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**AOS:** Early modern moral and political philosophy; theories of justice, rights, and property; ethics of war and international political philosophy**AOC:** Moral philosophy and applied ethics; social and legal philosophy; history of philosophy**EMPLOYMENT**

- 2018 – **Assistant professor in political theory** (UD1, tenured), Dept. of Political Science, University of Amsterdam
- 2015 – 2021 **FWO-Flanders postdoctoral researcher**, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven
- 2014 – 2015 **LSE Fellow in political theory**, Dept. of Government, LSE

**EDUCATION**

- 2009 – 2014 **PhD in Philosophy**, KU Leuven (*summa cum laude*)  
Title: ‘Hobbes’s theory of justice’  
External examiner: Professor Stephen Darwall
- 2007 – 2009 Two-year MA in Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Leiden University (*cum laude*)
- 2006 – 2008 BA in Philosophy (abridged), Leiden University
- 2003 – 2007 BA in Political Science, Leiden University (*cum laude*)
- 2005 – 2006 Europaeum MA-programme in European History and Civilization  
- Leiden University (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
- Université Paris 1-Sorbonne/Panthéon (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
- Oxford University (3<sup>rd</sup> term)
- 2001 – 2005 BA in History (equivalent of), Leiden University

**VISITING RESEARCH STAYS**

- |             |   |             |                                |
|-------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Summer 2022 | Stellenbosch  | Winter 2014 | King’s College London          |
| Winter 2018 | Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona                                     | Autumn 2012 | Queen Mary, Univ. of London    |
| Spring 2016 | Boston University,<br>UC Berkeley ( <i>informal visit</i> ) | Autumn 2011 | Yale                           |
|             |   | Winter 2008 | University of British Columbia |

**PUBLICATIONS****Books**

- 2023 Single-authored monograph *Hobbes on Justice* (Oxford University Press) [under contract]
- 2019 Co-editor, with Robin Douglass, of *Hobbes's On the Citizen: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge University Press) [paperback published in 2021]  
Reviewed in: [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#); [Hobbes Studies](#)

**Journal articles**

- 2022 'Between starvation and spoilage: conceptual foundations of Locke's theory of original appropriation', *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* [in press]
- 2022 'The value of methodological pluralism in the study of Locke on slavery and absolutism: A rejoinder to Felix Waldmann', *Locke Studies* 22 (with L. van Apeldoorn) [in press]
- 2022 "'This man is my property': slavery and political absolutism in Locke and the classical social contract tradition", *European Journal of Political Theory* 21 (2): 253-275 (with L. van Apeldoorn)
- 2021 'Leviathan Inc.: Hobbes on the nature and person of the commonwealth', *History of European Ideas* 47 (1): 17-32
- 2020 'On the absence of moral goodness in Hobbes's ethics', *The Journal of Ethics* 24 (2): 241-266
- 2020 'Francisco Suárez and Hugo Grotius on distributive justice and imperfect rights', *History of Political Thought* 41 (1): 96-119
- 2019 'Self-ownership and despotism: Locke on property in the person, divine dominium of human life, and rights-forfeiture', *Social Philosophy and Policy* 36 (2): 242-263
- 2019 'Grotius on natural law and supererogation', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 57 (3): 443-469
- 2019 'Mondiale rechtvaardigheid afdwingen: oorlog, noodzaak, en verzetsrechten van 's werelds misdeelden', *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte* 111 (1): 45-62
- 2016 'Spinoza on human and divine justice', *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 33 (1): 21-41
- 2016 Co-editor of, and co-author of the introduction to, a special issue on Bernard Mandeville, *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics* 9 (1): iii-viii
- 2015 'Hobbes on justice, property rights, and self-ownership', *History of Political Thought* 36 (3): 471-498
- 2015 'Why justice and injustice have no place outside the Hobbesian state', *European Journal of Political Theory* 14 (1): 19-36
- 2014 'Worse than death: the non-preservationist foundations of Hobbes's moral philosophy', *Hobbes Studies* 27 (2): 148-170
- 2013 'Hobbes's account of distributive justice as equity', *British Journal for the History Philosophy* 21 (1): 13-33

**Book chapters**

- 2023 'Locke on natural law and natural rights' in *The Oxford Handbook to Locke*, ed. Patrick Connolly (Oxford University Press) [under contract]

