

# Curriculum Vitae

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## AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION AND TEACHING COMPETENCE

AOS Ethics (future of meaningful work, ethics of influence)  
AOC Applied Ethics (tech, data, AI), Metaethics, Social Epistemology (expertise)

## EMPLOYMENT

2021– Postdoctoral Researcher in Applied Ethics, RWTH Aachen University.  
Since 2022, Research Associate, “Internet of Production” DFG project.

## EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D. Philosophy, Stanford University.  
Visiting Researcher, Freie Universität Berlin. Oct 2020–Sept 2021.  
Visiting Researcher, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Oct 2018–Dec 2019.  
2013 M.S. Applied Economics, Florida State University.  
2012 B.A. Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), Florida State University.

## PUBLICATIONS (\* = anonymously refereed)

- 2023 \* “Meaningful Work and Achievement in Increasingly Automated Workplaces”, in *The Journal of Ethics*. Introduced at the New Work in Philosophy Substack ([here](#)).  
DOI: [10.1007/s10892-023-09434-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10892-023-09434-9)
- 2023 \* “Nudges, Nudging, and Self-Guidance Under the Influence”, in *Ergo* 9.44:  
1199–1232. DOI: [10.3998/ergo.2913](https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.2913)
- 2022 “Manipulative Design Through Gamification”, in Fleur Jongepier and Michael Klenk (eds.), *The Philosophy of Online Manipulation* (New York: Routledge): 216–234.  
DOI: [10.4324/9781003205425-13](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003205425-13)
- 2021 \* “Meaning in Life and Becoming More Fulfilled”, in *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 20.1: 1–29. DOI: [10.26556/jesp.v20i1.978](https://doi.org/10.26556/jesp.v20i1.978)

2017 \* “Nietzsche and the Art of Cruelty”, in *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 48.3: 402–429.  
DOI: [10.5325/jnietstud.48.3.0402](https://doi.org/10.5325/jnietstud.48.3.0402)

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

Paper on the ethics of manipulation, revised and resubmitted.

“Automation, Value Learning AI, and the Aftermath of Meaningful Work”, in preparation.

“Gaming the Numbers: Manipulating Trust by Signaling Expertise” (with Niël Conradie), in preparation.

“Debunking the Right to Explanation for Black-Box AI” (with Hendrik Kempf), in preparation.

Paper on autonomy enhancement in human-machine interaction (with several co-authors within Internet of Production interdisciplinary project), in preparation.

Paper on meaning and alienation in work for the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Work*, invited.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS (\* = anonymously refereed)

2023 \* “Automation and the Aftermath of Meaningful Work”. Future of Work and Income Conference, CEPPA, University of St. Andrew’s. December.

\* “Automation and the Aftermath of Meaningful Work”. Oxford-Berlin Postdoctoral Colloquium, Freie Universität Berlin. December.

\* “Gaming the Numbers: Manipulating Trust with Formal Methods” (with Niël Conradie). Early Career Conference 2023: Trust, Hope, and Rationality, Lund University. August.

\* “Reasons Versus Autonomy: What Explains Why Manipulation is Wrong?”. 97th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society/Mind Association, Birkbeck. July.

“Gaming the Numbers: Manipulating Trust with Formal Methods” (with Niël Conradie). Dual Use and Misuse of Research Results Summer School, Forschungszentrum Jülich. July.

\* “On the Conditions of AI-Expertise” (with Hendrik Kempf and Nils Freyer). PERITIA Rethinking Policy, Expertise, and Trust, University College Dublin. March.

\* “Gaming the Numbers: Manipulating Trust with Formal Methods” (with Niël Conradie). PERITIA Rethinking Policy, Expertise, and Trust, University College Dublin. March.

