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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ashoka University, 2022–
Postdoctoral Associate, Center for Population-Level Bioethics, Rutgers University, 2020–2022

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, London School of Economics, 2016–2020
LL.M. Law, University College London, 2015–2016
M.Sc. Philosophy of the Social Sciences, London School of Economics, 2014–2015
B.A. Philosophy and Political Science, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, 2011–2014
Visiting Student, University of Seville, October 2012–March 2013

Research Interests

Moral, Political, and Legal Philosophy

Publications

Journal articles

Online First. [Better Vaguely Right than Precisely Wrong in Effective Altruism: the Problem of Marginalism](#). Nicolas Côté and Bastian Steuwer. *Economics & Philosophy*.
2022. [Limits to Aggregation and Uncertain Rescues](#), *Utilitas*, 34: 70-83.
2021. [Aggregation, Balancing, and Respect for the Claims of Individuals](#), *Utilitas*, 33: 17-34.
2021. [Contractualism, Complaints, and Risk](#), *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, 19: III-47.
2020. [Why It Does Not Matter What Matters: Relation R, Personal Identity, and Moral Theory](#), *Philosophical Quarterly*, 70: 178-98.

Reviews, replies and short articles

Online First. [COVID vaccine prioritization in low- and middle-income countries may justifiably depart from high-income countries' age priorities](#). Nir Eyal, Anca Gheaus, Axel Gosseries, Monica Magalhaes, Thierry Ngooso, Bastian Steuwer, Viroj Tangcharoensathien, Isa Trifan, Andrew Williams. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.
2021. [Letter to the Editor - SARS-CoV-2 Human Challenge Studies](#). Bastian Steuwer and Nir Eyal. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 385: 1727-28.
2021. [Prioritizing between second-generation SARS-CoV-2 vaccines through low-dosage challenge studies](#). Bastian Steuwer, Euzebiusz Jamrozik, and Nir Eyal. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 105: P307-11.
2021. [Review of Faces of Inequality by Sophia Moreau](#), *Economics & Philosophy*, 37: 494-500.

Public Philosophy

Publications:

- “There Are Shades of Equality”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *The Hindu*, November 2021
- “Government Should Prioritize Opening Schools”, *Mathrubhumi*, August 2021 (in Malayalam)
- “Constitutional Crossroads: The Shadow of the First Amendment”, *The Caravan*, May 2021
- “Private ends and the allocation of public vaccines”, published online: [CPLB Dilemmas](#), April 2021
- “Can spacing out be justified to all?”, published online: [CPLB Dilemmas](#), January 2021
- “COVID-19 vaccine race is a long way from over, and human challenge trials still have a role to play”, with Nir Eyal, published online: [CBC News](#), November 2020
- “Reservation as a Political Imperative”, with Kaleeswaram Raj and Thulasi K. Raj, *Frontline*, September 2020
- “Law’s Not So Majestic Equality”, *The Statesman*, June 2020
- “Salary challenge’ a progressive step”, *Times of India*, May 2020
- “The Supreme Court’s Free Testing Order - A Response”, with Thulasi K. Raj, published online: [Indian Constitutional Law and Philosophy Blog](#), April 2020
- “A virus with two heads”, *The Telegraph*, April 2020
- “A government that chooses its critics”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *The Hindu*, January 2020
- “True Lies”, *Times of India*, November 2018
- “The Right to Offend”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *Deccan Herald*, October 2018
- “The Real Issue of Sabarimala”, *Geography and You*, August 2018
- “Taking Parliament seriously”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *Deccan Herald*, April 2018
- “Triple Talaq and the Irrelevance of Religious Freedom”, published online: [LiveLaw.in](#), August 2017

Policy Talks:

The Need for a Comprehensive Equality Law, *Workshop “Tackling Caste Discrimination Through Law” Organized by the Centre for Law & Policy Research and the Kerala High Court Advocates’ Association*, January 2020

Policy Work:

Kerala Anti-Discrimination and Equality Bill, 2021.
Proposed anti-discrimination legislation in Kerala, India currently under consideration by the state government. I was involved in consultations during the drafting process.

Legal Assistance:

[Joseph Shine v. Union of India](#), Supreme Court of India.
The case decriminalized adultery in India. I assisted in drafting the petition and preparing the oral arguments before the Supreme Court.

Awards and Scholarships

John Watkins Memorial Prize

Awarded biennially for the best paper written by a graduate student in philosophy at LSE for the paper "Contractualism, Complaints, and Risk"

LSE Ph.D. Studentship 2016–2020

German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung) 2012–2016

Study Abroad Scholarships 2014–2015 and 2015–2016

Erasmus Scholarship by DAAD 2012–2013

Grants

National Science Foundation (2020–2021)

RAPID: Responsible Conduct of Accelerated SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Research Through Challenge Trials [2039320]. Overall amount \$200,000. Principal investigator Nir Eyal.

Open Philanthropy Project (2020)

Biosecurity and Pandemic Preparedness - General Support. Overall amount \$250,000. Principal investigator Nir Eyal.

