

# BENJAMIN FERGUSON

## APPOINTMENTS

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- 2022 – **Professor**, Department of Philosophy, The University of Warwick  
2019 – 2022 **Associate Professor**, Department of Philosophy, The University of Warwick  
2015 – 2020 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Philosophy, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
2013 – 2015 **Lecturer**, Department of Philosophy, Universität Bayreuth

## VISITING POSITIONS

- 2024 – 2025 **Visiting Research Professor**, Murphy Institute, Tulane University

## EDUCATION

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- 2009 – 2013 **PhD: Philosophy**, *The Paradox of Exploitation*, London School of Economics  
Supervisors: Alex Voorhoeve, Richard Bradley, Michael Otsuka  
Examiners: Hillel Steiner, Christian List  
2007 – 2008 **MSc: Philosophy of Social Science** (*distinction*), London School of Economics  
2002 – 2006 **BSBA: Economics, Philosophy** (*magna cum laude*), Creighton University

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

- 2024 [Exploitation: Perspectives from Philosophy, Politics, and Economics](#), (with Matt Zwolinski) Oxford: Oxford University Press.  
2022 [The Routledge Companion to Libertarianism](#), (with Matt Zwolinski) Abingdon: Routledge.

### Articles

- FORTHCOMING [Exploitation as Domination?](#), (with Roberto Veneziani), *Analysis*.  
2024 [Introduction](#), (with Matt Zwolinski) in *Exploitation*, Ed. Benjamin Ferguson and Matt Zwolinski. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 1–10.  
2022 [Exploitation](#), (with Matt Zwolinski) *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Ed. Edward N. Zalta & Uri Nodelman.  
[Introduction](#), (with Matt Zwolinski), in *Routledge Companion to Libertarianism*, Ed. Matt Zwolinski and Benjamin Ferguson. London: Routledge: 1–9.  
[Colonialism and Territorial Rights](#), in *Routledge Companion to Libertarianism*, Ed. Matt Zwolinski and Benjamin Ferguson. London: Routledge: 401–413.  
2021 [Are We All Exploiters?](#) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 103(3): 535–546.  
[Territorial Rights and Colonial Wrongs](#), (with Roberto Veneziani) *European Journal of Philosophy*, 29(2): 425–446.  
[Why Buy Local?](#), (with Christopher Thompson) *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 38 (1): 104–120.

- Exploitation and Consumption, in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Economics*, Ed. Conrad Heilmann and Julian Reiss. London: Routledge.
- 2020 [A Dilemma for Permissibility-based Solutions to the Paradox of Supererogation](#), (with Marina Uzunova) *Analysis*, 80(4): 723–731.
- [Betterness of Permissibility](#), (with Sebastian Köhler) *Philosophical Studies*, 177(9): 2451–2469.
- [Virtues, Consequences, and the Market](#), *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*, 13(1): 19–29.
- 2019 [Exploitation and the Social Economy](#), (with Nicholas Vrousalis) *Review of Social Economy*, 77(2): 91–93.
- 2018 [Exploitation](#), (with Roberto Veneziani) *Economics & Philosophy*, 34(3): 291–294.
- [On Love’s Robustness](#), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 21(4): 915–925.
- [Sweatshops and Consumer Choices](#), (with Florian Ostmann) *Economics & Philosophy*, 34(3): 295–315.
- [Exploitation](#), (with Hillel Steiner) in *The Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice*, Ed. Serena Olsaretti. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 533–555.
- [Exploitation](#), in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Ed. William Thompson. New York: Oxford University Press.
- [Exploitation and Labour](#), in *The Routledge Companion to Business Ethics*, Ed. Eugene Heath, Byron Kaldis, and Alexei Marcoux. London: Routledge: 490–505.
- [The Value of Robustness: Promotion or Protection?](#), *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 5(1): 9–27.
- [Can Libertarians Get Away With Fraud?](#), *Economics & Philosophy*, 34(2): 165–184.
- 2016 [The Paradox of Exploitation](#), *Erkenntnis*, 81(5): 951–972.
- [Exploitation and Disadvantage](#), *Economics & Philosophy*, 32(3): 485–509.
- 2012 [Kant on Duty in the Groundwork](#), *Res Publica*, 18(4): 303–319.

### Reviews

- FORTHCOMING [How to Pool Risks Across Generations: The Case for Collective Pensions](#), by Michael Otsuka, *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*.
- [Exploitation as Domination: What Makes Capitalism Unjust](#), by Nicholas Vrousalis, *Ethics*.
- 2021 [On Trade Justice: A Philosophical Plea for a New Global Deal](#), by Mathias Risse and Gabriel Wollner, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24(4): 1069–1071.
- 2019 [An Introduction to Moral Philosophy](#), by Jonathan Wolff, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 16(6): 781–784.