- 2023 ‘Pufendorf on the Morality of War’ in *Pufendorf’s Political and International Thought*, ed. Peter Schröder (Oxford University Press) [under contract]
- 2021 ‘The right to wage private wars of subsistence: its nature, grounds, and place in revisionist just war theories’ in *The Public Uses of Coercion and Force: From Constitutionalism to War*, ed. Ester Herlin-Karnell and Enzo Rossi (Oxford University Press) 133-150
- 2021 ‘Hobbes on international ethics’ in *A Companion to Hobbes*, ed. Marcus Adams (Blackwell-Wiley) 252-267
- 2019 ‘Grotius and Pufendorf’ in *The Cambridge Companion to Natural Law Ethics*, ed. Tom Angier (Cambridge University Press) 51-70
- 2018 ‘Two ways of theorizing collective ownership of the Earth’ in *Property Theory: Legal and Political Perspectives*, ed. James Penner and Michael Otsuka (Cambridge University Press) 187-213
- 2018 ‘Grotius and the early modern tradition’ in *The Cambridge Handbook of the Just War*, ed. Larry May (Cambridge University Press) 33-56
- 2018 ‘The theocratic *Leviathan*: Hobbes’s arguments for the identity of church and state’ in *Hobbes on Politics and Religion*, ed. Robin Douglass and Laurens van Apeldoorn (Oxford University Press) 10-28
- 2017 ‘Conceptual analysis’ in *Methods in Analytical Political Theory*, ed. Adrian Blau (Cambridge University Press) 153-191
- 2014 ‘Forfeiting citizenship: Hobbes on traitors, rebels, and enemies’ in *Athenian Legacies: European Debates on Citizenship*, ed. Paschalis M. Kitromilides (Firenze: Olschki) 237-52

#### **Book reviews and dictionary entries** [selection]

- 2022 ‘Hobbes’s *Leviathan*’ in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online* (Routledge) (with S. Gutnick Allen)
- 2018 Jeremy Seth Geddert, *Hugo Grotius and the Modern Theology of Freedom* (Routledge, 2017)  
In *Review of Politics* 80 (2): 372-375
- 2017 ‘Hugo Grotius’ in *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, ed. Dana Jalobeanu and Charles T. Wolfe (Springer)
- 2013 David Dyzenhaus and Thomas Poole (eds.), *Hobbes and the Law* (Cambridge UP, 2012)  
In *Hobbes Studies* 26 (2): 204-209
- 2010 ‘Hobbes’ moraalfilosofie. Enkele nieuwe publicaties’, *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie* 72 (4): 803-9

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Lecture series**

- 2018-2021 BA1 ‘History of political thought’, Univ. of Amsterdam (sections)
- 2017 BA2 ‘The ethics of war’, KU Leuven (dept. of politics)
- 2014-15 BA3 ‘Key themes in the history of political thought’, LSE (year-long module)

### **Seminar (convenor)**

- 2021 BA3 ‘The political theory of migration’, Univ. of Amsterdam
- 2019, 2021 MA ‘Postcolonial borders, territorial rights, historic injustice’, KU Leuven/A’dam
- 2019-2022 BA2 ‘Political theory today: key concepts’, Univ. of Amsterdam
- 2018, 2020 MA ‘Philosophy of human rights’, KU Leuven
- 2016-17 BA3 ‘The ethics of war’, KU Leuven (year-long module)

- 2015 MA 'Private property: history and theory', KU Leuven  
 2014 MSc 'Hobbes', LSE  
 2013 MA 'Hobbes and Spinoza', KU Leuven  
 2010 Postgraduate research seminar 'Hobbes's *Leviathan*', KU Leuven

#### Tutorials

- 2011, 2012 BA1 'Introduction to philosophy', KU Leuven

### GRANTS RECEIVED

#### Project funding

- 2019-2023 Co-applicant C1 research project on [\*Justice & Migration\*](#), KU Leuven (€ 607,000)

#### Personal fellowships

- 2023 Theme Group Fellowship, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS)  
 2018-2021 Senior postdoctoral research fellowship, FWO-Flanders  
 2016-2018 Postdoctoral Newton International Fellowship (*declined*)  
 2015-2018 Junior postdoctoral research fellowship, FWO-Flanders  
 2010-2014 PhD fellowship, FWO-Flanders  
 2009-2010 FLOF research grant, KU Leuven

