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Academic Employment

May 2024 – April 2027	Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow Department of Politics and International Studies University of Warwick
2023 - 2024	Postdoctoral Fellow in Global Health Justice Normative Orders Research Center Goethe University Frankfurt
2022 - 2023	Postdoctoral Fellow Justitia Center for Advanced Studies Goethe University Frankfurt
2018 - 2022	Graduate Teaching Assistant Department of Government London School of Economics and Political Science

Education & Qualifications

2022	PhD in Political Theory (passed with no corrections) London School of Economics and Political Science Thesis: <i>Justice & Class Consciousness: A Theory of Political Transition</i> Available to read online here
2019	PGCertHE (full fellowship) HE Academy & LSE Teaching and Learning Centre
2018	MRes in Political Science (Distinction) London School of Economics and Political Science
2016	MA in Politics (Distinction) University of Leeds
2015	BA in History and Politics (First-Class Honours) Goldsmiths, University of London

Academic Awards & Scholarships

2023	Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship
2022	Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute (declined)
2019	Baroness Birk Scholarship, awarded by the Department of Government at LSE (joint second prize)

2017	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) 3+1 doctoral award (full fee scholarship and maintenance stipend)
2015	Arts and Humanities Research Council research preparation masters award (full fee scholarship and maintenance stipend) Allan Little Prize, awarded by the Department of Politics at Goldsmiths to the final year student with the highest overall mark
2013 & 2014	Peter Galloway Prize, awarded by the Department of History at Goldsmiths to the student with the highest average mark

Visiting Positions

2025 (July & Aug)	Visiting Researcher Department of Politics Central European University Sponsor: Zoltan Mikloski
2021 (Nov & Dec)	Visiting Research Student Department of Philosophy Harvard University Sponsor: Lucas Stanczyk

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

2026	“Good Citizenship in an Unequal Society: The Value of Political Organizing,” <i>Ethics & Global Politics</i> , 1-14. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/16544951.2026.2660415
2024	“Murray Bookchin and the Value of Democratic Municipalism,” <i>European Journal of Political Theory</i> 23(2): 224-245. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/14748851221128248
2021	“Activist-led Education and Egalitarian Social Change,” <i>Journal of Political Philosophy</i> 29(4): 456-479. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1111/jopp.12247

Book reviews:

2024	“Paul Gomberg, Anti-Racism as Communism.” <i>Marx & Philosophy Review of Books</i> , August 2024.
2023	“Monique Deveaux, Poverty, Solidarity, and Poor-Led Social Movements,” <i>Ethics</i> 133(4): 615-620. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1086/724532
2020	“Two new socialist manifestos,” <i>Renewal: A Journal of Social Democracy</i> 28(1): 91-95 [on Aaron Bastani’s <i>Fully Automated Luxury Communism</i> & Bhaskar Sunkara’s <i>The Socialist Manifesto</i>].

2019 “Capitalism, Human Rights, and Critical Theory,” *Global Justice: Theory, Practice, Rhetoric* 12(1): 129-133. [on David Ingram’s *World Crisis and Underdevelopment*]. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21248/gjn.12.01.226>

Public writing:

2021 “Ten years on, what’s stopping England’s youth from rioting again?” *LSE GovBlog*, August 31: <http://tiny.cc/r7iuz>

Invited Talks

What is ‘Consciousness-Raising’?

Research Colloquium in Political Theory, Goethe University Frankfurt, 17th January 2023
Philosophy and Activism workshop, Centre for Social Critique, HU Berlin, 19th April 2023
Beyond Polarization conference, Heyman Center, Columbia University, 8th November 2023
Philosophy of Democratic Participation workshop, CEVIPOF, Sciences Po, 13th March 2025

Socialism After the Intersectional Turn

Bayreuth-Rotterdam Colloquium in Social and Political Philosophy, 12th April 2024
Centre for Ethics, Law and Public Affairs Seminar, University of Warwick, 1st October 2024

Class Stigmatization & Class Hierarchy

Poverty Discrimination workshop, University of Copenhagen, 13th May 2025

Other Conference Presentations

- 2026 *[scheduled]* “‘A New Kind of Political Party’?: Visions of Representative Renewal in ‘Your Party’”, **ECPR General Conference**, Krakow, 11th Sept.
- “What is ‘Consciousness-Raising’?” **PPE Society Second Annual Meeting**, King’s College London, 10th July.
- 2025 ‘Socialism with Intersectional Characteristics’, **Association for Political Thought Conference**, University of York, 11th January.
- 2024 ‘School-Related Stress as a Social Justice Issue’ (co-presented with Malte Jauch), **MANCEPT**, 12th September.
- ‘Is There a Civic Duty to Organize?’, **ECPR General Conference**, UC Dublin, 12th August.
- ‘Organizing for Health Justice’, *Global Health Justice: Bridging Theory and Practice*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 12th July.
- 2023 ‘The Civic Duty to Organize’, *Political Theory in Times of Uncertainty Conference*, University of Bremen, 27th September.

