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AOS: ethics, philosophy of mind

AOC: philosophy of science

Education

Completed

- October 2015-2020 **PhD in Philosophy**, Sorbonne University, Research Team “Sciences, normes, démocratie”, Paris
Research stays at Columbia University (Fall 2016), Warwick University (April to June 2017) and Stockholm University (April to June 2018)
- 2015 **ENS Cachan Degree in Social Sciences**, ENS Cachan, Paris
“Diplôme de l’École Normale Supérieure de Cachan en Sciences Sociales”
- 2013-2015 **Master’s in Philosophy**, Paris-Sorbonne University, Paris
Philosophy of Science and Logic (LoPhiSC)
- 2012-2013 **Master’s in Economics (first year)**, Panthéon-Sorbonne University, ENS Cachan, Paris
Theoretical and Empirical Economics (ETE)
- 2011-2012 **Bachelor’s in Sociology**, Paris-Sorbonne University and ENS Cachan, Paris
- 2011-2012 **Bachelor’s in Economics**, Panthéon-Sorbonne University and ENS Cachan, Paris
- 2009-2011 **Preparatory program “Classe Préparatoire aux Grandes écoles” B/L**, Lycée Carnot, Dijon
Two-year highly selective interdisciplinary classes to prepare for competitive exams, with a focus on economics, sociology, and mathematics.
- 2009 **Baccalauréat**, Lycée Hoche, Versailles
Summa cum laude

Publications

Articles

- under review **“Acquaintance-Based Hedonism”**
- under review **“Do Masochists Intrinsically Desire Displeasure?”**
- under review **“Is Pleasure Reducible to Desire?”**
- under review **“The Critiques of Ethical Hedonism”**
- under review **“Against the Flow: A Critique of the Construct of Flow in Psychology”**
- forthcoming **“From the Heterogeneity Problem to a Natural-Kind Approach to Pleasure”**, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (full text here)

- forthcoming **“Une défense de l’hédonisme axiologique”**, *Dialogue*
- forthcoming **“Peut-on encore être hédoniste éthique ?”**, *Les ateliers de l’éthique*
- 2020 **“Revelation and Phenomenal Relations”**, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 70/278, 22-42 (full text here)
- 2019 **“Effective Altruism and Systemic Change”**, *Utilitas*, 31/3, 262-76 (full text here)

Chapters and encyclopedia entries

- 2019 **“Plaisir”**, *L’Encyclopédie Philosophique* (a French online philosophy encyclopedia), academic version (full text here)
- 2017 **“Plaisir”**, *L’Encyclopédie Philosophique* (a French online philosophy encyclopedia), abridged version (full text here)

Translations

- 2020 Inès Sophie Pietschmann and Marcel Mertz, **“Humanisme médical et médecine complémentaire, alternative et intégrative”**, *Archives de philosophie*, 83/4, 83-102

Others

- 2021 **“Faut-il rejeter en bloc l’industrie du bonheur ?”**, *Nonfiction* (full text here)

PhD thesis

- Title *Essays on Well-Being, Welfarism and Affective States*
- Supervisors Prof Stéphane Chauvier (Sorbonne University), Prof Sacha Bourgeois-Gironde (Panthéon-Assas University)
- Description This PhD thesis addresses a series of topics related to well-being. I start with the problem of its measurability, which is addressed in chapters 1, 2 and 3. In chapter 4, I examine how conscious states can be quantitative, and how this bears on the thesis of Revelation, i.e. the idea that we are presented with the essence of our phenomenal properties. In chapter 5, I investigate the nature of affective states such as pleasure, which are often taken to be a component of well-being. Finally, in chapter 6, I introduce effective altruism, a movement which roughly seeks to find out the best opportunities to promote well-being, and critically discuss some objections that have been raised against it.

Achievements

- 2018 Received an ATER contract (one-year part-time teaching position) from Sorbonne University.
- 2015 Received a doctoral contract (employment agreement between a PhD student and an academic institution) from Sorbonne University.
- 2011 Eligible for the oral exam of the École Normale Supérieure (ENS) de Paris and the ENS de Lyon.

Presentations

- June 22-24, 2022 Refereed talk, “What Are the Objects of Affective Valence?”, Italian Association of Cognitive Science (AISC) midterm conference, University of Parma

