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Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ashoka University, 2022–

Postdoctoral Associate, Center for Population-Level Bioethics, Rutgers University, 2020–2022

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, London School of Economics, 2016–2020

LL.M. Law, University College London, 2015–2016

M.Sc. Philosophy of the Social Sciences, London School of Economics, 2014–2015

B.A. Philosophy and Political Science, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, 2011–2014

Visiting Student, University of Seville, October 2012–March 2013

Research Interests

Moral, Political, and Legal Philosophy

Publications

Journal articles

Forthcoming. [Must Longtermists Wish Us All Dead? A Quadrilemma](#). Nir Eyal, Bastian Steuwer and Shai Meiri. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*.

2026. [When We May Not Experiment: On the Ethics of Randomized Controlled Trials in Policy and Development](#), *Free & Equal*, 2(1): 156-87.

2025. [Private Discrimination, Marriage Markets, and Caste](#), *Theoria*, 91(3): e12536.

2025. [Equal and Ashamed? Egalitarianism, Anti-Discrimination and Redistribution](#), *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 24(1): 72-97.

2024. [The Poverty Discrimination Puzzle](#). Bastian Steuwer and Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen. *Political Philosophy*, 1(2): 292-320.

2024. [The Challenge for Coronavirus Vaccine Testing](#), *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, 28(1): 30-52.

2023. [Constraints, You, and Your Victims](#), *Noûs*, 57(4): 942-57.

2023. [Ethical and legal race-responsive vaccine allocation](#). Bastian Steuwer and Nir Eyal. *Bioethics*, 37(8): 814-21.

2023. [Better Vaguely Right than Precisely Wrong in Effective Altruism: the Problem of Marginalism](#). Nicolas Côté and Bastian Steuwer. *Economics & Philosophy*, 39(1): 152-69.

2022. [Limits to Aggregation and Uncertain Rescues](#), *Utilitas*, 34(1): 70-83.

2021. [Aggregation, Balancing, and Respect for the Claims of Individuals](#), *Utilitas*, 33(1): 17-34.

2021. [Contractualism, Complaints, and Risk](#), *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, 19(2): III-47.

2020. [Why It Does Not Matter What Matters: Relation R, Personal Identity, and Moral Theory](#), *Philosophical Quarterly*, 70(278): 178-98.

Short articles, replies, and reviews

2026. [Health and Health Care](#). In Joshua J. Kassner (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Global Justice* (New York: Springer).

2022. [Paired Publication: A Way to Lower One Barrier between Philosophical Insight and Bioethics](#). Bastian Steuwer, Nir Eyal, and Monica Magalhães. *American Journal of Bioethics*, 22(12): 33-35.

2022. [COVID vaccine prioritization in low- and middle-income countries may justifiably depart from high-income countries' age priorities](#). Nir Eyal, Anca Gheaus, Axel Gosseries, Monica Magalhães, Thierry Ngosso, Bastian Steuwer, Viroj Tangcharoensathien, Isa Trifan, Andrew Williams. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, 75(S1): S93-97.

2021. [Letter to the Editor - SARS-CoV-2 Human Challenge Studies](#). Bastian Steuwer and Nir Eyal. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 385: 1727-28.

2021. [Prioritizing between second-generation SARS-CoV-2 vaccines through low-dosage challenge studies](#). Bastian Steuwer, Euzebiusz Jamrozik, and Nir Eyal. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 105: P307-II.

2021. [Review of Faces of Inequality by Sophia Moreau](#), *Economics & Philosophy*, 37(3): 494-500.

Awards and Scholarships

EA Criticism and Red Teaming Contest

Honorable Mention for the paper "Better Vaguely Right than Precisely Wrong in Effective Altruism: the Problem of Marginalism"

John Watkins Memorial Prize

Awarded biennially for the best paper written by a graduate student in philosophy at LSE for the paper "Contractualism, Complaints, and Risk"

LSE Ph.D. Studentship 2016–2020

German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung) 2012–2016

Study Abroad Scholarships 2014–2015 and 2015–2016

Erasmus Scholarship by DAAD 2012–2013

External Funding

Visiting Positions

Centre for the Experimental-Philosophical Study of Discrimination, Aarhus University, 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026

Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, 2023

Grants

National Science Foundation (2020–2021)

RAPID: Responsible Conduct of Accelerated SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Research Through Challenge Trials [2039320]. Overall amount \$200,000. Principal investigator Nir Eyal.

