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CONTACT DETAILS

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS: Moral and Political Philosophy

AOC: History of Political Thought; History of Political Economy; Kant; Hegel; Marx

EDUCATION

D.Phil. in Political Philosophy <i>University of Oxford, UK</i>	2004-2009
Supervisor: G.A. Cohen Thesis Title: Equality, Ownership and Time: On the Content and Structure of Intergenerational Justice	
M.Sc. in Political Theory <i>University of Oxford, UK</i>	2003-2004
M.Phil. in Economics <i>University of Cambridge, UK</i>	2002-2003
B.A. (M.A.) in Economics (Double First Class Honours) <i>University of Cambridge, UK</i>	1999-2002

QUALIFICATIONS

Senior University Teaching Qualification (SUTQ) <i>Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL</i>	2026
Leadership in Academia <i>Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL</i>	2023
Basic Teaching Qualification (BKO) <i>Leiden University, NL</i>	2014

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor (UHD) in Practical Philosophy <i>School of Philosophy, Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL</i>	2019-
Associate Professor in Political Philosophy (part-time) <i>Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of Athens, GR</i>	2025-
Assistant Professor (UD) in Political Philosophy <i>Institute of Political Science, Leiden University, NL</i>	2013-2019
Lecturer in Philosophy <i>Department of Philosophy, University of Cambridge, UK</i>	2012-2013
Director of Studies in Philosophy <i>Trinity Hall & Jesus College, University of Cambridge</i>	2012-2013
FWO Postdoctoral Fellow (part time)	2012-2013

<i>Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Belgium</i>	
Visiting Professor	2011-2012
<i>Department of Political Science, Facultés Universitaires St Louis, Belgium</i>	
Postdoctoral Fellow	2011-2012
<i>Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Belgium</i>	
Postdoctoral Fellow	2009-2011
<i>Chaire Hoover, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium</i>	

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

GRANTS

NWO (Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research) Vidi Grant	2019–2024
€800,000	

Project title: [Inequality Against Freedom: Economic Power, Markets, and the Workplace](#)

EDITORSHIPS

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

PUBLICATIONS

Citations total (1/12/25): 981 (Google Scholar)

Monographs

1. *Kant on Citizenship and Poverty* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, **2026**).
2. [Exploitation as Domination: What Makes Capitalism Unjust](#) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, **2023**).

Reviewed in:

- *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
- *Ethics*
- *Analysis Reviews*
- *Economics & Philosophy*
- *Res Publica*
- *Revue de philosophie économique*

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

3. *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. ‘Walrasian Domination: Proletarian Unfreedom under Perfect Competition, Frictionless Markets, and Equal Political Influence’. *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy* (2026, forthcoming).
2. ‘Karl Marx on the “Essential” Injustice of Capitalism: Appearance, Essence, and Transparency in the *Critique of Political Economy*’. In Carver, T. & I. Shoikhedbrod (eds.) *Marx, Engels, and Marxisms: A 21st Century Companion* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2026).
3. ‘Who needs Gilabertian dignity?’. *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (2025).
4. ‘Why Kant is Sooner Socialist than Toronto Liberal’. In Kaufman, A. (ed) *Realizing Equality in Policy* (Michigan: University of Michigan Press, 2025): 108-126.
5. ‘Replies to Barn, Love, Stanczyk on *Exploitation as Domination*’. *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics* 16 (2023): 31-38.
6. ‘Interdependent Independence: Civil Self-Sufficiency and Productive Community in Kant’s Theory of Citizenship’ *Kantian Review* 27 (2022): 443-460.
7. ‘Socialism Unrevised: A Reply to Roemer on Marx, Exploitation, Solidarity, Worker Control’. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 49 (2021): 78-109.
8. ‘Public Ownership, Worker Control and the Labour Epistocracy Problem’. *Review of Social Economy* 79 (2020): 439-453.
9. ‘Structural Domination and Collective Agency in the Market’. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 37 (2020): 18-37.
10. ‘Free Productive Agency: Reasons, Alienation, Socialism’. *Philosophical Topics* 49 (2020).
11. ‘Workplace Democracy implies Economic Democracy’ *Journal of Social Philosophy* 50 (2019): 259-79.
12. ‘How Exploiters Dominate’. *Review of Social Economy* 78 (2019): 1-21.
13. ‘Public Ownership and the Socialisation of Production in the German Revolution of 1918-19’ *Renewal: A Journal of Social Democracy* 26 (2019).
14. ‘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.
15. ‘Erfurt plus Councils: The Distinctive Relevance of the German Revolution’, *Socialist History* 54 (2019): 27-46.
16. ‘Capital without Wage-labour: Marx’s Modes of Subsumption Revisited’, *Economics & Philosophy* 34 (2018): 411-438.
17. ‘Council Democracy and the Socialization Dilemma’, in Muldoon, J. (ed.), *Council Democracy: Theorising Boundaries Between the Political and Economic*. Routledge (2018): 89-107.
18. ‘Exploitation: A Primer’, *Philosophy Compass* 13 (2018): <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12486>.
19. ‘Intergenerational Justice: A Primer’, in Gosseries, A. & I. Gonzalez (eds.), *Institutions for Future Generations*, Oxford University Press (2016): 49-64.
20. ‘Exploitation as Domination: A Response to Arneson’, *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 54 (2016): 527-38.

