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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Contemporary political philosophy, with special interests in theories of social/distributive justice and equality; liberalism and republicanism; moral psychology (self-respect and other self-evaluative attitudes), intersection of political theory and comparative political science and economy (welfare states, wage regulation, workplace democracy); theories of equality and social class; international and global justice; political theory of the EU.

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

All areas of contemporary political philosophy; early modern and modern history of political thought; normative ethics; applied political theory (intersection with comparative political science and economy).

APPOINTMENTS

Since 2019	Senior Lecturer in Political Theory , Department of Politics, University of Manchester; Affiliations: Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT), Work and Equalities Institute (WEI), AMBS
2013 – 2019	Lecturer in Political Theory , Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT), Department of Politics, University of Manchester
2010 –2013	Research Fellow ; Centre for Advanced Studies “Justitia Amplificata – Rethinking Justice”, Goethe University Frankfurt
2009 –2010	Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow ; European University Institute, Fiesole
2007 –2008	Graduate Development Scholar in Politics (equivalent to College Lecturer); St Anne’s College, Oxford
2005 –2007	Tutor in Theory of Politics, History of Political Thought, and Ethics; various Oxford Colleges:
2002 – 2004	Tutor ; Department of Philosophy, University of Freiburg

EDUCATION

2005 – 2009	University of Oxford: DPhil in Political Theory
2004 – 2005	University of Oxford: Master of Science in Political Theory Research Distinction

2004

University of Freiburg: Magister Artium (M.A.) in Philosophy and Law
Grade: 1,1 (equivalent to high First Class)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Single-authored monograph:

- *Justice and Egalitarian Relations*, New York: Oxford University Press US 2021
Reviews: by Gina Schouten in *Economics & Philosophy* 38 (2022), 501-507; Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen in *Ethics* 133 (2023), 446-450; Daniel Sharp in *Res Publica* 29 (2023), 341-346
Subject of a one-day workshop at UC London April 2022 and a two-day workshop at University of Zurich, September 2022 (for symposia and critical exchanges, see below);

Edited volume:

- co-edited with Ayelet Banai and Miriam Ronzoni: *Social Justice, Global Dynamics: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives*, London: Routledge 2011;

Articles

- Christian Schemmel and Georg Picot, “Why We Need Minimum Wages: Pay, Recognition and Economic Citizenship”, forthcoming, *American Political Science Review*
- “Workplace Democracy as the Liberal Republican Default”, forthcoming *Political Studies*.
- “The Union Shall Promote Social Justice”, *European Journal of Philosophy* 30 (2022), 530-545.
- “Real Self-Respect and Its Social Bases”, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 49 (2019), 628-651. Featured in German generalist psychology journal *Psychologie Heute*, 9/2020.
- “How (Not) to Criticise the Welfare State”, with a reply by Thad Williamson, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 32 (2015), 393-409.
- “Luck Egalitarianism as Democratic Reciprocity? A Response to Tan”, *The Journal of Philosophy* 109 (2012), 433-448;
- “Distributive and Relational Equality”, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 11 (2012), 123-148;
- “Why Relational Egalitarians Should Care About Distributions”, *Social Theory and Practice* 37 (2011), 365-390;
- “Sen, Rawls – and Sisyphus”, *Indian Journal of Human Development* 5 (2011) – Symposium on Amartya Sen’s *The Idea of Justice*, 197-210;
- “On the Usefulness of Luck Egalitarian Arguments for Global Justice”, *Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric* 1 (2008), 54-67 (<http://www.theglobaljusticenetwork.org/journal>);

Book Chapters:

- “Relational Autonomy, Equality, and Self-Respect”; in: Stoljar, N. and Voigt, K. (eds.): *Autonomy and Equality: Relational Approaches*, New York: Routledge 2022, pp. 103-124.
- “Social Equality – or Just Justice?”, in: Fourie, C., Schuppert, F., and Wallimann-Helmer, I.(eds.): *Social Equality – On What It Means to Be Equals*, New York: Oxford University Press 2015, pp. pp. 146-166.
- “Ist der Anspruch auf Gerechtigkeit transnationalisierbar?” (“Can Justice Be Transnationalised?”), with Stefan Gosepath, in: Masuch, P. et al (eds.): *Grundlagen und Herausforderungen des Sozialstaats – Denkschrift 60 Jahre Bundessozialgericht* (Festschrift for the 60th anniversary of the Federal Social Court), Band I, Berlin: Erich Schmidt Verlag 2014, pp. 499-515;
- “Global Social Justice? The Possibility of Social Justice beyond States in a World of Overlapping Practices”, with Ayelet Banai and Miriam Ronzoni, in: Banai, A., Ronzoni, M., and Schemmel, C. (eds.), *Social Justice, Global Dynamics: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives*, London: Routledge 2011, pp. 46-60.