Open Philanthropy Project (2020)

Biosecurity and Pandemic Preparedness - General Support. Overall amount \$250,000. Principal investigator Nir Eyal.

Public Philosophy

“‘One person, one vote’ opposes delimitation”, *Indian Express*, April 2025

“Two Myths About the Indian Middle Class”, *Frontline*, August 2024

“Are the critics of the quotas within quota right?”, *Hindustan Times*, August 2024

“Amidst disappointment, there is a glimmer of hope in the Supreme Court’s same-sex marriage verdict”, *Frontline*, November 2023

“Bus Ride to Equality, the Wheels of Change in Karnataka”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *The Hindu*, August 2023

“Marriage Less Narrow”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *Indian Express*, March 2023

“In Defence of Freebies”, *Indian Express*, October 2022

“There Are Shades of Equality”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *The Hindu*, November 2021

“Government Should Prioritize Opening Schools”, *Mathrubhumi*, August 2021 (in Malayalam)

“Constitutional Crossroads: The Shadow of the First Amendment”, *The Caravan*, May 2021

“Private ends and the allocation of public vaccines”, published online: [CPLB Dilemmas](#), April 2021

“Can spacing out be justified to all?”, published online: [CPLB Dilemmas](#), January 2021

“COVID-19 vaccine race is a long way from over, and human challenge trials still have a role to play”, with Nir Eyal, published online: [CBC News](#), November 2020

“Reservation as a Political Imperative”, with Kaleeswaram Raj and Thulasi K. Raj, *Frontline*, September 2020

“Law’s Not So Majestic Equality”, *The Statesman*, June 2020

“‘Salary challenge’ a progressive step”, *Times of India*, May 2020

“The Supreme Court’s Free Testing Order - A Response”, with Thulasi K. Raj, published online: [Indian Constitutional Law and Philosophy Blog](#), April 2020

“A virus with two heads”, *The Telegraph*, April 2020

“A government that chooses its critics”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *The Hindu*, January 2020

“True Lies”, *Times of India*, November 2018

“The Right to Offend”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *Deccan Herald*, October 2018

“The Real Issue of Sabarimala”, *Geography and You*, August 2018

“Taking Parliament seriously”, with Thulasi K. Raj, *Deccan Herald*, April 2018

“Triple Talaq and the Irrelevance of Religious Freedom”, published online: [LiveLaw.in](#), August 2017

Presentations

“Discrimination against Poor People”

Book Manuscript Workshop at CEPDISC. June 2026, Aarhus

“Is Caste Race and Is Race Caste?”

LMU Munich Workshop on Stigma and Social Hierarchy. May 2026, Munich

PPEL in the Global South Conference. December 2025, Bangalore

Aarhus University, Political Theory Section Workshop. June 2025, Aarhus

Invited Comments on Sania Ismailee’s “Applying “Critical Distance” to the Uniform Civil Code Debate”

BML Munjal Faculty Research Forum. April 2026, Online

“Expanding Reservations: Caste and Religion”

Indian Political Theory Network Seminar. April 2026, Online

“Deconstructing Merit”

Delhi Political Philosophy (DelPhi). April 2026, Delhi

“Structural Socioeconomic Discrimination”

Complicity and Collective Responsibility, Workshop at JNU. February 2026, Delhi

“Deontology without Axiology”

New Directions in Normative Work. December 2025, Kochi

Value Theory Workshop. May 2025, Lund

University College London, Department of Philosophy. February 2025, London

Centre for Ethics, Law and Public Affairs Seminar. February 2025, Warwick

“Groups, Individuals and Affirmative Action”

IIT Delhi HSS Seminar. September 2025, Delhi

“Aggregation and the Separateness of Persons”

MANCEPT Panel on Partial Aggregation. September 2025, Manchester

“Social Equality, Caste and Health”

Brocher Summer Academy in Global Health. June 2025, Geneva

“Contesting Caste”

Book Manuscript Workshop at CEPDISC. June 2025, Aarhus

“Three Myths of Meritocracy”

