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EMPLOYMENT

Central European University

Department of Political Science
Research fellow, 2026–

University of Vienna

Department of Philosophy
Research fellow, 2021–2026
- Principal investigator in FWF-funded project (2023–2026)
- Postdoctoral fellow in ERC-funded project (2021–2023)

Australian National University

School of Politics and International Relations
Lecturer and tutor, 2021

EDUCATION

Australian National University

Doctor of Philosophy, 2020
Political Science (Political Theory)
Supervisors: Keith Dowding (chair) and Philip Pettit
Examiners: Nicholas Barry (La Trobe) and Ian Carter (Pavia)
Dissertation: “The Republican Dilemma: Liberating Republicanism, Sacrificing Pluralism”
- Passed without corrections, considered ‘exceptional’ in all categories by both examiners
- Winner of the 2021 APSA PhD Thesis Prize

University of Oxford

Master of Science, 2017
Political Theory Research
Supervisor: Zofia Stemplowska
Dissertation: “Collectivising Public Reason: An Account of Group Agency in Political Liberalism” (distinction mark, highest thesis and overall marks in cohort)

University of Auckland

Bachelor of Arts (with First Class Honours), 2015
Politics and International Relations
Supervisor: Martin Wilkinson
Dissertation: “A Duty to Vaccinate? Parents’ Right to Say No”

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

Australian National University

Visiting Researcher, (Southern) Fall Semester 2025
Research School of the Social Sciences

Princeton University

Visiting Student Research Collaborator, Fall Semester 2019
Department of Politics/University Center for Human Values

University of Oxford

Junior Visiting Scholar, Trinity Term 2019
Nuffield College

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

Four-year research grant (€440,181), 2026
Three-year research grant (€316,036), 2023

Australian Political Studies Association

APSA PhD Thesis Prize, 2021
Best PhD thesis in political science in Australia

Princeton University

Grant from the University Center for Human Values, 2019
Covering visitor's fees for up to twelve months

Australian National University

Ph.D. scholarship (covering stipend and international fees; A\$240,424), 2016

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

2024. *The Republican Dilemma: Promoting Freedom in a Modern Society*. Oxford University Press.

- Symposium on the book will be published in the *European Journal of Political Theory*.
- Reviewed in *Intersections* and *Res Publica*.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026. Freedom and Relational Equality. *Philosophical Studies* 183(1): 25–44.

2026. Negative Freedom and Self-Liberation. *Res Publica*. Published online.

2026. Separating Law and Liberty. *Law and Philosophy* 45(2): 209–233.

2025. Arbitrary Power and the Limits of Control. *Journal of Political Power* 18(3): 418–435.

2025. Groups as Fictional Agents. *Inquiry* 68(3): 1049–1068.

2025. Reaffirming the Republican Dilemma: Replies to Critics. *European Journal of Political Theory*. Published online.

2025. The Personality of a Personality Cult: Personality Characteristics of Donald Trump's Most Loyal Supporters. *Political Psychology* 46(1): 225–243 (with Ben Goldsmith).

2024. Against Corporate Responsibility. *Journal of Social Philosophy* 55(1): 44–61.

2024. Collective Agency and Positive Political Theory. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 36(1): 83–98.

2024. Collectivizing Public Reason. *Social Theory and Practice* 50(2): 285–306.

2024. Freedom and Its Unavoidable Trade-Off. *Analytic Philosophy* 65(1): 22–36.
2024. Ideal Theory and Its Fairness Role. *Journal of Value Inquiry* 58(3): 461–476.
2023. Eliminating Group Agency. *Economics and Philosophy* 39(1): 43–66.
2023. How Do You Like Your Justice, Bent or Unbent? *Moral Philosophy and Politics* 10(2): 285–297 (special issue on David Estlund’s *Utopophobia*).
2023. Republican Freedom and Liberal Neutrality. *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 26(2): 325–348.
2023. Republicanism and Moralised Freedom. *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 22(4): 423–440.
2023. Republicanism as Critique of Liberalism. *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 61(2): 308–324.
2022. Eliminating Terms of Confusion: Resolving the Liberal–Republican Dispute. *Journal of Ethics* 26(2): 247–271.
2022. Making Sense of Full Compliance. *Social Theory and Practice* 48(2): 285–308.
2022. Three Roles of Ideal Theory. *Ethics, Politics & Society* 5(2): 96–108 (invited for special issue on Rawls).
2019. Redundant Group Agency. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 49(5): 364–384.

