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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

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

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Completed modules on course design and effective assessment and feedback practices
June 2024	Associate Fellowship, Higher Education Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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
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.