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AOS Ethics (Normative Ethics, Metaethics, Moral Psychology)
AOC Social and Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics

Employment

2018- Assistant Professor (with tenure)
Utrecht University

2016-2018 Assistant Professor (tenure-track)
Utrecht University

2015-16 Assistant Professor (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”, research-only)
Universität Duisburg-Essen

2013-2015 Assistant Professor (fixed term)
Tilburg University, Department of Philosophy/Tilburg Center for
Logic, Ethics, and Philosophy of Science (TiLPS)

Education

2018 Habilitation in Philosophy (procedure initiated)
Universität Duisburg-Essen
Committee: tbd

2014 PhD in Philosophy
University of Groningen
(‘cum laude’ = highest possible distinction)
Supervisor: Pauline Kleingeld (Groningen)
Committee: Jeanette Kennett (Sydney), Jesse Prinz (The Graduate
Center, CUNY), Maureen Sie (Rotterdam)

2009 MA in Philosophy, MA in Literature
Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
(‘mit Auszeichnung’ = highest possible distinction)
Thesis in Philosophy, Supervisors: Axel Honneth, Rainer Forst)

2002-2006 MA studies of Philosophy, MA studies of Literature
Philipps-Universität Marburg

Publications

Books

- 2018 Moral Thinking, Fast and Slow. New York: *Routledge*.
Debunking Arguments in Ethics. Cambridge: *Cambridge University Press*.
- 2017 Moral Judgments as Educated Intuitions. Cambridge, MA: *MIT Press*.
- 2009 Who's Afraid of Instrumental Reason? Instrumentelle Vernunft und die Diagnose sozialer Pathologien, Marburg: *Tectum*.
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Articles

(* = invited)
forthcoming

- *Moralisches Urteilen. Eine pessimistische Perspektive. In: Paulo, N. & Bublitz, Ch. (forthcoming). *Empirische Ethik*. Suhrkamp.
- The Cost of Consequentialization. *Metaphilosophy*.
- The Argument from Agreement. How Universal Values Undermine Moral Realism. *Ratio*.
- Economic Exceptionalism? Justice and the Liberal Conception of Rights. *Moral Philosophy & Politics*.
- *Debunking and Vindicating Moral Intuitions. In: Webber, J. and Tanesini, A. (eds.) *Underlying Thought. Philosophical Analyses of Epistemic and Ethical Cognition*, Oxford University Press.
- *(with Alexander Wiegmann) The Psychology of Moral Judgment. In: Knauff, M. and Spohn, W. (eds.), *Handbook of Rationality*. MIT Press.
- (with Steven Kraaijeveld) Metamorality Without Moral Truth. *Neuroethics*.
- *Moral Failure. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. [Review Essay of C. Daniel Batson. *What's Wrong with Morality? A Social-Psychological Perspective*]
- 2018 No Excuses for Moral Realism. *Philosophical Studies* 175 (3), 553-578.
(with Katrin Paldan & Nils-Frederic Wagner) Promoting Inequality? Self-monitoring applications and the problem of social justice. *AI & Society*.
- 2017 *(with Neil Roughley and Sebastian Köhler) Technologically Blurred Accountability? In: Debiel, T., Finkenbusch, P. and Ulbert, C. (eds.), *Moral Agency and the Politics of Responsibility*. NY: Routledge, 51-69.
- *Between Facts and Norms. Ethics and Moral Psychology. In: Voyer, B. and Tarantola, T. (eds.), *Moral Psychology. A Multidisciplinary Guide*. Springer USA, 5-29.
- 2015 Can't We All Disagree More Constructively? Moral Foundations, Moral Reasoning, and Political Disagreement, *Neuroethics* 8 (2), 153-169.
- 2014 It's the Knobe Effect, Stupid! How (and How Not) to Explain the Side-Effect Effect, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 5 (4), 485-503.
- *The Wrong Kind of Mistake. A Problem for Robust Sentimentalism about Moral Judgment, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 48 (2), 247-269.
- 2013 (with Tom Bates) Chairmen, Cocaine, and Car Crashes. The Knobe Effect as an Attribution Error, *The Journal of Ethics*, 17 (4), 305-330.
- 2012 Morally Irrelevant Factors. What's left of the dual-process model of moral cognition?, *Philosophical Psychology*, 25 (6), 783-811.
- Educated Intuitions. Automaticity and Rationality in Moral Judgment, *Philosophical Explorations*, 15 (3), 255-275.
- Psychopaths and Filthy Desks. Are Emotions Necessary and Sufficient for Moral Judgment?, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 15 (1), 95-115.
- 2011 Social Intuitionism and the Psychology of Moral Reasoning, *Philosophy*