#### Conference and travel grants [selection]

- 2021 Joseph Van de Wielefonds – Ethics of migration workshop  
 2019 KU Leuven-Stellenbosch mobility grant  
 2018 Thyssen Stiftung – Hobbes conference  
 2017 KNAW conference grant – Hobbes conference  
 2017 KU Leuven OJO grant – History of political thought workshop  
 2016 Thyssen Stiftung – Hobbes conference  
 2016 Joseph Van de Wielefonds – Grotius workshop  
 2014 Erasmus University Rotterdam grant – Mandeville conference  
 2014 KNAW conference grant – Mandeville conference  
 2013 Two small KU Leuven grants – Hobbes workshop  
 2012 FWO-Flanders travel grant  
 2006-2009 Seven small grants to study abroad, Leiden University

### ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

\* = invited talks; # = invited keynote. Including presentations via Skype/Zoom

36. 'Quobna Ottobah Cugoano on natural rights and penal slavery'  
 Rethinking the narratives of early modern philosophy, U. Copenhagen, Sept. 14-16, 2022
35. 'Pufendorf on the morality of war'  
 \* Philosophy seminar, Univ. of Cape Town, August 3, 2022
34. 'Hobbes on justice: vindicating the sovereign'  
 # Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy VIII, Univ. Groningen, June 23-24, 2022
33. 'Human rights and the ethics of compulsory prison labour'  
 \* Online workshop 'Facts, concepts, values and norms', Univ. of Bucharest, June 7, 2022  
 \* Legal philosophy seminar, dept. of law, Univ. of Amsterdam, March 15, 2022
32. 'Hobbes on injustice, injury, and rights'  
 Third Biennial European Hobbes Society Conference, Dubrovnik, Nov. 18-20, 2021

31. 'The right to wage private wars of subsistence: its nature, grounds, and place within revisionist just war theories' [published]
  - \* Workshop on the public uses of coercion and force, Univ. of Amsterdam, June 7, 2019
30. 'Enforcing global justice: war, necessity, and remedial rights of the global poor' [published]
  - Yaoundé PhD seminar, Catholic Univ. of Central Africa, Cameroon, Aug. 20-25, 2018
29. 'Self-ownership and despotism: Locke on property in the person, divine dominium of human life, and rights-forfeiture' [published]
  - \* Workshop on the problem of self-ownership, London, May 24-27, 2018
  - \* PSA 'Politics of Property' workshop, Univ. of Nottingham, March 23, 2018
28. 'Moral standing, liability, and rights to wage wars of national defence'
  - \* Research seminar in practical philosophy, Univ. of Oslo, Oct. 27, 2020
  - \* Workshop on the morality of war, Univ. of Nijmegen, Nov. 18, 2019
  - \* Law and Philosophy research seminar, Univ. Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Feb. 6, 2018
  - \* Conference on the ethics of war, Univ. of Amsterdam, Feb. 1-2, 2018
  - UCSIA workshop on pacifism, Univ. of Antwerp, Dec. 6-8, 2017
27. '*Leviathan* Inc.: Hobbes on the nature and person of the commonwealth' [published]
  - \* Conference on political philosophy, Jilin Univ., P.R. China, June 15-16, 2019
  - \* Early career workshop in history of political thought, York Univ., June 14-15, 2018
  - \* EUI European Hobbes Society workshop, Firenze, April 27-28, 2017
26. "This man is my property": slavery and political absolutism in Locke and the classical social contract tradition' (with L. van Apeldoorn) [published]
  - \* Legal and political theory seminar, EUI, Firenze, Jan. 28, 2019
  - British Society for the History of Philosophy annual conference, Univ. of Sheffield, April 6-8, 2017
  - Early career workshop in the history of political thought, KU Leuven, Feb. 20-21, 2017
25. 'Hobbes on the rights of war'
  - # Conference 'Roman Justice and its Reception', Swiss Institute Rome, Nov. 11-12, 2021
  - European Hobbes Society workshop, Univ. of Amsterdam, Nov. 20, 2019
  - International Society for Intellectual History conference, St Andrews, June 10-13, 2018
  - \* Early career seminar in history of political thought, Univ. of London, March 1, 2017
  - \* Law seminar, Univ. of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Nov. 14, 2016
24. 'Two ways of theorizing collective ownership of the Earth' [published]
  - \* ECPR, Prague, Sept. 7-10, 2016
  - \* Property rights workshop, NUS Singapore, July 25-27, 2016
23. 'The theocratic *Leviathan*: Hobbes's arguments for the identity of church and state' [published]
  - Renaissance Society of America, Boston, March 31-April 2, 2016
  - \* Research colloquium on early modern political thought, UC Berkeley, Feb. 8, 2016
  - Mini-workshop on Hobbes, KU Leuven, Dec. 4, 2015
22. 'Conceptual analysis' [published]
  - \* ECPR, Prague, Sept. 7-10, 2016
  - \* Ripple research seminar, KU Leuven, Dec. 8, 2015
21. 'Francisco Suárez and Hugo Grotius on distributive justice' [published]
  - \* Conference on Suárez's legal and political thought, Bruges, Nov. 24-25, 2017
  - \* 'Rights at the Margins' conference, Univ. of Helsinki, August 8-9, 2015
20. 'Conceptual foundations of Locke's theory of original appropriation' [published]
  - \* Annual meeting Locke Working Group, KCL, June 18, 2021

