPo (*Dictionnaire de Théorie Politique*)  
<http://www.dicopo.fr/>

### **Miscellaneous publications**

1. 'Introduction' and translation of G.A. Cohen *Why not Socialism?* (in Greek) (Ekkremes, 2010).
2. Editor, with Othon Athanassakis and Dimitar Bechev, *Greece in the Balkans: Memory, Conflict and Exchange* (Cambridge Scholars Press 2009).
3. 'The Strains of Commitment: A Monetary System Needs a Common Fiscal Policy' *Journal of European Integration* 28 (2006) (BA thesis).
4. Popular articles in the Dutch, English, and Greek press, for:
  - *OpenDemocracy*
  - *Jacobin*
  - *New Politics*
  - *New Left Project*
  - *Roarmag*
  - *De Mare*

## **REFEREEING**

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**Journals:** *Ethics* (5), *Journal of Ethics* (2), *Philosophical Review*, *Journal of Political Philosophy* (5), *Economics & Philosophy* (4), *Politics Philosophy & Economics* (4), *Socialist Studies*, *Revue Philosophique de Louvain*, *Revue de Philosophie Economique*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Capital & Class*, *Journal of Social Philosophy* (2), *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Res Publica*, *Journal of Power*, *American Political Science Review*, *Review of Social Economy* (15), *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (2)

**Books:** *Oxford University Press* (4), *Cambridge University Press* (2), *Bloomsbury Academic*, *Palgrave*

## RESEARCH EVALUATION

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*External Reviewer for:* Netherlands Organization of Scientific Research (NWO); National Science Centre (Poland); Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Sweden); Bayreuth Humboldt Centre (Germany); German Research Foundation; Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK)

## GRADUATE TEACHING

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<b>Capitalism &amp; Freedom</b> <i>lower division graduate, c. 30 students</i>	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2020-24
<b>Research and PhD Seminar</b> <i>upper division graduate, c. 40 students</i>	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2021-24
<b>Exploitation as Domination</b> <i>lower division graduate, c. 15 students</i>	University of Athens, 2022-23
<b>OZSW Winter School on Freedom &amp; Inequality</b> <i>upper division graduate, c. 50 students</i>	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2019-20
<b>Political Theory Thesis Seminar</b> <i>lower division graduate, c. 15 students</i>	Leiden University, 2013-18
<b>Philosophy of Science</b> <i>upper division graduate, c. 15 students</i>	Leiden University, 2016-17
<b>Seminar on Marx's <i>Capital</i></b> <i>upper division graduate, c. 15 students</i>	Leiden University, 2014-18
<b>Workshop in Political Philosophy (various topics)</b> <i>upper division graduate, c. 20 students</i>	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<b>Lovanium Seminar in Ethics &amp; Public Policy</b> <i>With P. Van Parijs &amp; T. Vandervelde, upper division graduate, c. 30 students</i>	KU Leuven, 2011-12

## UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

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<b>Ethical Aspects of Economics</b> <i>14 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2019-24
<b>History of Philosophy II</b> <i>4 online lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	John Stuart Mill College, Free University of Amsterdam, 2019-20
<b>Economics for Political Scientists</b> <i>12 lectures, 1st year undergraduate, c. 500 students</i>	Leiden University, 2017-18
<b>Global Injustice: The Ethics of Poverty and Inequality</b> <i>12 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 25 students</i>	Leiden University, 2014-18
<b>Analysis of Philosophical Texts (Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Marx)</b> <i>12 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 25 students</i>	Leiden University, 2017-18
<b>Freedom, Equality, and Power</b> <i>14 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 25 students</i>	Leiden University, 2014-18
<b>Justice</b> <i>7 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 25 students</i>	Leiden University, 2013-14
<b>Introduction to Metaethics</b> <i>8 lectures, 1st year undergraduate, c. 50 students</i>	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<b>Rawls and Nozick</b> <i>8 lectures, 2nd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<b>Liberalism, Communitarianism, Multiculturalism</b> <i>8 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 15 students</i>	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<b>Kant's Ethics and Kantian Ethics</b> <i>8 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 20 students</i>	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<b>Global Justice</b> <i>13 lectures, 2nd year undergraduate, c. 80 students</i>	KU Leuven, 2011-12
<b>Introduction to Political Philosophy</b> <i>13 lectures, 1st year undergraduate, c. 70 students</i>	Université St. Louis, 2011-12

*4 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 30 students*

**Various Tutorials**

Universities of Cambridge (2012-13) and Oxford (2006-9)

*One-to-one tutorials on: Introduction to Political Economy, Marx and Marxism, Political Theory, Ethics, Political Thought: Bentham to Weber*

## **EXAMINING**

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Supervised and examined over 60 *M.Sc. and M.Phil.* theses at Cambridge, Rotterdam, Leiden, and Leuven.