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- Compass*, 6 (10), 708-721.
- 2009 The Appropriateness of Emotions. Moral Judgment, Moral Emotions, and the Conflation Problem, *Ethical Perspectives*, 18 (1), 107-140.
- 2009 Vernunft und Öffentlichkeit. Habermas über den internen Zusammenhang von Rechtsstaat und Demokratie“, *Archiv für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie*, 95 (1), (2009), 1-8.
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- Shorter Pieces*
- 2017 Moral Psychology. An Introduction. By Mark Alfano. Polity 2016. (Book Review). *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. (Book Review)
- 2016 (with Herrmann, K., Beckmann, N., Nachbar, K., Dogangün, A. and Ziegler, J.): Using Psychophysiological Parameters to Support Users in Setting Effective Activity Goals. *Proceedings of the SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '16)*.
- Metabolizing Cognition. *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte* 108 (2), 179-182.
- 2015 Moralisten Durch und Durch. Was wir von der experimentellen Philosophie lernen können (und was nicht), *Cogito*, 05 (01/2015), 44-47.
- The Philosophy and Psychology of Character and Happiness. Edited by Nancy Snow and Franco Trivigno. Routledge 2014, forthcoming in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. (Book Review)
- Being Amoral. Psychopathy and Moral Incapacity. Edited by Thomas Schramme. MIT Press 2014, forthcoming in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. (Book Review)
- 2011 (with Tom Bates) The Moral Psychology Handbook. Edited by John Doris and The Moral Psychology Research Group. Oxford University Press, New York 2010, *Metapsychology Online Review* (Book Review).
- 2009 Cass R. Sunstein: Gesetze der Angst. Jenseits des Vorsorgeprinzips, in: *Berliner Debatte Initial. Zeitschrift für sozialwissenschaftlichen Diskurs*, 156-160. (Book Review)
- 2008 Weltraum zwischen den Zeilen. Niels Werbers Beitrag zur ‚reflexiven Globalisierung‘, in: *Forschung Frankfurt* 3, 108. (Book Review)
- Das Tribunal der Vernunft. Rainer Forst über das ‚Recht auf Rechtfertigung‘, in: *Forschung Frankfurt* 1, 107. (Book Review)
- 2007 Michel Foucault: Die Macht der Psychiatrie. Vorlesung am Collège de France 1973/74, in: *Berliner Debatte Initial. Zeitschrift für sozialwissenschaftlichen Diskurs* 18, 107-110. (Book Review)

Talks

(*=invited)

2018

- *The Argument from Agreement
Bochum, Nov 14
- Unleashing Moral Progress
Enschede, Nov 9
- Comment on Adam Carter, Due Diligence and the Right to an Explanation
Bielefeld, Nov 6
- *Moral Realism and Moral Disagreement
Düsseldorf, May 2
- *Moral Psychology and Normative Ethics
Barchem, April 18
- *The Argument from Agreement
Utrecht, April 19

2017

- *Free Will (Moralizers Through and Through Lecture III)
Leiden, Dec 6
- *The Neuroscience of Moral Judgment (Moralizers Through and Through Lecture II)
Leiden, Nov 29
- *The Side-Effect Effect (Moralizers Through and Through Lecture I)
Leiden, Nov 15
- The Argument from Agreement
Utrecht, November 10
- *There is (almost) no moral disagreement
Delft, November 9
- *Can't We All Disagree More Constructively?
Eindhoven, November 7
- *Debunking Arguments in Ethics
Oldenburg, September 28
- Close Encounters With the Third Type. Towards Triple-Process Moral Psychology
Munich, August 21
- *Third Type's a Charm. Towards Triple-Process Moral Psychology
Cardiff, June 30
- *The Mess Inside. Do Emotions Make Our Moral Judgments Unreliable?
Zürich, May 15
- *Vindicating Arguments
Bielefeld, May 11-12
- *Moral Psychology and Normative Ethics
Barchem, April 5