Presentations

“Poverty Discrimination”

World Congress of Bioethics. July 2022, Basel

Society for Applied Philosophy Conference. July 2022, Edinburgh

International Society for Priorities in Health Conference. April 2022, Online

Rutgers University, School of Law. April 2022, Online

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. April 2022, Online

Northeastern University, Department of Philosophy and Religion. January 2022, Online

Ashoka University, Department of Political Science. January 2022, Online

Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. December 2021, Online

“Utilitarianism, Extinction, and Animals”

Global Priorities Institute and Center for Population-Level Bioethics Joint Seminar. May 2022, Online

“Identifiable, Anonymous, and Statistical Victims”

International Society for Priorities in Health Conference. April 2022, Online

New York University. Center for Bioethics. February 2022, Online

The Population and the Individual: ex-ante and ex-post, Workshop (University of Cambridge). May 2021, Online

“When We May Not Experiment: On the Ethics of Randomized Controlled Trials in Policy and Development”

Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. February 2022, Online

“Better Vaguely Right than Precisely Wrong in Effective Altruism: the Problem of Marginalism”

Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. September 2021, Online

“Equal and Ashamed?”

Centre for the Experimental-Philosophical Study of Discrimination, Aarhus University. August 2021, Aarhus

Virtual Ethics-in-Progress Group. July 2021, Online

“Prioritizing between second-generation SARS-CoV-2 vaccines through low-dosage challenge studies”

Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. November 2020, Online

“The Challenge for Coronavirus Vaccine Testing”

Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. October 2020, Online

Virtual Ethics-in-Progress Group. June 2020, Online

“Limits to Aggregation and Uncertain Rescues”

Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference 2019. November 2019, Oxford

“Constraints, You, and Your Victims”

Stockholm Philosophy Graduate Conference 2019. May 2019, Stockholm

SOPhiA Graduate Conference 2018. September 2018, Salzburg

Colloquium Practical Philosophy, HHU Düsseldorf. April 2015, Düsseldorf

Invited Comments on Scott Cowan’s “Hatred and the Contemporary”

London-Berkeley Graduate Conference. April 2019, Berkeley

“Aggregation, Balancing, and Respect for the Claims of Individuals”

LSE Choice Group. October 2019, London

London Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. February 2019, London

“The Epistemic Case for Judicial Review”

Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory. February 2019, Warwick

Brave New World Graduate Conference. June 2018, Manchester

“Why It Does Not Matter What Matters: Relation R, Personal Identity, and Moral Theory”

Understanding Value VIII. July 2018, Sheffield

Lake Geneva Graduate Conference. October 2017, Fribourg

“Contractualism, Complaints, and Risk”

British Society for Ethical Theory Conference. July 2018, Sheffield

London Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. May 2018, London

Taller d’Investigació en Filosofia. April 2018, Barcelona

Workshop on Risk and Aggregation in Ethics (LSE/UCL). March 2018, London

LSE Choice Group. February 2018, London

“Utility in Rational and Moral Choice”

EIPE 20th Anniversary Conference. March 2017, Rotterdam

“Scanlon, Contractualism, and Saving the Greater Number”

PEP Talks Conference 2015. April 2015, Hamburg

Teaching

Teaching Prizes

LSE Class Teacher Award. 2018

Teaching Qualifications

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (Associate Level)

Courses Taught at Ashoka University:

POL2090/PHI3810: Political Philosophy: Justice, Liberty, Authority. Monsoon 2022

POL3084: Political Philosophy and Public Policy. Monsoon 2022

Courses Taught at West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Calcutta (As Visiting Faculty with Thulasi K. Raj):

Constitutional Dilemmas of Equality. 2021

Courses Taught at LSE (As Graduate Teaching Assistant):

PH214: Philosophy, Morals and Politics. 2019-20

PH222: Philosophy and Public Policy. 2017-18

PH311: Philosophy of Economics. 2016-17

Courses Taught at Chinmaya University, Kochi (As Visiting Faculty):

Discrimination, Morality and Law (LLM Legal Theory). 2019

Courses Taught at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf (As Teaching Assistant):

Utilitarianism. 2013-14

Service and Outreach

Reviewer for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (4x); *Bioethics* (2x); *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2x); *Philosophical Studies* (2x); *Philosophy* (2x); *Res Publica* (2x); *Analytic Philosophy*; *Economics and Philosophy*; *Epidemics*; *Ergo*; *Ethical Perspectives*; *Journal of Medical Ethics*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Economic Methodology*; *Journal of Philosophy*; *Philosophy Compass*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Review of Development Economics*; and *Utilitas*

Convener, Indian Discrimination Law and Theory Reading Group, 2020-2021

Co-organizer UCL/LSE/KCL Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshops, 2018-2019

Co-organizer Workshop on Aggregation and Risk in Ethics (LSE/UCL), March 2018

Co-organizer LSE Ph.D. Seminar, 2017-2018