## **PHD SUPERVISION**

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*PhDs co-examined or co-supervised:* Callum MacRae (CUNY), Francois Hudon (Louvain), Yizhong Luo (Leiden), Stanislas Richard (CEU)

*PhDs supervised as primary supervisor:*

- Elisabetta Gobbo (EUR) on the ethics of gentrification
- Savriel Dillingh (EUR) on the political philosophy of firms and markets
- Gergana Boncheva (EUR) on the philosophy of work

## **SEMINARS AND TALKS (SELECTION)**

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**2024** Department of Political Science, University of Chicago

Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo

Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam

Department of Political Science, University of Athens

**2023** Faculty of Philosophy, TU Dortmund

Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University

Department of Philosophy, CUNY Graduate Center

Department of Political Science, University of Richmond

Department of Political Science, Suffolk University

Department of Political Science, Duke University

Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

**2022** Faculty of Philosophy, University of Groningen

Department of Philosophy, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Department of Political Science, University of Athens

Department of Philosophy, University of Barcelona

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Parma

Faculty of Law, University of Glasgow

**2021** Department of Philosophy, CUNY Graduate Center

**2020** Department of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt

**2019** Government Department, London School of Economics

School of Laws, University of Edinburgh

Department of Political Science, European University Institute

Rosa Luxemburg Foundation & Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

Department of Philosophy, University of Copenhagen

**2018** Department of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt

Department of Economics, New School for Social Research

Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Department of Geography, University of Groningen

Department of Political Science, Aarhus University

**2017** Department of Philosophy, Lund University

Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin

InScience Festival, Nijmegen City Council, Netherlands

Institute of Political Studies, Charles University, Prague  
 World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research Conference, Utrecht  
 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Annual Conference, Oslo  
 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA  
 Department of Politics, University of Nottingham  
 Department of Politics, University of York  
 School of Law, University of Glasgow  
 Pluralism in Economics Conference, University College Maastricht  
 Department of Philosophy, Université Paris-Sorbonne  
 Normative Orders Excellence Cluster, Goethe University Frankfurt  
 Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University  
 Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm University  
 Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven  
 Department of Philosophy, Central European University  
**2016** Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin  
 Eastern Economic Association Conference, Washington DC  
 Department of Philosophy, University of San Diego  
**2015** University Center for Human Values, Princeton University  
 Department of Philosophy, University of Amsterdam  
**2014** Department of Sociology and Politics, Bristol University  
 Forum for European Philosophy, London School of Economics  
**2013** American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Baltimore  
 Department of Government, University of Essex  
 Institute of Political Science, Leiden University  
 Department of Philosophy, Utrecht University  
**2012** Department of Philosophy, Aarhus University  
 Department of Philosophy, London School of Economics  
 Department of Political Science, University of Geneva  
 Department of Philosophy, University of Bristol  
**2011** Faculty of Laws, University College London  
 Centre for Ethics and Economics, KU Leuven  
 Manchester Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester  
 Aristotelian Society Joint Sessions, Sussex University  
 Department of Economics and Philosophy, Universität Bayreuth  
 Centre for Advanced Studies *Justitia Amplificata*, Goethe Universität Frankfurt  
 Centre for Law and Cosmopolitical Values, University of Antwerp  
 Chaire Hoover, Université catholique de Louvain  
 Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University, Ankara  
**2009** Department of Political Science, University of Athens  
**2008** Festival of Legal Theory, University of Edinburgh School of Law  
 Department of Politics, University of Oxford  
 Department of Philosophy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
**2006** Association for Legal and Social Philosophy, University College Dublin

## **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

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2024 ‘Recent work on work’, Harvard University (with Nien-he Hsieh)  
 2024 ‘Developments in democratic theory’, Harvard University  
 2023 ‘Kant and Marx: Revisiting the Intersection’, Erasmus University Rotterdam (with Fiorella Tomassini)  
 2023 ‘Spatial Justice’, Erasmus University Rotterdam (with Elisabetta Gobbo, Niklas Dummer)  
 2022 ‘The Future of Work: Philosophical and Economics Perspectives’, Erasmus University Rotterdam (with Huub Brouwer, Willem van der Deijl, Markus Furendal)  
 2022 ‘Climate Justice in Theory and Practice’, Erasmus University Rotterdam (with Constanze Binder)  
 2021 ‘Independence in Kant’s Political Philosophy’, Erasmus University Rotterdam  
 2021 ‘The Ethics and Politics of Public Ownership after Covid’, Erasmus University Rotterdam

- 2018 'G.A. Cohen on Marx's Theory of History, 40 Years on', Goethe University Frankfurt (with Darrel Moellendorf)
- 2018 'Marxism and Social Science', University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2016 'Structural Domination', ECPR General Conference, Oslo
- 2016 'Economic Democracy Revisited', Policologenetmaal, Leiden University
- 2016 'Beyond Militant Democracy', Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- 2013 'Free Speech and Party Bans', Cambridge University
- 2011 'Problems of Intergenerational Justice', UC Louvain

## **REFERENCES**

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Available upon request