2016

- Vindicating Arguments
Groningen, December 9-10
- *Free Will (Moralizers Through and Through Lecture III)
Leiden, Dec 7
- *The Neuroscience of Moral Judgment (Moralizers Through and Through Lecture II)
Leiden, Nov 23
- Vindicating Arguments
Berlin, Nov 19

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- *The Side-Effect Effect (Moralizers Through and Through Lecture I)
Leiden, Nov 9
- *The Reversal Test. Ethics in Technology
Chemnitz, June 28
- *The Ethics of Price Gouging
Utrecht, June 21
- *Ignorantia Legis Non Excusat. A New Challenge to Moral Realism?
Frankfurt, May 27
- *Are You Worse than Martin Skhreli? On the Ethics of Price Gouging
Tilburg, May 23
- *Moral Intuition
Leiden, May 18
- Ignorantia Legis Non Excusat. A New Challenge to Moral Realism?
Utrecht, April 1
- *Moral Thinking, Fast and Slow. Towards Triple-Process Moral Psychology
Bayreuth, January 12
- 2015 Ignorantia Legis Non Excusat. A New Challenge to Moral Realism?
Amsterdam, December 11-12
- *The Curious Case of Pushing Buttons. What Can We Learn from Moral
Judgments About Unrealistic Cases?
Bochum, November 26-28
- The Curious Case of Pushing Buttons. What Can We Learn from Moral
Judgments About Unrealistic Cases?
Salzburg, October 2
- * The Curious Case of Pushing Buttons. What Can We Learn from Moral
Judgments About Unrealistic Cases?
Eindhoven, September 29
- Far-Fetched. What Can We Learn from Moral Judgments About Unrealistic
Cases?
Osnabrück, September 14-17
- Far-Fetched. What Can We Learn from Moral Judgments About Unrealistic
Cases?
Tartu, July 7
- *Far-Fetched. What Can We Learn from Moral Judgments About Unrealistic
Cases?
Potsdam, July 7
- *Moral Intuition
Leiden, June 25
- *What Do You Mean, Intention?
Delft, March 19
- 2014 *Can metaethics protect our moral beliefs from debunking?
Utrecht, November 28
- Can metaethics protect our moral beliefs from debunking?
Nijmegen, November 7
- *Habituation and Moral Reasoning
Tübingen, October 3
- *Can metaethics protect our moral beliefs from debunking?
Münster, September 30
- *Educated Moral Intuitions
Cardiff, June 12-13

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- *The Weakest Link. Moral Realism, Debunking, and the Darwinian Dilemma
Toronto, May 9-10
- *The Weakest Link. Moral Realism, Debunking, and the Darwinian Dilemma
Tilburg, April 30
- *What (and Where) Are the Moral Limits of the Market?
Groningen, February 20
- 2013 *The Asymmetry of Understanding. What can moral psychology teach us about
political disagreement?
Tilburg, December 12-13
- Moral Intuitions and Moral Foundations
Rotterdam, November 15-16
- *Improving Moral Cognition
Tilburg, October 23
- *Weird Intuitions, Strange Foundations. Why Social Intuitionism and
Moral Foundations Theory are Incompatible
Groningen, July 4
- *Conscience and Psychopathic Moral Incompetence
Leiden, June 3
- The Responsibility Attribution Error
Eindhoven, May 21
- *The Responsibility Attribution Error
Tilburg, May 15
- *Just Taxes. Equality, Liberty, and Tax Justice
Tilburg, March 25
- 2012 The Normative Insignificance of the Knobe Effect
Eindhoven, November 2-3
- *Interesting Moral Scepticism
Amsterdam, July 8-9
- *The Wrong Kind of Mistake. Why (and How) Sentimentalism Fails
Groningen, March 6
- 2011 Educated Intuitions. Moral Judgment between Automaticity and Rationality
Barchem, August 21-25
- Morally Irrelevant Factors. Emotion, Moral Judgment, and the Brain
Milan, September 1-6
- *Morally Irrelevant Factors. Emotion, Moral Judgment, and the Brain
Leiden, February 17
- 2010 The Appropriateness of Emotions. Retributive Emotions, Moral Judgment, and
the Conflation Problem
Utrecht, July 1
- Psychopaths and Filthy Desks. Are Emotions Necessary and Sufficient for
Moral Judgment?
Zürich, March 29-31
- 2009 On the Very Idea of a Deontic Leap
Utrecht, November 19
- Mindless Judging? Moral Reasoning and Intuitive Reflexes
Utrecht, November 13
- Constitutive Principles of an Inescapable Practice. Comment on Christine
Korsgaard: *Self-Constitution. Agency, Identity and Integrity*
Utrecht, April 27