- 2022 \* “Meaningful Work and Achievement in Increasingly Automated Workplaces”. Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies (ESDiT 2022) in Leiden, Netherlands. October.
- \* “Meaningful Work and Achievement in Increasingly Automated Workplaces”. Workshop on AI and Future of Work, TU Delft, Netherlands. September.
- \* “Manipulativeness as Covert Non-Cooperation”. GAP 11, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. September.
- \* “Manipulativeness as Covert Non-Cooperation”. PERITIA Ethics of Trust and Expertise, American University of Armenia. May–June.
- “Meaningful Work and Achievement in Increasingly Automated Workplaces”. Colloquium, Forschungszentrum Jülich. March.
- \* “Meaning and the Shape of a Life”. Philosophy and Meaning in Life IV, University of Pretoria. January.
- 2021 \* “Nudges, Nudging, and Self-Guidance under the Influence”. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie XXV, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg. September. (Delayed due to COVID-19; withdrew.)
- \* “Manipulative Design Through Gamification”. *Manipulation Online* workshop series. March.
- “Manipulative Design Through Gamification”. Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin. February.
- 2020 \* “Nudges, Nudging, and Self-Guidance under the Influence”. European Congress of Analytic Philosophy 10, Universiteit Utrecht. August.
- \* “Nudges, Nudging, and Self-Guidance under the Influence”. Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh. July. (Canceled due to COVID-19.)
- \* “Meaningfulness as Final Personal Value of Lives”. Philosophy and Meaning in Life III, University of Birmingham (UK). July.
- “Nudges, Nudging, and Self-Guidance under the Influence”. PPE Workshop, Stanford University. March. (Canceled due to COVID-19.)
- 2017 \* “Hard Choices, Practical Certainty, and Ignorance Masquerading as Parity”. Conference on Hard Cases and Rational Choice, Universität Bern. November.
- “Nudges, Nudging, and Self-Guidance under the Influence”. Work-in-Progress Lunch, Cologne Institute for Economic Research. July.

## TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

### RWTH Aachen University (primary instructor):

- AY 2023–2024 Ethics of Economics. Interdisciplinary M.Sc. seminar (with Niël Conradie). Winter semester.
- AY 2022–2023 Future of Meaningful Work. Interdisciplinary M.Sc. seminar. Summer semester.
- Philosophy and Ethics of Expertise. Interdisciplinary M.Sc. seminar. Winter semester.
- AY 2021–2022 Ethics of Manipulation. Interdisciplinary M.Sc. seminar. Summer semester.
- Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*. Interdisciplinary M.Sc. book club. Summer semester.

### RWTH Aachen University Supervision:

Master's projects (thesis preparation): with Niël Conradie, supervising Arnab Das, Sarah Moreno, and Suraj Shetty; solo supervision of Laila Wegner

Directed individual study, Master's level: Niloofar Hashemi

### Stanford University (primary instructor):

- AY 2017–2018 Love and Friendship. Lower-division tutorial. Winter quarter.

### Other teaching and mentoring:

- 2014–2020 Teaching assistant for upper- and lower-division undergraduate courses in philosophy, especially ethics, and philosophy of mind, action, and language, Stanford University.
- 2015 Resident mentor, Stanford-CCNY Exchange Program. Supported exchange students from CCNY transitioning to full-time research.
- 2012–2013 Teaching assistant for upper-division undergraduate courses in financial economics and macroeconomics, Florida State University.
- 2008, 2012 Mathematics tutor, Santa Fe College: pre-college algebra through college trigonometry and pre-calculus.

### **Academic Awards, Grants, Fellowships, and Honors**

- 2023            Society for Applied Philosophy travel grant
- 2020–2021     Stanford-Freie Universität Berlin Exchange Fellowship
- 2018–2019     DAAD Long-Term Research Grant
- 2016            The Europe Center at Stanford University Research Grant
- 2014–2018     The Patrick Suppes Fellowship in the Philosophy of Science, Stanford
- 2013            Mikels and Shaffer Award, Florida State University
- 2012–2013     Kaul Foundation Graduate Assistantship, Florida State University
- 2008            Phi Beta Kappa

### **Languages**

English (native), German (intermediate, approximately CEFR B2)

### **Professional Service**

- ongoing        Reviewer for *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Value Inquiry, Philosophy & Technology*, and *Theoria*
- 2015–2016     Graduate-Student Faculty Liaison (with John Turman), Philosophy, Stanford
- 2014–2015     Event Coordinator for Grad Student Society, Philosophy, Stanford

### **References**

Available upon request.