SPECIAL ISSUE

2025. On group agency. *Inquiry* 68(3): 937–1089 (co-editor).

BOOK CHAPTER

- Forthcoming. Collective Agency. *Philosophy of the Social and Behavioural Sciences*, ed. Till Grüne-Yanoff. Elsevier.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

2026. Interview with Der Standard (major Austrian newspaper) about Trump supporters (published both [online](#) and in print)
2026. Interview with [New York Times](#) about Trump support and personality cults (with Ben Goldsmith)
2026. Interview with [PsyPost](#) (online psychology magazine) about Trump support and personality cults (with Ben Goldsmith)
2024. Radio interview on Trump support and personality cults. ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation).
2024. [The Personality of Trump’s Personality Cult](#). *Rudolphina* (research magazine at the University of Vienna).
- Also published in [German](#).
2024. [The Republican Dilemma: Promoting Freedom in a Modern Society](#). *New Work in Philosophy*.
2024. [Trump’s Personality Cult Plays a Part in His Political Appeal](#). *Scientific American* (with Ben Goldsmith).
- Republished in the [ANU Reporter](#).

2023. [Against Corporate Responsibility](#). *New Work in Philosophy*.
2015. [En plikt til å vaksinere?: Foreldres rett til å si nei](#) (English: A Duty to Vaccinate?: Parents' Right to Say No). *Civita* 32 (Norwegian).
2015. [State Redress as Transitional Justice](#). *Law News* 43 (December).

STUDENT JOURNAL

2016. Good Addiction. *Burgmann Journal* 5(1): 1–14.

TEACHING

University of Vienna

Convener and seminar leader

“Freedom, Autonomy, and the State”

Semester one, 2023–2024

Seminar-based course for master’s students on freedom, autonomy, and the legitimacy of state action.

Australian National University

Co-convener and seminar leader

PPEI4000: “Evidence and Argument in Moral and Political Philosophy”

Semester one, 2019

Seminar-based course on methodological issues in moral and political philosophy.

Lecturer and teaching assistant

POLS2130: “Public Choice and Politics”

Semester one, 2021 (taught online)

On social choice and strategic voting, spatial modelling of electoral competition, and cooperation and collective action problems.

POLS1008: “Puzzles in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics”

Semester two, 2020 (taught online) and 2021 (taught mostly online)

On game-theoretic analysis of collective action problems, value theory, electoral competition in multiple dimensions, and social choice theory.

POLS2063: “Contemporary Political Theory”

Semester two, 2018

On John Rawls’s theory of justice and its critics, as well as practical issues including multiculturalism, immigration, free speech, and gender (in)equality.

POLS2119: “Ideas in Politics”

Semester one, 2018

Modern political thought from Machiavelli to Nietzsche.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

PhD student

Matthew Haji-Michael, committee member (Central European University)

Master’s students

Tim van Berkel, main supervisor (defended June 2026, University of Vienna)

Sabrina Montanari, second supervisor (defended January 2024, University of Vienna)

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

“Group Autonomy and Corporate Moral Responsibility”

Department of Philosophy, Australian National University, April 2025

“Must Legal Constraints Make Us Unfree?”

Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy, University of Cambridge, November 2024

“Freedom and Relational Equality”

Nuffield Workshop in Political Theory, University of Oxford, November 2024

“The Normative Significance of Freedom”

Workshop on freedom, University of Pavia, June 2024

“Corporate Persons and Public Reason”

Workshop on public reason and moral diversity, University of Fribourg, December 2022

“The Personality of a Personality Cult” (with Ben Goldsmith)

Polis Seminar, Deakin University, July 2022 (online)

“Republican Freedom and Liberal Neutrality”

Workshop on freedom, University of Pavia, June 2022

“Republicanism as Critique of Liberalism”

Institute of Political Science in Budapest, May 2022 (online)

“The Levels of Political Philosophy”

Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy, University of Cambridge, May 2022

“Analysing Moralised Freedom”

Political, Legal, and Moral Philosophy Seminar, Central European University, February 2022 (online)

“The Republican Ethos and the Robustness Claim”

Workshop on republicanism, London School of Economics, August 2020 (online)

“Eliminating Terms of Confusion”

Queen’s Political Philosophy Reading Group, Queen’s University, October 2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Group Agency, Individualism, and Causal Exclusion”

- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting, King’s College London, July 2026

“Freedom and Relational Equality”

- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting, King’s College London, July 2025

- Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, June 2024

“Arbitrary Power and the Limits of Control”

- MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester, September 2023

“Corporate Persons and Public Reason”

- POLEMO Symposium, Central European University, June 2023

“Analysing Moralised Freedom”

- GAP11, Humboldt University, September 2022

“Collective Agency and Positive Political Theory”

- Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality, University of Vienna, August 2022

“Eliminating Group Agency”

- International Conference on Social Choice and Voting Theory (online), Virginia Tech, June 2021

“Ideal Theory and Its Fairness Role”

- European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (online), August 2021
- Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy (online), University of Braga, June 2021

“Why Groups Are Not Responsible”

- MANCEPT Workshops (online), University of Manchester, September 2021
- Workshop on rational action and moral agency (online), University of Pavia, June 2021

“Eliminating Terms of Confusion”

- MANCEPT workshops (online), University of Manchester, September 2020

“Institutions and the Constitution of Freedom”

- Australian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference, La Trobe University, February 2020

“Guidance, Gaming, and Ideal Theory”

- Australian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference, La Trobe University, February 2020

“Escaping Consequentialism”

- Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Theory, University of Pavia, September 2019

“Freedom and Its Unavoidable Trade-Off”

- European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (online), September 2021
- Australian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference, University of Canberra, February 2019

“Collectivizing Public Reason”

- Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Harvard University, October 2018 (one of nine selected papers)
- MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester, September 2018
- Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, University of Pavia, September 2017
- European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, University of Oslo, September 2017
- Political Science Association Annual International Conference, University of Strathclyde, April 2017

“Redundant Group Agency”

- Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, University of Pavia, September 2018 (best paper)

“Completing the Ideal of Non-Domination”

- Australian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference, University of Sydney, February 2018

“Weakness as Domination”

- Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory, University of Warwick, March 2017
- Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, Australian National University, September 2016
- Australian Political Studies Association Conference, University of New South Wales, September 2016

LANGUAGES

English – native-level proficiency

Norwegian – native language

Danish – speak, read, and write with basic competence

German – speak, read, and write with basic competence

Swedish – speak, read, and write with basic competence

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*; *Analysis*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Economics and Philosophy*; *Inquiry*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Social Ontology*; *Jurisprudence*; *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Res Publica*; *Springer* (edited volume); *Synthese*.

Co-organizer of a workshop on collective moral responsibility at the University of Vienna, 2026.

Discussant at the Annual Graduate Conference, Central European University, 2024.

Commentator and co-organizer of a workshop with Christian List and Philip Pettit at the University of Vienna, 2022.

Discussant in the methods in political theory section at the ECPR General Conference, 2021.

REFERENCES

Keith Dowding (chair of Ph.D. supervisory committee)
Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Political Philosophy
Australian National University
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Professor of Political Philosophy
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