Teaching*Utrecht University*

2018/19

Ethics & Public Policy

Weekly Seminar, MA level, Shared Responsibility, ~50 students

Economic Ethics

Weekly Seminar, MA level, Sole Responsibility, ~50 students

Topics in Moral Psychology

Weekly Seminar, MA level, Partial Responsibility, ~20 students

Introduction to Practical Ethics

Weekly Lectures and Seminar, BA level, Sole Responsibility, ~50 students

Ethics and Politics of Human Nature

Weekly Lecture and Seminar, BA level, Sole Responsibility, ~50 students

2017/18

Economic Ethics

Weekly Seminar, MA level, Sole Responsibility, ~50 students

Libertarianism

Weekly Seminar, MA level, Sole Responsibility, ~20 students

Introduction to Political and Social Philosophy

Weekly Lectures and Seminars, BA level, Shared Responsibility, ~100 students

Introduction to Practical Ethics

Weekly Lectures and Seminar, BA level, Sole Responsibility, ~50 students

Ethics and Politics of Human Nature

Weekly Lecture and Seminar, BA level, Sole Responsibility, ~50 students

Tutorial Seminar on Moral Progress

MA level, Sole Responsibility, ~5 students

Tutorial Seminar on Human Rights and Global Justice

MA level, Sole Responsibility, ~5 students

2016/17

Philosophy of Human Rights

Weekly Seminar, Sole Responsibility, MA level, ~20 students

Topics in Moral Psychology

Weekly Seminar, Partial Responsibility, MA level, ~20 students

Introduction to Practical Ethics

Weekly Lectures and Seminar, BA level, Sole Responsibility, ~50 students

Economic Ethics

Weekly Seminar, MA level, Sole Responsibility, ~20 students

Ethics and Politics of Human Nature

Weekly Lecture and Seminar, BA level, Sole Responsibility, ~50 students

Tilburg University

2015

Introduction to Ethics

Weekly Lecture and Seminar, Sole Responsibility, 1st year, ~50 students

Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals

Weekly Lecture and Seminar, Sole Responsibility, 2nd Year, ~30 students

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| | Business Ethics | Weekly Lecture, Service Teaching Economics, Partial Responsibility, ~500 students |
| | The Morality of Commercial Life | Weekly Lecture and Workshop, Partial Responsibility, 3rd year, Service Teaching International Business Administration, ~250 students |
| 2014 | Advanced Ethics | Weekly Seminar, Sole Responsibility, MA level, ~30 students |
| | Introduction to Ethics | Weekly Lecture, Sole Responsibility, 1 st year, ~50 students |
| | Kant, Critique of Practical Reason | Weekly Seminar, Sole Responsibility, 2 nd year, ~50 students |
| | Business Ethics | Weekly Lecture, Partial Responsibility, Service Teaching Economics, 3 rd year, ~500 students |
| | The Morality of Commercial Life | Weekly Lecture and Workshop, Partial Responsibility, 3rd year, Service Teaching International Business Administration, ~250 students |
| 2013 | Business Ethics | Weekly Lecture, Partial Responsibility, MA level, ~20 students |
| <i>University of Leiden</i> | | |
| 2012 | Kant and Kantian Ethics | Weekly Seminar, Sole Responsibility, 3 rd Year, ~20 students |
| 2010 | Reason, Emotion, and the Psychology of Moral Judgment | Weekly Seminar, Sole Responsibility, 3 rd Year, ~20 students |
| 2006-2009 | <i>Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt</i> | Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Practical Philosophy (x2), Introduction to the History of Philosophy (x3) |
| 2004-2006 | <i>Philipps-Universität Marburg (TA, 2004-2006)</i> | Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Logic (x2), Introduction to Epistemology, Introduction to the Philosophy of Science |