In preparation:

- “Rawls and Luck and Democratic Egalitarianism”, in the *Oxford Handbook on the Philosophy of John Rawls*, eds. Christie Hartley, Blain Neufeld and Loris Watson, New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Symposia and Critical Exchanges on my Work:

- “On Egalitarian Pluralism and the Fragility of Self-Respect”, *Biblioteca della Libertà* LVIII/238 (2023), 85-94; response to Giacomo Floris, “Egalitarian Relations, Unequal Distributions, and Functioning Self-Respect” (critical review of *Justice and Egalitarian Relations*), *ibid.*, 73-84.

In preparation:

- Symposium on *Justice and Egalitarian Relations*, for *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*.

Special Issues and Symposia (editor):

- “Socioeconomic Justice: Beyond the Welfare State?”, co-edited with Stefan Gosepath, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 32 (2015), 335-439.

In preparation:

- Symposium on Emily McTernan, *On Taking Offence*, New York: Oxford University Press 2023; for *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*.

Review Essay:

- “The Many Evils of Inequality: An Examination of T.M. Scanlon’s Pluralist Account”, *Ethics and International Affairs* 33 (2019), 1-10.

Book reviews:

- Review of David Miller, *Justice for Earthlings*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2013, *Political Theory* 44 (2016), 731-736.
- Review of Jamie T. Kelly, *Framing Democracy – A Behavioral Approach to Democratic Theory*, for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, ndpr.nd.edu/, March 2013;
- “Partiality Against Parochialism?” (extended review of Toni Erskine’s *Embedded Cosmopolitanism*), *Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric* 3 (2010), 56-62;
- With Michael Kober: “Rationalität, Freiheit und Selbst” (extended review of John Searle’s *Rationality in Action*), *Allgemeine Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 30.2 (2005), 217-226.

Dissemination of Research (Policy Papers, News Articles etc):

- “Votes for Kids: Why We Should be Giving Kids a Say in Elections”, *The Conversation* 27/6/2024, <https://theconversation.com/votes-for-kids-why-we-should-be-giving-children-a-say-in-elections-203717>
- “If You Care About Social Equality, You Want a Big State: Home, Work, Care and Social Egalitarianism”, with Emily McTernan, Martin O’Neill and Fabian Schuppert; *Juncture* (IPPR) 23 (2016), 138-144.
- “Strength in Division: Left-Right Antagonism and the Practice of ‘Split Leadership’, with David Owen, *Renewal – A Journal of Social Democracy* 24/4 (2016), 43-51.

In preparation:

- “What Do Minimum Wages Do?” and “Minimum Wages and Economic Citizenship”, two articles on wage policy, co-authored with Georg Picot, to be published in *The Conversation* in autumn 2024.

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Sep 2022- Aug 2025 Host and mentor for **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship** Dr Costanza Porro, “Relational Equality, Vulnerability, and Care” “Caring Among Equals: the Role of Vulnerability and Care in an Egalitarian Society” (Dr Porro attained a permanent Lectureship in Political Theory at the University of Lancaster from 1 December 2023)
- Sep 2021 – Aug 2022 **Political Economy Fellowship, Independent Social Research Foundation**, project “Making All Work Pay: Just Wage Regulation”
- Feb-Aug 2017 **Senior Research Fellowship**, Centre for Advanced Studies “Justitia Amplificata – Rethinking Justice”, Goethe University Frankfurt/Free University Berlin.
- 2014-2016 **BA-Leverhulme** Small Research Grant, Workshop Series “Analysing Social Equality: Norms, Ideals, Principles & Policies”, series of four workshops at London, Manchester, York, and Belfast; co-applicant
- 2013-2019 **German Research Foundation (DFG)**, Professionalisation grant by for Online Journal *Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric* (www.theglobaljusticenetwork.org); main applicant
- 2013-2018 **German Research Foundation (DFG)**, Renewal Grant for Centre for Advanced Studies “Justitia Amplificata”; co-drafter of application

SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT AWARDS

- 2008 – 2009 **Scatcherd European Scholarship**, University of Oxford
- 2006- 2008 **German National Academic Foundation**, Doctoral Scholarship (declined)
- 2006 **Cairncross Award**, St Peter’s College, University of Oxford
- 2005-2008 **AHRC** Doctoral Scholarship for EU citizens
- 2005-2008 **DAAD** (German Academic Exchange Service) Doctoral Scholarship
- 2000-2001 **DAAD** (German Academic Exchange Service) Study Abroad Scholarship
- 1999-2004 **German National Academic Foundation**, Undergraduate Scholarship

POSTDOCTORAL MENTORSHIP

Costanza Porro , October 2022 – December 2023 (see Grants and Awards)

Devon Cass, since December 2023, Postdoctoral Researcher within project “Analysing and Critiquing Relations of Inequality”, supported by the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Manchester

PHD SUPERVISION

Completed:

William Christmas (on self-ownership and equality), 2017

Wen-Chin Lung (on humanitarian aid), 2017;

Joseph Roberts (on the permissibility of body modification practices), 2019

Giacomo Floris (on moral status, moral equality, and distributive justice), 2019

Vittorio Gerosa (on deliberative democracy and mini-publics), 2021
Jeannine Bringmann (on neo-republicanism and self-governance) 2022
Tawan Manakun (on non-domination, property regimes, and wealth inequality), 2022
Davide Pala (on neo-republicanism and human rights), 2023
Karolina Jędrzejczak (on crises of democracy and populism), 2024

Ongoing:

Robert Herisonne-Kelly (on hermeneutical justice, agency, and power), since September 2022
John Ayshford (on John Stuart Mill's republicanism, co-supervision with History), since September 2022
Timothy Siew (on "anti-politics" and participatory remedies in democratic theory), since September 2023
Jim Morrison (on social esteem as a subject of social justice), since January 2024

Incoming:

Anthony McMullin (on "What, If Anything, Justifies Workplace Authority?"), from September 2024

PHD EXAMINATION

David Vestergaard Axelsen, "Global Redistributive Obligations in the Face of Severe Poverty", University of Aarhus (DK), 2014
Nicola Mulkeen, "Socially Constructed Luck and Exploitation, University of Manchester, 2017;
Jonathan Benson, "An Epistemic Theory of Deliberative Democracy, University of Manchester, 2018.
Matthew Perry, "Dignity Beyond the Human: A Deontic Account of the Moral Status of Animals", 2023.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

For the Discipline:

- Editorship: currently shadowing Samuel Freeman (UPenn), General Editor of *Oxford Political Philosophy* OUP US (for taking over General Editorship in near future).
- *Res Publica*, Editorial Board (from September 2024)
- Founding member of the *Global Justice Network* (<http://www.theglobaljusticenetwork.org>) and Chair 2013-present;
- Co-editor of *Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric* in 2008-9 and 2012-13 (<http://www.theglobaljusticenetwork.org/journal>)
- Referee for:
 - Oxford University Press, Routledge,
 - *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; CRISPP, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ergo*, *Ethics*, *Ethics and Global Politics*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Les Ateliers de l'Éthique*, *Leviathan*, *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Political Philosophy*, *Political Studies*, *Political Studies Review*, *Political Theory*, *Politics*, *Philosophy & Economics*, *Ratio Juris*, *Res Publica*, *Social Theory and Practice*;
 - German Research Foundation (DFG), National Research Council Canada; Polish National Science Centre; Royal Society of New Zealand; Final Selection Panel Member, *Independent Social Research Foundation*, Early Career Fellowships, 7th Call, 2023.

At the University of Manchester

2013 - 2016 – Member of steering group for 'JustFest' – social justice festival for 2nd-years;
Since 2017 - online lecturer for University-wide "Social Justice Challenge", extracurricular activity completed by ~4500 University students of all levels every year.

2016 – 2024– Teaching and Curriculum Coordinator, Department of Politics; Member of the Politics Leadership Team; final responsibility for entire Politics teaching offer at UG and MA level and distribution of workload among members of staff (~70 members of staff, 100+ courses), overseeing of development and approval of new courses and programme changes.

2016-2024 – Teaching Pillar coordinator for Political Theory

TEACHING AWARDS

2014/2015 – Award for “outstanding student experience”, 3rd-year course *Global Justice* (together with Miriam Ronzoni)

LANGUAGES

German	native speaker
English	fluent oral and written
Italian	fluent oral and written
French	competent
Spanish	basic
Latin	5 years of study

CAREER INTERRUPTIONS

Paternity Leave, June-December 2013

Paternity Leave, September 2017 – January 2018