- \* Workshop on legitimacy and property, Univ. of Cambridge, June 23, 2015
  - \* LSE political theory seminar, LSE, June 11, 2015
  - Politics of property workshop, Univ. of Nottingham, April 9-10, 2015
19. 'Egoism in Hobbes's psychology and ethics' (with L. van Apeldoorn)  
OZSW Conference 2014, Radboud Univ. Nijmegen, Nov. 7-8, 2014
  18. 'Grotius on natural law and supererogation' [published]
    - \* History of political thought seminar, Univ. of Cambridge, Feb. 27, 2017
    - Conference on natural law in C.16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, CEU, Budapest, Nov. 10-12, 2016
    - 5<sup>th</sup> North Sea Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, St Andrews, Oct. 10-11, 2014
  17. 'Bernard Mandeville on unnatural virtue'  
Symposium on Mandeville, KNIR/American Univ. of Rome, Sept. 4-6, 2014
  16. 'Thomas Hobbes: justice without rights'
    - \* Princeton, Dept. of Politics, Dec. 2, 2014
    - \* LSE, Dept. of Government, June 9, 2014
  15. 'Hobbes's attempts to de-moralize the domain of justice of actions'  
5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Hobbes Society, King's College London, Feb. 20-21, 2014
  14. 'The labour theory of property as a principle of distributive justice'
    - Politicologenetmaal, Sessie Politieke Theorie, Univ. of Maastricht, June 12-13, 2014
    - \* PhD seminar at King's College London, Dep. of Political Economy, Feb. 19, 2014
  13. 'Positivism and the separation of justice and morals in Hobbes's legal philosophy'
    - \* LSE Forum in Legal and Political Theory, LSE, Feb. 11, 2015
    - XXVI World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Belo Horizonte, July 21-27, 2013
  12. 'Hobbes on natural equality: a critique'  
OZSW Conference 2013, Erasmus Univ. Rotterdam, Nov. 15-16, 2013
  11. 'On the absence of moral goodness in Hobbes's ethics' [published]
    - \* Univ. of Adolfo Ibáñez, Santiago, Chile, July 31-Aug. 1, 2019
    - \* Ghent University, Sarton Centre for History of Science, Dec. 10, 2015
    - Mainz Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Univ. of Mainz, Nov. 21-23, 2013
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Hobbes Society, KU Leuven, March 26-27, 2013
  10. 'The problem of spurious replies in early modern polemics'  
3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the European Society for Early Modern Philosophy,  
Université de Grenoble, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2013
  9. 'Spinoza on human and divine justice' [published]
    - \* Author-meets-critics with Susan James, Univ. of Ghent, Dec. 13-14, 2012
  8. 'Why Hobbes did not hold that every civil law is just'
    - \* Symposium on Hobbes, King's College London, Nov. 15, 2012
  7. 'Hobbes on justice, property rights and self-ownership' [published]
    - \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the European Hobbes Society, King's College London, May 16-17, 2012
    - Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought, Queen Mary, Univ. of London, May 14-15, 2012
  6. 'Forfeiting citizenship: Hobbes on traitors, rebels and enemies' [published]  
2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the European Society for the History of Political Thought, Univ. of Athens, Jan. 19-21, 2012
  5. 'The matter of duty: what is wrong and who is wronged in Hobbes's moral philosophy'

