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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Université du Luxembourg, November 2020 – October 2021

Postdoctoral researcher, Belval, Luxembourg

Project topic: "Digital Privacy and Ethical Life"

EDUCATION

Université du Luxembourg and Université catholique de Louvain, November 2016 – October 2020

Belval, Luxembourg and Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium: PhD in Philosophy (Supervisors: Lukas K. Sosoe and Walter Lesch; Readers: Robert Harmsen, Marc Maesschalck, Paul Weithman, Ian O'Flynn)

Dissertation topic: "Navigating the narrow circle: Rawls and Stout on justification, discourse, and institutions"

Université du Luxembourg, September 2011 – February 2014

Walferdange, Luxembourg: Master in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy

Brown University, September 2006 - May 2010

Providence, Rhode Island, United States: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of specialization

Social and political philosophy; normative ethics; epistemology

Areas of competence

Meta-ethics; philosophy of law; methodology

Areas of interest

Metaphilosophy; pragmatism; 20th century French philosophy

RESEARCH PROJECTS

EU COST Action: Constitution-making and deliberative democracy (September 2018 – August 2022)

Country Representative for Luxembourg (September 2018 – August 2022); Coordinator - Min Reuchamps (Université catholique de Louvain)

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Le concept de concept dans la philosophie de Deleuze : Polymorphisme(s) et pluralisme(s)
[The concept of concept in the philosophy of Deleuze: Polymorphism(s) and pluralism(s)]

Editions L'Harmattan, 2021.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Rigor or rhetoric: Philosopher and public in dialogue”

In *Perspectives: International Postgraduate Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 8, Iss. 1, 2018, pp. 4-13.

“Are we post-justification? Stout’s case for self-knowledge, political justification and public philosophy”

In *Ethics, Politics & Society*, Vol. 1, 2018, pp. 175-202.

CHAPTERS IN PEER-REVIEWED EDITED VOLUMES

“A gradualist path toward sortition” (co-authored with Raphaël Kies)

In John Gastil and Erik Olin Wright (ed.), *Legislature by Lot: Transformative Designs for Deliberative Governance*, Verso, 2019, pp. 259-277.

REPORTS

“Deliberative constitution-making in Luxembourg” (co-authored with Raphaël Kies)

Constitution-making & deliberative democracy, 2021. URL = <https://constdelib.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Luxembourg-report-CA17135.pdf>

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

« **“Une impossibilité en or” - La lecture émersonienne de Kant** » (tr. Elisabeth Lefort)
[“ ‘A golden impossibility’ – The Emersonian reading of Kant”]

In Sophie Grapotte, Mai Lequan and Lukas Sosoe (eds.), *Kant et les penseurs de langue anglaise [Kant and English-language thinkers]*, Vrin, 2017, pp. 145-162.

« **Usage public, normalisé ou anormal ? Kant et les Lumières face à Jeffrey Stout** »
[“Public, normalized or abnormal use: Kant and the Enlightenment vs. Jeffrey Stout”]

In Sophie Grapotte, Mai Lequan and Margit Ruffing (eds.), *L’année 1784 : Droit et philosophie de l’histoire [The Year 1784: Law and Philosophy of History]*, Vrin, 2017, pp. 423-432.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Deliberative Democrats, their Epistemic Detractors, and the Argument from Cognitive Distortions”

Under review.

“Epistemic feasibility in political theory: Lacunae, limits, lessons”

Under review.

“Deliberative Constitutionalism and Alternative Forms of Government”

Draft available.

“Digital privacy and social norms: A meso-level approach”

In preparation.

“Trajectories of deliberative constitution-making in Europe”

In preparation.

TALKS & EVENTS

* = peer-reviewed abstract, † = peer-reviewed paper

TALKS

“Democratic citizens, indirect diachronic abilities, and second-order epistemic responsibilities”

At the 2021 MANCEPT Workshops, online (7-10 September 2021).*

“Deliberative democrats vs epistemic detractors: The dialectical state of play”

At the 2021 ECPR General Conference, online (30 August – 3 September 2021).*

At the “Cognitive Distortions and Democratic Failures” Workshop, online (27-28 May 2021).*

“The use and misuse of ideal institutional description”

At the 2021 ECPR General Conference, online (30 August – 3 September 2021).*

“Digital privacy and social norms: A meso-level approach”

At the 95th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, online (16-18 July 2021).†

At the XI Braga Meetings for Ethical and Political Philosophy, online (9-11 June 2021).*

“Deliberative constitutionalism, popular sovereignty and alternative forms of government”

At the IAPSS Virtual World Congress 2021, online (11-14 May 2021).*

At the 2020 MANCEPT Workshops, online (8-11 September 2020).*

At the 2020 ECPR General Conference, online (24-28 August 2020).*

At the ConstDelib “Deliberative democracy and political parties” Workshop, Bologna, IT (20-21 May 2019).*

“Deliberative constitution-making in Luxembourg”

At the ConstDelib Country Report Workshop, online (26 February 2021).

