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Areas of Specialisation

Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics

Areas of Competence

Game Theory, Pragmatics in Philosophy of Language

Education

2014-2020 PhD in Philosophy at the Australian National University

Supervisors: Nicholas Southwood (Chair), Philip Pettit, Seth Lazar, Justin Bruner

Thesis:

Uncivil Disobedience: Beyond the Orthodox View of Resistance and Counter-Resistance

Civil disobedience enjoys an apparent special normative status, but overplaying its importance imposes undue constraints and burdens upon those who suffer from and resist injustice. I explore how and when we may go beyond civil disobedience, and provide justification for social struggles that are violent, disrespectful, and destabilises the system, by appealing to the values proponents of civil disobedience share. Furthermore, I shift the focus of scrutiny from the activists to the recipients of protests, and explore the ethics of responding to disobedience, either civil or uncivil, justified as well as unjustified.

2008-2010 MA in Philosophy at National Taiwan University 2004-2008 BA in Philosophy at National Taiwan University

Publication

Peer reviewed articles

<u>Iustifying Uncivil Disobedience</u>

(2019). Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy Vol. 5.

Response to Umbers: An Instability of the Duty and Right to Vote

(2020). Res Publica.

Civil Disobedience, Costly Signals, and Leveraging Injustice

(Forthcoming). Ergo, an Open Access Journal of Philosophy.

Political vandalism as counter-speech: A defense of defacing and destroying tainted monuments

(Online First 2020). European Journal of Philosophy.

Other

Book Review: Delmas, Candice. A Duty to Resist: When Disobedience Should Be Uncivil (2019). Ethics, 710-715.

Teaching

Lecturer and Coordinator at the Australian National University

2020 1st Semester PHIL 2122: Philosophy and Public Policy Evaluation: 4.7/5

2018 1st Semester PHIL 3074: Advanced Topics in Philosophy

> "Disobedience, Dissent, Resistance, Rebellion" Evaluation: 4.4/5

Tutor at the Australian National University

2020 2nd Semester PHIL 2116 PPE Integration 2

2018 2nd Semester POLS 1008 PPE Integration 1: Puzzles in Politics, Philosophy and Economics

2016 1st Semester PHIL 1008 Introduction to Ethics

2015 1st Semester PHIL 2085 Applied Ethics

Translation

<u>Sally Haslanger: Changing the Ideology and Culture of Philosophy: Not by Reason (Alone)</u> into Traditional Mandarin Chinese, with permission by Haslanger and John Wiley & Sons, Inc <u>David Chalmers: Guidelines for Respectful, Constructive, and Inclusive Philosophical discussion</u> into Traditional Mandarin Chinese, with permission by Chalmers

Awards, Grants & Scholarships

2017 ANU Vice Chancellor Travel Grant.

ANU School of Philosophy Passmore Travel Grant.

2015 <u>Travel Stipend for Excellent Graduate Student Presentation.</u>

Disobey! Understanding the Politics and Ethics of Disobedience, at Sciences Po. Paris.

2014 ANU HDR Scholarship: Tuition Fee Waiver & Stipend.

2012 First Prize of "Laureates of Philosophy, National Taiwan University."

Services

2019 Proof-reader, Traditional Mandarin translation of Miranda Fricker: *Epistemic injustice*.

2017-Present <u>Journal Reviewer.</u>

Journal of Political Philosophy; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Res Publica;

Criminal Law and Philosophy; Pragmatics and Society.

2016-2017 Coordinator, Minorities in Philosophy (MAP) ANU.

Chair and Coordinator, ANU Philsoc Seminar.

Public Outreach

2020 26 Aug Why COVID-19 vaccination should be compulsory

ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation)

2020 25 May Distributing the Costs of Justified Disobedience: Extinction Rebellion, and Beyond

The Ethical War Blog, the Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace

2019 - Present Several pieces in a shared public philosophy column at Stand News, Hong Kong

2014 - Present Dozens of pieces in a shared public philosophy column at UDN. Taiwan

Language Skills

English (Academic)

Traditional Mandarin (Native, Public Philosophy Writing)

Referees

Associate Professor Nicholas Southwood (ANU)

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