Research Visits

2011

The Graduate Center, CUNY (Faculty Advisor: Jesse Prinz)
Columbia University, New York City (Faculty Advisor: Axel Honneth)

Refereeing

Journals

Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Basic and Applied Social Psychology
Dialogue
Environmental Values
Ergo
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
Ethics
Journal of Value Inquiry
Media Psychology
Mind
The Monist
Neuroethics
Noûs
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophia
Philosophical Explorations
Philosophical Psychology
The Philosophical Quarterly
Psychonomic Bulletin and Review
Review of Philosophy and Psychology
South African Journal of Philosophy
Synthese
Thinking & Reasoning
Utilitas

Book Chapters

What Makes Us Moral? On the capacities and conditions for being moral,
Musschenga, B., van Harskamp, A. (eds.), Springer, 2014
Die Experimentelle Philosophie in der Diskussion, Grundmann, Th.,
Horvath, J. and Kipper, J. (eds.), Suhrkamp, 2014
Moral Responsibility: The Epistemic Condition, Robichaud, Ph, and Wieland, J.
W. (eds.), OUP (forthcoming)

Grants

Wellcome Trust

Editorial Work*Zeitschrift für Ethik und Moralphilosophie* (Advisory Board)

Blogging

*Neuroethics &
Law Blog*

Is it time for triple-process moral psychology? (Dec 2015), The Curious Case of Pushing Buttons (Nov 2015), There is noch such thing as consequentialization (Nov 2015), Can Metaethics Protect our Moral Beliefs From Debunking? (Oct 2015), Ignorantia Legis non Excusat (Oct 2015)

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| Organization | Ethics Colloquium Lecture by David Velleman (NYU), <i>Not Alive Yet</i> , Utrecht, March 2018 |
| | Author-Meets-Critics Session with Jason Brennan (Georgetown) on his book <i>Against Democracy</i> , Utrecht, September 2017 |
| | Utrecht Philosophy Lectures (ongoing; with Chris Meyns and Benjamin Rin; speakers thus far: Sanford Goldberg, Catarina Dutilh Novaes, Thomas Grundmann, Kartin Flikschuh) |
| | Workshop with Victoria McGeer (Princeton) and Jeanette Kennett (Macquarie) on the reactive attitudes, Duisburg-Essen, July 2016 |
| | Workshop with Miranda Fricker (Sheffield) on Epistemic Injustice, Tilburg, December 2014 |
| | Workshop with Daniel Jacobson (Michigan) on his forthcoming book <i>Rational Sentimentalism</i> (with Justin D'Arms), Leiden, March 2013 |
| | Tilburg Ethics Seminar 2014 (sole responsibility) |
| | Leiden Practical Philosophy Colloquium 2012 (shared responsibility) |

Administration

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| Utrecht University | Research Master Teaching Commission (Chair, ongoing) Applied Ethics Master Commission (Member, ongoing) Applied Ethics Master Board of Admissions (Chair, 2017) |
| Tilburg University | Philosophy Research Master Commission (Member) Data Management Board (Representative of the Department of Philosophy) e-humanities Board (Representative of the Department of Philosophy) |
| Leiden University | PhD Student Committee (Member) |

Supervision

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| PostDoc | Eleonora Severini, Visiting Fellow, Tilburg University, 2014 |
| PhD | Michael Klenk, Utrecht University (co-promotor, 2018) Sean Gould, Tilburg University, 2013 (committee member) |
| MA and BA | Numerous MA and BA theses at the Universities of Leiden, Tilburg and Utrecht |

Translations

Pauline Kleingeld, *Eine Kantianische Verteidigung der Willensfreiheit* (A Kantian Defense of Free Will), 2012

Awards

Philosophical Explorations Essay Prize 2012, “Educated Intuitions. Automaticity and Rationality in Moral Judgment”, Jury Members: Jaegwon Kim, Susan Wolf, Cynthia Macdonald (Winner)

Best Dissertation Award 2014, University of Groningen, (2nd place)

Memberships

Dutch Research School of Philosophy (OZSW)
German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP)

References

Upon request