At the ConstDelib General Meeting, online (22 October 2020).

“The real problem with Rawlsian reasonableness”

At the 2021 APA Eastern Division Meeting, online (7-9, 14-16 January 2021).†

At XVII Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, Pavia, IT (17-18 September 2019).†

At the 2019 Association for Social & Political Philosophy Conference, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK (24-26 June 2019).*

At the Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory, Coventry, UK (16 February 2019).*

“Epistemic feasibility and interdependence in normative theorizing”

At the 2020 ECPR General Conference, online (24-28 August 2020).*

“Rawlsian points of view, identity and justification”

At the « F.R.S.-FNRS Séminaire des doctorants, Cycle 2019-20 », Brussels, B (17 October 2019).

At the Political Identity on the Threshold Conference, Lisbon, P (10-11 September 2018).*

“The view from anywhere: A better orientation towards public justification?”

At the 2019 ECPR General Conference, Wrocław, PL (4-7 September 2019).*

“Can Rawlsians be constitutional deliberative democrats?”

At the Democracy in Crisis Conference, Athens, GR (30 January-1 February 2019).*

“Philosophical dialogue with the public: Two challenges and two replies”

At the Dublin Graduate Conference 2018, Dublin, IRL (4-5 May 2018).*

“Stout’s unconstrained discourse: Does reason-giving apply across the board?”

At the 2017 Association for Political Theory Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, US (12-14 October 2017).*

“A prudential path towards EU sortition and legitimacy” (with Raphaël Kies)

At the Real Utopias Project Conference on *Legislature by Lot*, Madison, WI, US (15-17 September 2017).*

“Does self-knowledge advance political justification? The case of public philosophy and ‘unconstrained discourse’”

At the VIII Braga Meetings for Ethical and Political Philosophy, Braga, P (8-9 June 2017).*

« “Une impossibilité en or” - La lecture émersonienne de Kant »

At the « Colloque : Kant et les penseurs de langue anglaise », Luxembourg, LU (20-22 April 2017).

« Usage public, normalisé ou anormal ? Kant et les Lumières face à Jeffrey Stout »

At the « XIIe Congrès international de la Société d'Études kantienne en langue française », Mainz, D (28 September – 1 October 2015).*

EVENT ORGANIZATION

École de Salamanque : Philosophie, droit, économie

Conference on the contemporary legacy of the Salamanca School, Luxembourg, LU (13-14 February 2020).

Union européenne, souverainismes et sécession

Conference on Brexit and Catalan referendums, Luxembourg, LU (19-20 April 2018).

L'Europe et la Réforme : Les 500 ans de Martin Luther

Conference on the 500th anniversary of Luther's *95 Theses*, Luxembourg, LU (25-26 April 2017).

Kant et les penseurs de langue anglaise

Conference in honor of Prof. Dr. Jean Ferrari (Bourgogne), Luxembourg, LU (20-22 April 2017).

Systems Theory: Societal Constitutionalism

Workshop with Prof. Dr. Gunther Teubner (Frankfurt) on *Constitutional Fragments*, Luxembourg, LU (23-24 February 2017).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LEAD INSTRUCTOR

Digital ethics

MA Reading Group: Summer 2021

Contemporary political philosophy

BA Seminar: Winter 2019, Winter 2020

Introduction to philosophical methodology

BA Seminar: Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2020

Introduction to ethics

BA Lecture: Winter 2017, Winter 2018

Philosophy of law

BA Seminar: Summer 2017

Tutorium – Historical introduction to philosophy

BA Discussion section: Winter 2016

History of ideas in the English-speaking world from 1650 to 1850

BA Lecture: Summer 2014

SUPERVISION

Bachelor's theses

C. Ronchail, "Rawls on Collective Life", Winter 2021.

J. Jacquemin, "Free Speech and Political Correctness", Summer 2021.

COMPETENCIES AND REFERENCES

LANGUAGES

English: Native Speaker.
French: Fluent (C2).
German: Upper intermediate (B2-C1).

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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