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**Areas of specialisation:** Contemporary political philosophy; value theory; political obligations  
**Areas of competence:** Moral philosophy; philosophy of economics; philosophy of public policy; jurisprudence; climate policy

## EDUCATION

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| 2022-2025 | <b>PhD Political Science, London School of Economics and Political Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Thesis: "Preserving value in the face of climate change: a pluralist account"</li><li>- Supervisors: Prof Kai Spiekermann and Dr Jonathan Parry</li><li>- Examiners: Prof Simon Caney and Prof John O'Neill</li><li>- Viva passed without corrections, November 2025</li><li>- Fields of concern: contemporary analytical political philosophy, climate policy, environmental ethics</li><li>- Fully funded by the KAUTE Foundation Scholarship</li></ul> |
| 2021-2022 | <b>MRes Political Science, London School of Economics and Political Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Distinction</li></ul>  |
| 2019-2020 | <b>MSc Political Theory, London School of Economics and Political Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Distinction</li><li>- Awarded the MSc Political Theory Excellent Dissertation Award for 2020</li><li>- Dissertation: "The seed of a good life: why societies should support parents"</li></ul>   |
| 2015-2018 | <b>BA Hons Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Christ Church, University of Oxford</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Class 2:1</li></ul>   |

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Peer-reviewed publications:**

"Against Treason: An Argument from Political Obligation". Conditionally accepted subject to minor revisions at *Law and Philosophy*.

### **In progress:**

"Irreplaceable Value and Climate Change Adaptation". Submission imminent.

"Future Autonomy and Trusteeship". Manuscript prepared; submission expected soon.

"Option Value and the Preservation of Diversity". Manuscript prepared; submission expected soon.

"Anthropocentrism, Value, and Climate Change". In preparation.

### **Publications for a non-academic audience:**

Westeren, F. (2024, May 10). The name of the game: Soft power and the Eurovision Song Contest. *LSE Government Blog*.

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/government/2024/05/10/the-name-of-the-game-soft-power-and-the-eurovision-song-contest/>

Westeren, F. (2021, October 22). How do policymakers know how bad climate change is? *LSE Government Blog*. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/government/2021/10/22/how-do-policymakers-know-how-bad-climate-change-is/>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Nov 2025-present     **Occasional Research Officer, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, London School of Economics and Political Science**
- Assisting Marie Milofsky to design and deliver a classroom-based game intended for undergraduate ethics teaching

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Autumn term 2025     **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics and School of Public Policy, University College London**
- Planned and delivered 6 seminar-style classes a week across two undergraduate modules, Foundations of Political Thought and Ethics and Public Policy
  - Teaching topics across the history of political thought, political philosophy and the philosophy of public policy, as well as marking student essays
- 2024-present     **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, London School of Economics**
- Planned and delivered 2-5 seminar-style classes a week on the optional undergraduate modules Philosophy, Morals and Politics and Philosophy of Economics
  - Highly commended in the LSE 2025 Class Teaching Awards for an inclusive and effective teaching practice
  - Taught a range of topics in analytical moral and political philosophy, and philosophy of economics
- 2022-2024     **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, London School of Economics**
- Planned and delivered 2 seminar-style classes a week on the optional undergraduate module Contemporary Political Theory
  - Taught topics and theorists across analytical, continental, and critical political theory
  - Marked and provided feedback on up to 140 summative assessments, including essays and blogs, a year
- Jan-Mar 2023     **Teaching Assistant, LSE Public Research Partners**
- Supported and coordinated undergraduate students taking part in a research project with external partners
  - Successfully oversaw the structure and timeline of the project, leading to useful research output for partners
- Jul-Sept 2019     **Professional Instructor NCO, Finnish Defence Forces**
- Trained units of up to 200 conscripts in the Finnish Navy in areas including basic combat, peacekeeping and first aid while on a tight schedule
  - Had pastoral responsibility for a diverse cohort of conscripts
  - Produced training materials, including presentations and plans

## TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- June 2025                    **Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education**  
- Completed modules on course design and effective assessment and feedback practices
- June 2024                    **Associate Fellowship, Higher Education Academy**  
- Completed the Principles of Teaching in Higher Education course at the Eden Centre, London School of Economics

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**2025 BIAPT Conference, University of York** “Anthropocentrism, Value, and Climate Change” 1/2025

**Philosophy, Law & Politics Graduate Forum** “Against Treason: An Argument from Political Obligation” 11/2024

**Understanding Value XII, University of Sheffield** “Future Autonomy and Trusteeship” 7/2024

**Association for Social and Political Philosophy Annual Conference 2024, University of Swansea** “Future Autonomy and Trusteeship” 7/2024

**Just Climate Transitions Annual Conference 2024, University of Potsdam** “Future Autonomy and Trusteeship” 6/2024

**21st Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy** “Option Value and the Preservation of Diversity” 9/2023

**European Congress of Analytic Philosophy 2023, University of Vienna** “Option Value and the Preservation of Diversity” 8/2023

**Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference 2023, University of Antwerp** “Irreplaceable Value and Climate Change Adaptation” 6/2023

**Open Minds XVI, University of Manchester** “Option Value and the Preservation of Diversity” 6/2023

**Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory** “Irreplaceable Value and Climate Change Adaptation” 2/2023

**IV Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy** “Irreplaceable Value and Climate Change Adaptation” 2/2023

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2022-2025                    **Consultative Forum Representative, London School of Economics**  
- Representing and advocating for the research students of the Department of Government at termly meetings with university leadership
- 2021-2025                    **Student-Staff Liaison Committee Representative, London School of Economics**  
- Representing and advocating for research students in my cohort at termly meetings with departmental leadership

2023-2024

**Co-organiser, LSE Graduate Conference in Political Theory**

- Successfully organised a major conference for graduate students from several countries
- Applied for and secured funding, coordinated with speakers, attendees and administrative staff

May 2023

**Co-organiser, Irreplaceability, Irreversibility, and Loss to Climate Change: Conceptual and Normative Questions**

- Selected and invited scholars with a research interest in questions around irreplaceability

2022-2023

**Co-organiser, Ideas Incubator seminar series, London School of Economics Department of Government**

- Organised a series of seminars for early career researchers in political theory at LSE

**Languages:**

Fluent in Swedish, Finnish and English.