Joint Session, Aristotelian Society and Mind Association. July 2025, Glasgow

Oxford-Roskilde-CEPDISC Workshop. May 2025, Copenhagen

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Law and Philosophy Colloquium. February 2025, Barcelona

London School of Economics, Department of Government. February 2025, London

“Poverty, Market Prices, and Discrimination”

PPE Society. July 2025, London
 CEPDISC Workshop on Poverty Discrimination. May 2025, Copenhagen
 Society for Applied Philosophy Conference. June 2024, Oxford
 CEPDISC Seminar. June 2024, Aarhus
 Ashoka University, Philosophy Workshop. March 2023, New Delhi
 CEPDISC '22 Conference on Discrimination. October 2022, Vejle

“The Poverty Discrimination Puzzle”

Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Annual Conference. July 2024, Bangalore
 World Congress of Bioethics. July 2022, Basel
 Society for Applied Philosophy Conference. July 2022, Edinburgh
 International Society for Priorities in Health Conference. April 2022, Online
 Rutgers University, School of Law. April 2022, Online
 Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. April 2022, Online
 Northeastern University, Department of Philosophy and Religion. January 2022, Online
 Ashoka University, Department of Political Science. January 2022, Online
 Rutgers University, Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. December 2021, Online

“Structural Discrimination and Group Inequality - Do They Differ”

Population-Level Bioethics Retreat. July 2024, Seattle

“When We May Not Experiment: On the Ethics of Randomized Controlled Trials in Policy and Development”

CEPDISC Reading Group. June 2024, Aarhus
 Analytical Political Philosophy Workshop. September 2022, Online
 Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. February 2022, Online

“Economic Reservations: Ideal and Reality”

National Academy of Legal Studies and Research. March 2024, Hyderabad
 National Law School of India University. December 2023, Bangalore

“Constitutional Equality: Reservations, Rights, and Policy”

Junior Faculty Forum for South Asian Law Teachers. October 2023, Online
 Indian Institute of Dalit Studies. August 2022, Online

“Private Discrimination and Marriage Markets”

Workshop on Discrimination in Dating. September 2023, Aarhus
 CEPDISC '22 Conference on Discrimination. October 2022, Vejle

“Equal and Ashamed?”

Rutgers University, Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. January 2023, New Brunswick, NJ

Aarhus University, Centre for the Experimental-Philosophical Study of Discrimination. August 2021, Aarhus

Virtual Ethics-in-Progress Group. July 2021, Online

“Saving Young Adults over Infants: Defending the Gradualist Account”

New York University, Bioethics Lunch Lecture. January 2023, New York

Arctic University of Norway, Workshop on Jeff McMahan’s work. June 2022, Tromsø

“Utilitarianism, Extinction, and Animals”

Global Priorities Institute and Center for Population-Level Bioethics Joint Seminar. May 2022, Online

“Identifiable, Anonymous, and Statistical Victims”

International Society for Priorities in Health Conference. April 2022, Online

New York University, Center for Bioethics. February 2022, Online

University of Cambridge, The Population and the Individual: ex-ante and ex-post, Workshop. May 2021, Online

“Better Vaguely Right than Precisely Wrong in Effective Altruism: the Problem of Marginalism”

Rutgers University, Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. September 2021, Online

“Prioritizing between second-generation SARS-CoV-2 vaccines through low-dosage challenge studies”

Rutgers University, Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. November 2020, Online

“The Challenge for Coronavirus Vaccine Testing”

Rutgers University, Center for Population-Level Bioethics Seminar. October 2020, Online

Virtual Ethics-in-Progress Group. June 2020, Online

“Limits to Aggregation and Uncertain Rescues”

Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference 2019. November 2019, Oxford

“Constraints, You, and Your Victims”

Stockholm Philosophy Graduate Conference 2019. May 2019, Stockholm

SOPhiA Graduate Conference 2018. September 2018, Salzburg

HHU Düsseldorf, Colloquium Practical Philosophy. April 2015, Düsseldorf

Invited Comments on Scott Cowan’s “Hatred and the Contemporary”

London-Berkeley Graduate Conference. April 2019, Berkeley

“Aggregation, Balancing, and Respect for the Claims of Individuals”