21. 'Analytical Marxism', in Thompson, D. (ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Oxford University Press (2016) <http://politics.oxfordre.com>.
22. 'Imperialism, Globalization, and Resistance', *Global Justice: Theory, Practice, Rhetoric* 9 (2016): 69-92.
23. 'G.A. Cohen on Exploitation', *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* 13 (2014): 151-164.
24. 'Gosseries on Intergenerational Savings', *Diacritica* 16 (2014): 301-6.
25. 'Exploitation, Vulnerability, and Social Domination', *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 41 (2013): 131-157.
26. 'Smuggled into Existence: Non-Identity, Procreation and Non-consequentialism', *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* 16 (2012): 589-604.
27. 'Jazz Bands, Camping Trips and Decommodification: G. A. Cohen on Fraternity', *Socialist Studies* 8 (2012): 141-163.
28. '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.
29. 'Libertarian Socialism: A Better Reconciliation between Self-Ownership and Equality', *Social Theory and Practice* 37 (2011): 211-226.
30. 'G.A. Cohen's Vision of Socialism', *Journal of Ethics* 14 (2010): 185-216.
31. 'Against the Will Theory of Rights', *Res Publica* 16 (2010): 415-423.

Reviews & Notes

1. 'Review of Slobodian, *Hayek's Bastards*'. *Capital & Class* 45 (2026).
2. 'Review of Leipold, *Citizen Marx*'. *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy & Economics* 15 (2025).
3. "Technofeudalism" is just capitalism'. *Catalyst* 9 (2025): 103-110.
4. 'Review of Pascoe, *Kant's Theory of Labour*' *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 63 (2025).
5. 'Sypnowich on *What's Wrong with Equal Opportunity*' *Boston Review* 26 (2023): 43-47.
6. 'Review of Pascoe, *Kant's Theory of Labour*' *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 61 (2023).
7. 'Review of Kain, *Marx, Revolution, and Social Democracy*' *Contemporary Political Theory* 22 (2023).
8. 'Review of Psillos, *Karl Marx: The metaphysics of method*' *Krisi* 11 (2023).
9. 'Review of Scropanti, *Labour and Value*' *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy & Economics* 13 (2020): 102-109.
10. 'Review of Sensat, *The Logic of Estrangement*', *Economics & Philosophy* 34 (2018): 282-89.
11. 'Review of Thomas, *Republic of Equals*', *Philosophical Review* 128 (2018): 125-30.
12. 'Review of Roberts, *Marx's Inferno*', *Capital & Class* 41 (2017): 378-83.
13. 'Piketty's Grandchildren', *Capital & Class* 39 (2015): 155-60.
14. '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 Kirsche, 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

Journals: *Ethics* (5), *Journal of Ethics* (2), *Philosophical Review*, *Journal of Political Philosophy* (6), *Political Philosophy* (3), *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

