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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

2019 Habilitation & *venia legendi* in Philosophy
Universität Duisburg-Essen
(completed July 2019)
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

Research Visits

2011 The Graduate Center, CUNY (Faculty Advisor: Jesse Prinz)
Columbia University, New York City (Faculty Advisor: Axel Honneth)

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

- *Moralischer Rationalismus. Eine pessimistische Verteidigung. In: Paulo, N. & Bublitz, Ch. (forthcoming). *Empirische Ethik*. Suhrkamp.
- *Moral Failure. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. [Review Essay of C. Daniel Batson. *What's Wrong with Morality? A Social-Psychological Perspective*]
- *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 Frank Hindriks) The Mark of the Moral. Beyond the Sentimentalist Turn. *Philosophical Psychology*.
- Butchering Benevolence. Moral Progress Beyond the Expanding Circle. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.
- The Argument from Agreement. How Universal Values Undermine Moral Realism. *Ratio*.
- Economic Exceptionalism? Justice and the Liberal Conception of Rights. *Moral Philosophy & Politics*.
- (with Steven Kraaijeveld) Metamorality Without Moral Truth. *Neuroethics*.
- 2019 The Cost of Consequentialization. *Metaphilosophy*, 50(1-2), 100-109.
- 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.

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- 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 Compass*, 6 (10), 708-721.
- 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)

*reviewed in *Ethics, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, Theoria, Philosophy in Review, Quarterly Review of Biology*

** reviewed in *Utilitas, Politeia, International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*

*** reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Talks

(*=invited)

2019

- *Ethics and Intuitions
Cologne, April 7-8
- *How To Think About Moral Progress
Hamburg, Dec 6-7
- *Moralischer Rationalismus. Eine pessimistische Verteidigung
Bielefeld, August 29-30
- Wider die Philosophiegeschichte
Essen, July 11
- *2019 Bielefeld Masterclass in Philosophy
Bielefeld, June 4-6
- *Is Moral Progress Inevitable?
Utrecht, April 7
- *Der Feind des Guten. Gibt es Grenzen moralischen Fortschritts?
Potsdam, Jan 7

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?

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- 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
 - *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

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- *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
- *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

	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
<i>Tilburg University</i>	
2015	Introduction to Ethics
	Weekly Lecture and Seminar, Sole Responsibility, 1 st year, ~50 students
	Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals
	Weekly Lecture and Seminar, Sole Responsibility, 2 nd Year, ~30 students
	Business Ethics
	Weekly Lecture, Service Teaching Economics, Partial Responsibility, ~500 students
	The Morality of Commercial Life
	Weekly Lecture and Workshop, Partial Responsibility, 3 rd 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, 3 rd 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

Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt

2006-2009

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Practical Philosophy (x2), Introduction to the History of Philosophy (x3)

Philipps-Universität Marburg

2004-2006

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Logic (x2), Introduction to Epistemology, Introduction to the Philosophy of Science

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 Journal of Ethics

The Monist

Neuroethics

Noûs

Pacific Philosophical Quarterly

Philosophia

Philosophical Explorations

Philosophical Psychology

Philosophical Studies

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.). Oxford University Press.

Handbook of Rationality. Knauff, M. and Spohn, W. (eds.). MIT Press.

Book Manuscripts/
Proposals

Oxford University Press, Springer, Rowman & Littlefield

Grant Proposals

Wellcome Trust

Editorial Work	Zeitschrift für Ethik und Moralphilosophie (Advisory Board)
Blogging <i>Neuroethics & Law Blog</i>	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	<p>Ethics Colloquium Lecture by David Velleman (NYU), <i>Not Alive Yet</i>, Utrecht, March 2018</p> <p>Author-Meets-Critics Session with Jason Brennan (Georgetown) on his book <i>Against Democracy</i>, Utrecht, September 2017</p> <p>Utrecht Philosophy Lectures (ongoing; c-organized with Chris Meyns and Benjamin Rin; speakers thus far: Sanford Goldberg, Catarina Dutilh Novaes, Thomas Grundmann, Katrin Flikschuh, Nicholas Southwood, Abraham Singer, John Dupré, Mark Colyvan)</p> <p>Workshop with Victoria McGeer (Princeton) and Jeanette Kennett (Macquarie) on the reactive attitudes, Duisburg-Essen, July 2016</p> <p>Workshop with Miranda Fricker (Sheffield) on Epistemic Injustice, Tilburg, December 2014</p> <p>Workshop with Daniel Jacobson (Michigan) on his forthcoming book <i>Rational Sentimentalism</i> (with Justin D'Arms), Leiden, March 2013</p> <p>Tilburg Ethics Seminar 2014 (sole responsibility)</p> <p>Leiden Practical Philosophy Colloquium 2012 (shared responsibility)</p>
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Administration	
Utrecht University	<p>Minor 'Ethics in Modern Society' (coordinator, ongoing)</p> <p>Research Master Teaching Commission (Chair, ongoing)</p> <p>Applied Ethics Master Commission (Member, ongoing)</p> <p>Applied Ethics Master Board of Admissions (Chair, 2017)</p>
Tilburg University	<p>Philosophy Research Master Commission (Member)</p> <p>Data Management Board (Representative of the Department of Philosophy)</p> <p>e-humanities Board (Representative of the Department of Philosophy)</p>
Leiden University	PhD Student Committee (Member)

Supervision

PostDoc Eleonora Severini, Visiting Fellow, Tilburg University, 2014

PhD

Jeroen Hopster, Utrecht University, 2019 (committee)
Michael Klenk, Utrecht University, 2018 (co-promotor)
Sean Gould, Tilburg University, 2013 (committee)

MA and BA

50+ 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

Grants & Awards

ERC Starting Grant (5 years, 2020-2025, funding for Principal Investigator, one PostDoc and two PhD students, volume: €1.5 Million)

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