- \* Workshop on Hobbes and the Enlightenment, Univ. of Marburg, Dec. 9-10, 2011
- 4. ‘Why justice and injustice have no place outside the Hobbesian state’ [published]
  - Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Harvard, October 19-20, 2013
  - Intellectual History Seminar, Queen Mary, Univ. of London, December 5, 2012
  - MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, Manchester, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2011
  - Politicologenetmaal, sessie politieke theorie, Univ. of Amsterdam, June 18, 2011
- 3. ‘Worse than death: the non-preservationist foundations of Hobbes’s moral philosophy’ [published]
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the European Hobbes Society, Univ. of Amsterdam, Dec. 15-16, 2012
  - APA Pacific Division, San Diego, CA, April 20-24, 2011
- 2. ‘Hobbes’s account of distributive justice as equity’ [published]
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pol. Theory Workshop, Manchester Metropolitan Univ., Sept. 1-3, 2010
  - Grad. Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, Univ. of Bucharest, May 19-20, 2010
- 1. ‘Real good, death, and the laws of nature: re-examining Thomas Hobbes’s meta-ethics’
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Political Theory Workshop, Manchester Metropolitan Univ., Sept. 2-4, 2009

## ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Administrative positions [selection]

- 2019 – Coordinator of the BA/MA political theory tracks and of the Minor Political Theory, Univ. of Amsterdam
- 2018 – 2021 Co-convenor monthly Challenges research seminar, Univ. of Amsterdam
- 2018 – 2021 Co-director Amsterdam Centre for Political Thought
- 2010 – Founding member and member of executive board of the *European Hobbes Society*

### Workshop/conference convener [selection]

- March 2022 Co-convener Justice for Denizens conference, KU Leuven  
Keynotes included: Elizabeth Cohen, Patti Lenard, Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen
- Feb. 2019 Convener *European Hobbes Society* mini-workshop, Univ. of Amsterdam  
Keynote speaker: Arash Abizadeh
- May 2018 Convener second biennial conference of the *European Hobbes Society*, Univ. of Amsterdam  
Invited speakers included: Kinch Hoekstra, Thomas Holden, Susanne Sreedhar
- 2017, 2018 Coordinator Monterrey Institute of Technology summer school, KU Leuven
- April 2017 Co-convener international workshop on Grotius, KU Leuven  
Keynote speaker: Annabel Brett
- Feb. 2017 Convener early career workshop in the history of political thought, KU Leuven  
Keynote speaker: Annelien De Dijn
- Sept. 2016 Convener first biennial conference of the *European Hobbes Society*, KU Leuven  
Keynote speakers: Deborah Baumgold, Sharon Lloyd
- Dec. 2015 Convener *European Hobbes Society* mini-workshop, KU Leuven
- June 2014 Co-organizer international conference on Mandeville: ‘The *Fable* at 300 Years’  
Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Keynote speakers: Harold Cook, Margaret Schabas, Neil De Marchi
- June 2014 Co-organizer workshop on Mandeville’s moral and political thought

Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS)

Invited speakers included: Aaron Garrett, Jacqueline Taylor, Mikko Tolonen

March 2013 Convener of the fourth meeting of the *European Hobbes Society*, KU Leuven  
Keynote speakers: Kinch Hoekstra, Alan Cromartie, Glen Newey

## **SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION**

Manuscript reviewer, often multiple times, for: *Amsterdam University Press* – *Cambridge University Press* – *Princeton University Press* – *Wiley-Blackwell* – *American Political Science Review* – *American Journal of Political Science* – *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* – *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* – *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* – *Current Legal Problems* – *Epoché* – *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics* – *Ethical Perspectives* – *European Journal of Political Theory* – *Global Intellectual History* – *Global Justice: Theory, Practice, Rhetoric* – *Grotiana* – *The Historical Journal* – *History of Philosophy Quarterly* – *History of Political Thought* – *Hobbes Studies* – *Intellectual History Review* – *International Relations* – *The Journal of Ethics* – *Journal of the History of Philosophy* – *Journal of Modern Philosophy* – *Journal of Political Philosophy* – *Journal of Politics* – *Journal of Social Philosophy* – *Res Publica* – *The Review of Politics* – *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia* – *Southern Journal of Philosophy* – *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie* – *Bijdragen: International Journal in Philosophy and Theology*