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» » » Positions in Academia

'24/10 – now	Postdoctoral Researcher and Teacher	University Stuttgart
	» Associated with the Chair of Practical Philosophy, held by Prof. Dr. Jörg Löschke	
'20/09 – '24/09	Ph.D. Candidate, Junior Researcher	University of Zurich
	» Associated with the Chair of General Ethics, held by Prof. Dr. Christoph Halbig	
	» Conducting research in the SNSF-project “Grounding Rights”	
'20/09 – '24/03	Teacher in Applied Ethics	University of Zurich
	» Teaching compact courses in the continuing education program <i>Advanced Studies in Applied Ethics</i>	
	» Supervising master theses and essays at graduate level	
	» Conducting oral exams	
'19/09 - '20/03	Tutor	University of Münster
	» Teaching writing courses at undergraduate level	
	» Individual writing counsel	

» » » Education

'20/09 – '24/03	Ph.D., Philosophy	University of Zurich
	» Thesis: “A Transactional Account of Rights”	
	» Completed with the distinction: <i>summa cum laude</i>	
	» Date of Defense: 01.03.2024.	
	» Committee: Prof. Dr. Christoph Halbig (Zurich), Prof. Dr. Michael Quante (Münster), Prof. Dr. Nicolas Cornell (Michigan Law)	
'17/10 - '20/05	Master's Degree, Philosophy	University of Münster
	» Thesis: “Tensions in the Relation between Democracy and Capitalism. A Conceptual Investigation.”	
	» Finished with highest grades: 1.0 in thesis and overall.	

'12/10 - '17/09

Bachelor's Degree, Philosophy and Economics

University of Münster

» Thesis: "Raz' Distinction between Self-Interest and Well-Being and its Role for His Liberal Perfectionism"

» » » Publications

Ewers, Simon F. (2025) "What's Wrong With Bentham's Test? Methodological Concerns and Suggestions", in: Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence, First View , pp. 1 - 25, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1017/cjlj.2025.5>

Completed / Under Review:

"Hohfeldian Correlativity as Converse Relations"

"What We Owe to Space Aliens. Solving Thompson's Puzzle about Justice" (With Felix Timmermann)

In Preparation:

"The Irreducibly Dyadic Character of Directed Duties"

"A Transactional Theory of Rights" (book manuscript).

» » » Refereeing

Referee for journals: *Ergo*

» » » Talks and Presentations (Selection)

"Rights as Irreducibly Dyadic Relations", Rights and Reasons Workshop, University of Bielefeld, 2025.

"Normative Individuality", Normativity Retreat, 2024 UZH, Zurich.

"Walleces vermeintliche Lösung zu Thompsons Rätsel der Gerechtigkeit" (Trans: Wallace's Alleged Solution to Thompson's Puzzle About Justice) Münster-Zürich Workshop 2024, Zurich.

"Warranties, Wronging, and Justifying Action", Comment on Nicolas Cornell's "Wrongs and Rights Unbound" (Chapter 9), 2023.

"Gibt es Hohfeld'sche Privilegien?" (Trans: Do Hohfeldian Privileges Exist?) Münster-Zürich Workshop, 2022, Münster.

"What do Rights do for Duty-Bearers?" VII. Spanish-Finish Seminar on Legal Theory, 2022, Helsinki.

"This is up to Me!" III. LMU-UZH Workshop on Relational Normativity, 2022, Online.

“Können Tiere Ansprüche haben?” (Trans: Can Animals Possess Claim-Rights?) Münster-Zürich Workshop, 2021, Zürich.

“Bentham’s Test vs. the Protection of Interests” at MANCEPT Workshop “State of the Art: The Nature and Function of Rights”, 2021, Online.

“Sind die Forderungstheorie und die Interessentheorie der Rechte kompatibel?” (Transl.: Are Demand and Interest Theory of Rights Compatible?) II. LMU-UZH Workshop on Relational Normativity, 2020, Online.

» » » Organized Events

Münster-Zürich Workshop 2024, at UZH, 05. – 07.05.2024. (With Krystina Schaub and Aline Rickli)

Retreat and workshop “Rights, Respect, and Well-Being,” Öhningen (Germany), 11. – 15.04.2023. (With Micha Gläser)

Author-meets-critics, with Nicolas Cornell (Michigan Law), “Wrongs and Rights Unbound,” online, 14. – 15.02.2023. (With Micha Gläser)

Early-Career-Conference, “Rights, Respect, and Well-Being,” at UZH, 07. – 08.10.2022. (With Micha Gläser)

» » » Acquired Funding

Funding for the Münster-Zurich Workshop 2024, UZH Graduate Campus, amount: 4,947.00 CHF.

Extension of my Ph.D.-position within the research project “Grounding Rights,” Swiss National Science Foundation, amount: 29,781.00 CHF.

Funding for Early-Career-Conference, “Rights, Respect, and Well-Being,” Mlle. Marie Gretler Stiftung, amount: 5,000.00 CHF.

» » » Teaching

Full semester courses:

- Darwalls “The Second-Person Standpoint”. Grundzüge einer relationalen Moraltheorie

Compact courses in Advanced Studies in Applied Ethics:

- Seminars and tutorials in “Political Ethics,” 17./18.09. & 23./24.09.2022
- Workshop on writing dissertations 24./25.06.2022
- Seminars and tutorials in “Environmental Ethics,” 05./06.11 & 12./13.11.2021
- Seminars and tutorials in “Business Ethics,” 17./18.09. & 24./25.09.2021

Tutorage and Working Groups:

- Propadeutics and writing essays, at the University of Münster, winter semester '19/'20.
- Working Group “Machine Ethics”, at the University of Münster, summer semester '19.

» » » Supervised Theses (Selection)

Andrea Wittwer, UZH, MAS-Thesis in *Advanced Studies in Applied Ethics*, title: “Ist plattform-basierte Erwerbsarbeit moralisch problematisch?” (Trans.: Is Platform-Based Work Morally Problematic?)

Konstanze Burkard, UZH, DAS-Thesis in *Advanced Studies in Applied Ethics*, title: “Unternehmensverantwortung im Sinne einer friedlichen und gerechten globalen Weltordnung” (Transl.: Corporate Responsibility in the Context of a Peaceful and Just Global Order)

» » » Memberships

Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (German Society for Analytic Philosophy) .

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (German Society for Philosophy) .

Bürgerbewegung Finanzwende e.V. (Civil Movement for the Change of the Financial System).

» » » References

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