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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 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

Senior University Teaching Qualification (SUTQ) 2026
Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL

Leadership in Academia 2023
Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL

Basic Teaching Qualification (BKO) 2014
Leiden University, NL

EMPLOYMENT

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

Associate Professor in Political Philosophy (part-time) 2025-
Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of Athens, GR

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

<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 (1/2/26): 1003 (Google Scholar)

Monographs

1. [Kant on Citizenship and Poverty](#). Cambridge Elements in the Philosophy of Immanuel Kant (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. ‘What is the Wrong of Capitalism? A Reply to Chiara Cordelli’. *American Political Science Review* (2026, forthcoming).
3. ‘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).
4. ‘Who needs Gilabertian dignity?’. *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (2025).
5. ‘Why Kant is Sooner Socialist than Toronto Liberal’. In Kaufman, A. (ed) *Realizing Equality in Policy* (Michigan: University of Michigan Press, 2025): 108-126.
6. ‘Replies to Barn, Love, Stanczyk on *Exploitation as Domination*’. *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics* 16 (2023): 31-38.
7. ‘Interdependent Independence: Civil Self-Sufficiency and Productive Community in Kant’s Theory of Citizenship’ *Kantian Review* 27 (2022): 443-460.
8. ‘Socialism Unrevised: A Reply to Roemer on Marx, Exploitation, Solidarity, Worker Control’. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 49 (2021): 78-109.
9. ‘Public Ownership, Worker Control and the Labour Epistocracy Problem’. *Review of Social Economy* 79 (2020): 439-453.
10. ‘Structural Domination and Collective Agency in the Market’. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 37 (2020): 18-37.
11. ‘Free Productive Agency: Reasons, Alienation, Socialism’. *Philosophical Topics* 49 (2020).
12. ‘Workplace Democracy implies Economic Democracy’ *Journal of Social Philosophy* 50 (2019): 259-79.
13. ‘How Exploiters Dominate’. *Review of Social Economy* 78 (2019): 1-21.
14. ‘Public Ownership and the Socialisation of Production in the German Revolution of 1918-19’ *Renewal: A Journal of Social Democracy* 26 (2019).
15. ‘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.
16. ‘Erfurt plus Councils: The Distinctive Relevance of the German Revolution’, *Socialist History* 54 (2019): 27-46.
17. ‘Capital without Wage-labour: Marx’s Modes of Subsumption Revisited’, *Economics & Philosophy* 34 (2018): 411-438.
18. ‘Council Democracy and the Socialization Dilemma’, in Muldoon, J. (ed.), *Council Democracy: Theorising Boundaries Between the Political and Economic*. Routledge (2018): 89-107.
19. ‘Exploitation: A Primer’, *Philosophy Compass* 13 (2018): <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12486>.
20. ‘Intergenerational Justice: A Primer’, in Gosseries, A. & I. Gonzalez (eds.), *Institutions for Future Generations*, Oxford University Press (2016): 49-64.

21. Exploitation as Domination: A Response to Arneson', *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 54 (2016): 527-38.
22. 'Analytical Marxism', in Thompson, D. (ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Oxford University Press (2016) <http://politics.oxfordre.com>.
23. 'Imperialism, Globalization, and Resistance', *Global Justice: Theory, Practice, Rhetoric* 9 (2016): 69-92.
24. 'G.A. Cohen on Exploitation', *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* 13 (2014): 151-164.
25. 'Gosseries on Intergenerational Savings', *Diacritica* 16 (2014): 301-6.
26. 'Exploitation, Vulnerability, and Social Domination', *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 41 (2013): 131-157.
27. 'Smuggled into Existence: Non-Identity, Procreation and Non-consequentialism', *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* 16 (2012): 589-604.
28. 'Jazz Bands, Camping Trips and Decommodification: G. A. Cohen on Fraternity', *Socialist Studies* 8 (2012): 141-163.
29. '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.
30. 'Libertarian Socialism: A Better Reconciliation between Self-Ownership and Equality', *Social Theory and Practice* 37 (2011): 211-226.
31. G.A. Cohen's Vision of Socialism', *Journal of Ethics* 14 (2010): 185-216.
32. '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. 'Synowich 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 Screpanti, *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 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

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

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Class, Race, and Gender <i>7 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2024-26
Ethical Aspects of Economics <i>14 lectures, 3rd year undergraduate, c. 30 students</i>	Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2019-26

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', 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

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 KEYNOTES (SELECTION)

2026 School of Philosophy, University of Groningen
Braga Meetings in Ethics and Political Philosophy, Braga, Portugal
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 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