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

Capitalism & Freedom	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2020-26
<i>lower division graduate, c. 30 students</i>	
Research and PhD Seminar	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2021-25
<i>upper division graduate, c. 40 students</i>	
Exploitation as Domination	University of Athens, 2022-23
<i>lower division graduate, c. 15 students</i>	
OZSW Winter School on Freedom & Inequality	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2019-20
<i>upper division graduate, c. 50 students</i>	
Political Theory Thesis Seminar	Leiden University, 2013-18
<i>lower division graduate, c. 15 students</i>	
Philosophy of Science	Leiden University, 2016-17
<i>upper division graduate, c. 15 students</i>	
Seminar on Marx's Capital	Leiden University, 2014-18
<i>upper division graduate, c. 15 students</i>	
Workshop in Political Philosophy (various topics)	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<i>upper division graduate, c. 20 students</i>	
Lovanium Seminar in Ethics & Public Policy	KU Leuven, 2011-12
<i>With P. Van Parijs & T. Vandervelde, upper division graduate, c. 30 students</i>	

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Class, Race, and Gender	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2024-26
<i>7 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	
Ethical Aspects of Economics	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2019-26
<i>14 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	
History of Philosophy II	John Stuart Mill College, Free University of Amsterdam, 2019-20
<i>4 online lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	

Economics for Political Scientists	Leiden University, 2017-18
<i>12 lectures, 1st year undergraduate, c. 500 students</i>	
Global Injustice: The Ethics of Poverty and Inequality	Leiden University, 2014-18
<i>12 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 25 students</i>	
Analysis of Philosophical Texts (Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Marx)	Leiden University, 2017-18
<i>12 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 25 students</i>	
Freedom, Equality, and Power	Leiden University, 2014-18
<i>14 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 25 students</i>	
Justice	Leiden University, 2013-14
<i>7 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 25 students</i>	
Introduction to Metaethics	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<i>8 lectures, 1st year undergraduate, c. 50 students</i>	
Rawls and Nozick	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<i>8 lectures, 2nd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	
Liberalism, Communitarianism, Multiculturalism	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<i>8 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 15 students</i>	
Kant's Ethics and Kantian Ethics	University of Cambridge, 2012-13
<i>8 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 20 students</i>	
Global Justice	KU Leuven, 2011-12
<i>13 lectures, 2nd year undergraduate, c. 80 students</i>	
Introduction to Political Philosophy	Université St. Louis, 2011-12
<i>13 lectures, 1st year undergraduate, c. 70 students</i>	
Marxian Political Economy	Bilkent University, Ankara, April 2011
<i>4 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	
Various Tutorials	Universities of Cambridge (2012-13) and Oxford (2006-9)
<i>One-to-one tutorials on: Introduction to Political Economy, Marx and Marxism, Political Theory, Ethics, Political Thought: Bentham to Weber</i>	

EXAMINING

Supervised and examined over 70 *M.Sc. and M.Phil.* theses at Cambridge, Rotterdam, Leiden, and Leuven.

PHD SUPERVISION

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 unions

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2025 'New Themes in Analytical Marxism', Erasmus University Rotterdam (with Gabriel Wollner)
- 2025 'Kant and Private Property', Erasmus University Rotterdam (with Fiorella Tomassini)
- 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', Policologenetaal, 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

ADMINISTRATION

Rotterdam, 2019-26

- Member, Education Committee
- Member, Search Committees for Assistant Professors
- Convenor, Departmental Lunch Seminar Series
- Departmental Lead, Digitalization and Work Sector Plan

Leiden, 2014-19

- Member, MSc Education Committee
- Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor
- Member, Publicity & Valorization Committee
- Member, BSc Admissions Committee
- Member, PhD Search Committee
- Member, Jury for MSc Thesis Prize
- Member, MSc Admissions Committee
- Convenor, Institute Lunch Seminar Series
- Member, Jury for MSc Thesis Prize

Cambridge, 2012-13

- Member, MSc Admissions Committee
- Member, BA Ethics & Political Philosophy Education Committees

Trinity Hall & Jesus College, Cambridge, 2012-13

- Member, BA Admissions Committee in Philosophy
- Member, Search Committee for Junior Research Fellowship in Philosophy (Trinity Hall only)

SEMINARS AND TALKS (SELECTION)

2025 Department of Political Science, TU Dortmund
 Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Freiburg, Germany
 Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia
 Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam
 Department of Philosophy, University of Gothenburg
2024 Department of Political Science, University of Chicago
 Department of Political Science, McGill University
 Department of Political Science, Peking University
 Department of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University Krakow
 Department of Political Science, Glasgow University
 Department of Philosophy, University of Catania
 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 Massachussets, 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 Amlificata, Goethe Universität Frankfurt
Centre for Law and Cosmopolitan 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