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Employment

Postdoctoral Associate, Center for Population-Level Bioethics, Rutgers University, 2020–

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, London School of Economics, 2016–2020
Dissertation Title: *One-by-One: Moral Theory for Separate Persons*
Supervisors: Michael Otsuka, Alex Voorhoeve

LL.M. Law, University College London, 2015–2016 (*Distinction*)

M.Sc. Philosophy of the Social Sciences, London School of Economics, 2014–2015 (*Distinction*)

B.A. Philosophy and Political Science, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, 2011–2014 (*very good, 1.1*)

Visiting Student, University of Seville, October 2012–March 2013

Research Interests

Moral Philosophy (esp. ethics of risk, contractualism, personal identity)

Political Philosophy (esp. justice and health, global poverty)

Legal Philosophy (esp. discrimination, judicial review)

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Economics, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Decision and Social Choice Theory

Publications

Forthcoming. Contractualism, Complaints, and Risk, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*.

First View. [Aggregation, Balancing, and Respect for the Claims of Individuals](#), *Utilitas*.

2020. [Why It Does Not Matter What Matters: Relation R, Personal Identity, and Moral Theory](#), *Philosophical Quarterly*, 70: 178-98.

Work In Progress

“Effective Altruism: Better Vaguely Right than Precisely Wrong” (with Nicolas Côté, under review)

“Constraints, You, and Your Victims”

“The Epistemic Case for Judicial Review”

“Skepticism about Aggregation and Uncertain Rescues”

“Rationing Survival”

“The Ethics of Coronavirus Vaccine Testing: Balancing Risks Inside and Outside the Trial”

Awards and Scholarships

John Watkins Memorial Prize

Awarded biennially for the best paper written by a graduate student at LSE for the paper “Contractualism, Complaints, and Risk”

LSE Postgraduate Travel Award 2017–2019 (multiple)

LSE Ph.D. Studentship 2016–2020

German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung) 2012–2016

Study Abroad Scholarships 2014–2015 and 2015–2016

Erasmus Scholarship by DAAD 2012–2013

Public Philosophy

Publications:

“Law’s Not So Majestic Equality”, *The Statesman*, June 2020

“Salary challenge’ a progressive step”, *Times of India*, May 2020

“The Supreme Court’s Free Testing Order - A Response”, with Thulasi K. Raj, published online: [Indian Constitutional Law and Philosophy Blog](#), April 2020

“A virus with two heads”, *The Telegraph*, April 2020

“A government that chooses its critics”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *The Hindu*, January 2020

“True Lies”, *Times of India*, November 2018

“The Right to Offend”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *Deccan Herald*, October 2018

“The Real Issue of Sabarimala”, *Geography and You*, August 2018

“Taking Parliament seriously”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *Deccan Herald*, April 2018

“Triple Talaq and the Irrelevance of Religious Freedom”, published online: [LiveLaw.in](#), August 2017

Public and Invited Talks:

The Need for a Comprehensive Equality Law, *Workshop “Tackling Caste Discrimination Through Law” Organized by the Centre for Law & Policy Research and the Kerala High Court Advocates’ Association*, January 2020

The Future of Liberal Rights, *Government Law College, Thrissur*, December 2018

Why Philosophy Matters to Law, *Kaleeswaram Raj & Associates*, December 2016

Philosophy of Rights and the Right to Die, *ILS Law College, Pune*, December 2016

Legal Assistance:

[Joseph Shine v. Union of India](#), Supreme Court of India.

The case decriminalized adultery in India. I assisted in drafting the petition and preparing the oral arguments before the Supreme Court.

Presentations

“The Ethics of Coronavirus Vaccine Testing: Balancing Risks Inside and Outside the Trial”

Virtual Ethics Work-in-Progress Group. June 2020

“Skepticism about Aggregation and Uncertain Rescues”

Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference 2019. November 2019, Oxford

“Constraints, You, and Your Victims”

Stockholm Philosophy Graduate Conference 2019. May 2019, Stockholm

SOPhiA Graduate Conference 2018. September 2018, Salzburg

Colloquium Practical Philosophy, HHU Düsseldorf. April 2015, Düsseldorf

Invited Comments on Scott Cowan’s “Hatred and the Contemporary”

London-Berkeley Graduate Conference. April 2019, Berkeley

“Aggregation, Balancing, and Respect for the Claims of Individuals”

LSE Choice Group. October 2019, London

London Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. February 2019, London

“The Epistemic Case for Judicial Review”

Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory. February 2019, Warwick

Brave New World Graduate Conference. June 2018, Manchester

“Why It Does Not Matter What Matters: Relation R, Personal Identity, and Moral Theory”

Understanding Value VIII. July 2018, Sheffield

Lake Geneva Graduate Conference. October 2017, Fribourg

“Contractualism, Complaints, and Risk”

British Society for Ethical Theory Conference. July 2018, Sheffield

London Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. May 2018, London

Taller d’Investigació en Filosofia. April 2018, Barcelona

Workshop on Risk and Aggregation in Ethics (LSE/UCL). March 2018, London

LSE Choice Group. February 2018, London

“Utility in Rational and Moral Choice”

EIPE 20th Anniversary Conference. March 2017, Rotterdam

“Scanlon, Contractualism, and Saving the Greater Number”

PEP Talks Conference 2015. April 2015, Hamburg

Teaching

Teaching Prizes

LSE Class Teacher Award. 2018

Teaching Qualifications

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (Associate Level)

Courses Taught at LSE (As Graduate Teaching Assistant):

PH214: Philosophy, Morals and Politics. 2019-20

PH222: Philosophy and Public Policy. 2017-18

PH311: Philosophy of Economics. 2016-17

Courses Taught at Chinmaya University, Kochi (As Visiting Faculty):

Discrimination, Morality and Law (LLM Legal Theory). 2019

Courses Taught at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf (As Teaching Assistant):

Utilitarianism. 2013-14

Service and Outreach

Reviewer for *Philosophical Studies*, *Ethical Perspectives*, and *Philosophy* (2x).

Convener, LSE Analytical Marxism Reading Group, 2019

Co-organizer UCL/LSE/KCL Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshops, 2018-2019

Co-organizer Workshop on Aggregation and Risk in Ethics (LSE/UCL), March 2018

Co-organizer LSE Ph.D. Seminar, 2017-2018

Instructor for "Philosophy Through Short Stories" at Harris Academy (high school)

Reviewer for LSE-Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference, 2017, 2018, 2019

Convener, LSE Moral and Political Philosophy Reading Group, 2017