London School of Economics, Choice Group. October 2019, London

London Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. February 2019, London

“The Epistemic Case for Judicial Review”

Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory. February 2019, Warwick

Brave New World Graduate Conference. June 2018, Manchester

“Why It Does Not Matter What Matters: Relation R, Personal Identity, and Moral Theory”

Understanding Value VIII. July 2018, Sheffield

Lake Geneva Graduate Conference. October 2017, Fribourg

“Contractualism, Complaints, and Risk”

British Society for Ethical Theory Conference. July 2018, Sheffield

London Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. May 2018, London

Taller d’Investigació en Filosofia. April 2018, Barcelona

Workshop on Risk and Aggregation in Ethics (LSE/UCL). March 2018, London

London School of Economics, Choice Group. February 2018, London

“Utility in Rational and Moral Choice”

EIPE 20th Anniversary Conference. March 2017, Rotterdam

“Scanlon, Contractualism, and Saving the Greater Number”

PEP Talks Conference 2015. April 2015, Hamburg

Teaching

Teaching Prizes

LSE Class Teacher Award. 2018

Teaching Qualifications

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (Associate Level)

Courses Taught at Ashoka University:

POL1009/PHI1820: Introduction to Political Theory. Spring 2023/2024/2026

POL3084/PHI3810: Political Philosophy and Public Policy. Monsoon 2022/2023/2025

POL3102/PHI3812/ECO3506: Democracy, Decisions, Development: PPE. Spring 2024

POL3108/PHI3771: The Idea of Equality. Monsoon 2023

POL-IS-3003: Studying Affirmative Action in India. Spring 2023

POL3093/PHI3811: Advanced Topics in Political and Legal Theory. Spring 2023

POL2090: Political Philosophy: Justice, Liberty, Authority. Monsoon 2022

Courses Taught at West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Calcutta (As Visiting Faculty with Thulasi K. Raj):

Constitutional Dilemmas of Equality. 2021

Courses Taught at LSE (As Graduate Teaching Assistant):

PH214: Philosophy, Morals and Politics. 2019-20

PH222: Philosophy and Public Policy. 2017-18

PH311: Philosophy of Economics. 2016-17

Courses Taught at Chinmaya University, Kochi (As Visiting Faculty):

Discrimination, Morality and Law (LLM Legal Theory). 2019

Courses Taught at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf (As Teaching Assistant):

Utilitarianism. 2013-14

Service and Outreach

Reviewer for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (6x); *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (6x); *Philosophical Studies* (6x); *Ergo* (4x); *Social Theory & Practice* (4x); *Journal of Economic Methodology* (3x); *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* (3x); *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* (3x); *Utilitas* (3x); *Analysis* (2x); *Bioethics* (2x); *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2x); *Philosophical Quarterly* (2x); *Philosophy* (2x); *Philosophy Compass* (2x); *Res Publica* (2x); *Review of Development Economics* (2x); *Synthese* (2x); *Acta Analytica*; *American Political Science Review*; *Analytic Philosophy*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Economics and Philosophy*; *Epidemics*; *Ethical Perspectives*; *Ethics*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Medical Ethics*; *Journal of Philosophy*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Noûs*; *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*; and *Theoria*.

Co-organizer Workshop on Poverty Discrimination in Aarhus, June 2026

Co-organizer Delhi Political Philosophy Circle (DelPhi), 2025-

Head of Department, Political Science, Ashoka University, 2025-

Co-organizer New Directions in Normative Work, Kochi, December 2025

Co-organizer PPEL in the Global South Conference, Bangalore, December 2025

Co-organizer Workshop on Caste and Affirmative Action in Aarhus, June 2025

Co-organizer Workshop on Poverty Discrimination in Copenhagen, May 2025

Academic Advisor, Ashoka Law Society, 2023-

Co-Coordinator PPE Program at Ashoka University, 2022-

External Member, Student Research Committee (PhD Student), IIT Delhi, 2022-

Convener, Indian Discrimination Law and Theory Reading Group, 2020-2021

Co-organizer UCL/LSE/KCL Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshops, 2018-2019

Co-organizer Workshop on Aggregation and Risk in Ethics (LSE/UCL), March 2018

Co-organizer LSE Ph.D. Seminar, 2017-2018