- ‘Moral Issues in the Design of School Curricula’ (co-presented with Malte Jauch), *Intergenerational Justice panel at MANCEPT*, 12th September.
- ‘What - If Anything - Makes the Capitalist Class Distinctive?’, *Political Studies Conference*, Liverpool, 3rd April.
- ‘Socialist Activism and Class’, *Association for Political Thought Conference*, University of Oxford, 6th January.
- 2022 ‘Organising Conversations and Activist Virtue’, *Association for Social and Political Philosophy Conference*, Durham, 13th July.
- ‘What is Egalitarian Class Consciousness?’, *Philosophy, Law & Politics Online Graduate Forum*, 9th March.
- 2021 ‘Climate Change and Contemptuous Ownership’, *Why Private Property? II*, University of Oxford, 19th May.
- ‘The Value of Organizing Conversations,’ *4th London Graduate Workshop on Moral and Political Philosophy*, 15th April.
- 2020 ‘The Transitional Value of Community Solidarity’, *Brave New World Conference*, University of Manchester, 22nd June.
- ‘Just Work, Self-Respect, and Trade Unionism’, *Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy*, 13th February.
- 2019 ‘Honneth’s Recent Political Turn and its Limits’, *Critical Theory in (a Time of) Crisis*, University of Sussex, 5th November.
- ‘Municipal Assembly-Building and Transition’, *Egalitarian Futures panel at MANCEPT*, Manchester, 12th September.
- ‘Autonomy and Activist-Led Education’, *Association for Social and Political Philosophy Conference*, Newcastle, 25th June.
- 2018 ‘The Politics of Property-Owning Democracy’, *Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy*, Pavia, 19th September.
- ‘The Liberal Critique of Marketization and its Limits’, *Markets and Morality panel at MANCEPT*, 10th September.
- ‘Thomas’s Republic of Equals and Political Orientation’, *9th Braga Summer School in Ethics and Public Policy*, 3rd July.
- ‘Do Political Theorists Pay Sufficient Attention to Political Economy?’, *Nottingham Postgraduate Conference*, 21st June.
- 2016 ‘Against the “Community of Character” Defence of Closed Borders’, *POLIS Postgraduate Conference*, Leeds, 9th June.

Teaching Experience

- 2026 *Justice, Democracy and Citizenship*, Warwick. TA. Led 9 hours of seminars for 1st year undergraduates on a number of important concepts in contemporary political theory. 1 formative and 1 summative essay marked.
- 2022 *Politics Public Research Project*, LSE. TA for Paul Apostolidis. Led group discussions, held office hours, and provided feedback and guidance on interview analysis documents and public blogs for 2nd and 3rd year undergraduates undertaking an optional experiential learning activity (some of the student research that I helped to supervise was eventually published [here](#)).
- 2019-20 *Intro to Political Theory*, LSE. TA for Katrin Flikschuh. Led 20 hours of seminars for 1st year undergraduates on a number of canonical figures in the history of political thought, from Plato to Fanon. 1 formative and 1 summative essay marked.
- 2018-19 *Contemporary Political Theory*, LSE. TA for Laura Valentini. Led 20 hours of seminars for 2nd and 3rd year undergraduates on important normative concepts (liberty, equality, rights, etc) and their bearing on various political issues, such as civil disobedience and climate change. 2 formative and 2 summative essays marked.

Professional & Departmental Service

Member of Research and Impact Committee, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick (Aug 2024 - present)

Referee for: *Journal of Political Philosophy* (x2), *European Journal of Political Theory* (x2), *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *British Journal of Politics & International Relations*, *Participations* and *Publius*.

Organisational & Administrative Experience

Co-organizer of workshop on 'Philosophy of Climate Activism', Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, near Frankfurt (25th-27th March 2026).

Co-organizer of conference on 'Global Health Justice: Bridging Theory and Practice' at Goethe University Frankfurt (July 11th-12th 2024).

Co-organizer of panels at the 2023 Association for Political Thought Conference (on 'The Philosophical Foundations of Socialism'), the 2023 Political Studies Association Conference (on 'Normative Political Theory and the Question of Class'), and the 2024 ECPR General Conference (on 'Political Activism Beyond the Civil Disobedience Frame'). Co-convenor of the 'Uses of Solidarity' (2021), 'Realising Egalitarian Futures' (2019) and 'Justice in Contemporary Schooling' (2024) panels at the MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory.

Assistant to the Isaac and Tamara Deutscher Memorial Prize Committee (May 2019-Oct 2022).