- January 16-18, 2020 Refereed talk, "Toward a Natural-Kind Approach to Pleasure", Conference on Pain, Pleasure, and the Method of Cases, University of Bern
- November 14-15, 2019 Refereed talk, "How Do Affective States Contribute to Well-Being? A Hedonistic Perspective", two-day international Workshop on Well-Being and Affective States, Clermont Auvergne University
- October 19-20, 2019 Refereed poster, "Institutional Change and Increasing Marginal Returns", academic session of Effective Altruism Global 2019, London
- August 28-30, 2019 Refereed talk, "An Exploratory Look into the Foundations of Global Prioritization", European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences 2019 Conference, National Technical University of Athens
- August 19-21, 2019 Refereed talk, "An Exploratory Look into the Foundations of Global Prioritization", International Network for Economic Method 2019 Conference, University of Helsinki
- March 21, 2019 Invited talk, "Le plaisir est-il une quantité ?", Sorbonne University, Philo'doctes Seminar
- March 13, 2019 Invited talk, "Comment dépasser le problème de l'hétérogénéité du plaisir ?", Sorbonne University, SND Seminar
- July 24-26, 2018 Refereed talk, "The Measurability of Subjective Well-Being", International Society for Utilitarian Studies 2018 Conference, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- July 24-26, 2018 Refereed talk, "The Systemic Change Objection To Effective Altruism", International Society for Utilitarian Studies 2018 Conference, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- June 27-29, 2018 Refereed talk, "The Normativity of Welfare Measurement", 4th International Conference in Philosophy and Economics, Lyon
- November 6, 2017 Invited talk, "Revelation and Phenomenal Relations", Institut Jean Nicod, PaCS Seminar
- September 21, 2017 Refereed talk, "La mesurabilité du bien-être", Rencontres Doctorales Internationales de Philosophie des Sciences, Université Grenoble Alpes
- March 16, 2017 Invited talk, "Le rose est-il plus proche du rouge que du bleu?", Paris-Sorbonne University, Philo'doctes Seminar
- July 8, 2016 Refereed talk, "Is Hedonistic Well-Being a Quantity?", International Society for Utilitarian Studies 2016 Conference, Université Catholique de Lille
- July 7, 2016 Refereed talk, "Effective Altruism and Systemic Change", International Society for Utilitarian Studies 2016 Conference, Université Catholique de Lille
- May 4, 2016 Invited talk, "Mesurer le bien-être hédonique", Paris-Sorbonne University, Philo'doctes Seminar
- May 3, 2016 Invited talk, "Does Effective Altruism Fail to Take into Account Systemic Change?", Paris-Sorbonne University, Graduate Seminar

Experience and Teaching

Fall 2022 **Co-instructor, Doing Good Better, 24h (in English)**, *Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL) University, Paris*

My co-instructor and I designed this course for third-year undergraduates, prepared materials, taught classes and graded the students' works. The course introduced a range of topics around effective altruism in philosophy, economics and psychology.

- Spring 2020 **Teaching assistant, Medical Ethics, 6h (in French)**, *Claude Bernard Lyon 1 University*, Lyon
I taught classes to first-year medical students and grade assignments.
- Spring 2019 **Teaching assistant, Ethics, 18h (in French)**, *Sorbonne University*, Paris
I taught classes to second-year undergraduates and graded assignments.
- Fall 2018 **Teaching assistant, Democracy, 18h (in French)**, *Sorbonne University*, Paris
I taught classes to third-year undergraduates and graded assignments.
- Fall 2018 **Teaching assistant, Political Philosophy, 18h (in French)**, *Sorbonne University*, Paris
I taught classes to first-year undergraduates and graded assignments.
- March 2018 **Instructor, Philosophy of social sciences, “CM d’Épistémologie et philosophie des sciences”, 15h (in French)**, *Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University*, Lyon
I designed the course, prepared materials, taught classes to second-year undergraduates and graded the final exam. The course introduced topics in general philosophy of science, social ontology, social scientific explanation, folk psychology, normativity in social sciences, etc.
- Fall 2017 **Teaching assistant, Methods of Social Sciences, 20h (in French)**, *Sciences Po Lyon*, Lyon
I taught classes to second-year undergraduates and graded assignments and collective research projects based mainly on qualitative methods.
- Fall 2017 **Teaching assistant, Political Sociology, 20h (in French)**, *Sciences Po Lyon*, Lyon
I taught classes to first-year undergraduates and graded assignments.
- April 2017 and April 2016 **Tutor**, *Sciences-Po Paris*, Paris
I was in charge of tutoring sessions in Macroeconomics for first-year undergraduates.
- Summer 2014 **Intern, INSEE (French National Statistics Institute)**, Paris
I studied and forecast the variations of inventory investments in France.
- February to May 2014 **Tutor**, *Panthéon-Sorbonne University*, Paris
I was in charge of tutoring sessions for first-year undergraduates in Economics.
- 2011-2012 **Intern, ENS Cachan**, Paris
I analysed a questionnaire for a survey on the future of ENS Cachan students; I interpreted the results and prepared a new, improved questionnaire for the following year.

Academic Service

Referee for *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *Utilitas*, *Æconomia*, *L’Encyclopédie Philosophique*

Editor of the “Effective Altruism” category on *Philpapers*

Organizer, Conference by Oscar Horta on the ethics of wild animal suffering, December 12, 2018, Sorbonne University

Organizer, Conference with Peter Singer on the occasion of the publication in French of *The Most Good You Can Do*, September 6, 2018, Sorbonne University

Co-organizer, Launch Event of Altruisme Efficace France with Peter Singer and Hélène Giacobino, July 5, 2016, Sorbonne University

Languages

French	Native	
English	Fluent	<i>Five months in the USA (August 2016 to January 2017), three months in England (April to July 2017), two months in Sweden (April to June 2018), TOEFL: 109</i>
Spanish	Good	<i>Six months in South America (February to August 2013)</i>
German	Intermediate	<i>Nine months in Germany (October 2014 to July 2015)</i>
Esperanto	Intermediate	
Mandarin	Beginner	

Skills

Office LibreOffice, Microsoft Office, Bibtex, \LaTeX , Zotero

Statistical software R, basic knowledge of SAS and STATA