## PRESENTATIONS

- EXPLOITATION **What Exploitation Is: The Philosophers’ View**  
 Choice Group, LSE, 2024  
 Philosophy Department Seminar, University of Durham, 2024  
 Warwick - Konstanz Behavioural Economics Workshop, Konstanz, 2023  
 6th PPE Society Conference, New Orleans, 2022

### **Exploitation's Grounding Problem**

CELPA, University of Warwick, 2024

Research Seminar Series in Philosophy, Umeå University, 2023

3rd Practical Philosophy Conference, Society for Practical Philosophy, Turkey, 2022

Conference in Honour of Hillel Steiner's 80th Birthday, University of Manchester, 2022

MANCEPT: A Unified Theory of Exploitation?, University of Manchester, 2021

Exploitation Workshop, Essex, 2021

### **Are We All Exploiters?**

New Work Workshop, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, 2019

Department Colloquium, VU Amsterdam, 2018

MANCEPT: Exploitation, University of Manchester, 2011

Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Warwick University, 2011

### **Bargaining Based Fairness**

3rd PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, 2019

MANCEPT: New Ideas in Economic Justice, University of Manchester, 2017

OZSW Conference, University of Groningen, 2016

Radical Exploitation Workshop, Humboldt University, 2016

EIPE Research Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2016

Political Philosophy Workshop, Universität Bayreuth, 2013

IV Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, 2013

Institute of Philosophy Spring Graduate Conference, University of London, 2013

Brave New World Conference, University of Manchester, 2010

### **The Paradox of Exploitation**

Creative Studios Philosophy Festival, University of Warsaw, 2023

EIPE Research Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2015

Ethics of Economic Institutions, Utrecht University, 2015

Philosophy Seminar Series, ENS Lyon, 2014

Eighth European Conference of Analytic Philosophy, University of Bucharest, 2014

Seminar Series, Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences, 2014

MANCEPT: Exploitation, University of Manchester, 2013

Department Retreat, LSE, 2011

### **Sweatshops and Consumer Choices**

UCLU UNICEF Panel, UCL, 2017

Non-ideal Justice Workshop, University of Amsterdam, 2017

Exploitation Workshop II, QMUL, 2015

Practical Philosophy Colloquium, VU Amsterdam, 2015

Exploitation Workshop I, QMUL, 2014

### **Exploitation and Disadvantage**

Decisions, Games and Logic, KTH Stockholm, 2013

Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, University of Pavia, 2012

Political Philosophy Conference II, Vejle, 2012

Choice Group, LSE, 2012

Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on Economics Seminar Series, LSE, 2012

### MARKETS **Can Libertarians Get Away With Fraud?**

MANCEPT: Libertarian Political Philosophy, University of Manchester, 2014

### **Why Buy Local?**

OZSW Conference, University of Twente, 2018

Political Science Research Seminar, Leiden University, 2018

MANCEPT: Normative Challenges of Food Governance, University of Manchester, 2015

- MORAL REASONS **Betterness of Permissibility**  
Morals and Politics Workshop, University of Hamburg, 2018
- A Defence of Moral Continenence**  
OZSW Conference, University of Amsterdam, 2019  
CELPA, University of Warwick, 2020
- KANT **Kant on Duty in the *Groundwork***  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, UC Boulder, 2011  
Graduate Philosophy Conference, CUNY, 2010
- BORDERS **The Ethics of Migration**  
STAI Migration Symposium, Tilburg University, 2019
- Territorial Rights and Colonial Wrongs**  
PPE Conference, New Orleans, 2017  
Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica, Pistoia, 2016  
ASPP Meeting, LSE, 2016  
Practical Philosophy Colloquium, VU Amsterdam, 2015
- LOVE **On Love's Robustness**  
Creative Studios Philosophy Festival, University of Warsaw, 2023  
Seminar Series, University of Amsterdam, 2017  
Research Seminar, Uppsala University, 2017  
Seminar Series, Creighton University, 2016  
Social Seminar Series, VU Amsterdam, 2016  
Workshop: The Robust Demands of the Good, University of St. Gallen, 2016
- COMMENTARIES **Beyond Bargaining** by Tom Parr  
Workshop on *Empowering Workers in an Age of Automation*, Warwick, 2023
- The Politics of Sweatshop Labor** by Janelle Poetsch  
Exploitation Workshop, University of San Diego, 2020
- Exploitation as Domination** by Nicholas Vrousalis  
OZSW Workshop, University of Leiden, 2019
- The PPE Perspective on Global Trade**  
NuVu Studio, Cambridge, MA, 2019
- PPE at VU Amsterdam**  
PPE outside the US and UK Roundtable, 2nd PPE Society Meeting, 2018
- What Do Tyrants Teach Us About Freedom?**, by Katrina Gajewska  
British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Conference, 2012
- Virtue Theory and Action-Guidance**, by Joshua Habgood-Coote  
London Intercollegiate Graduate Conference, 2012
- Terrorism and Moral Distinctiveness**, by Brian Berkey  
London-Berkeley Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2010

## MEDIA

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- 2021 [VAR and Philosophy](#) *The Outsiders Podcast*
- 2020 Meet the Philosophers [Part I](#) and [Part II](#), *I Leeds Therefore I Am Podcast*

## TEACHING

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MA COURSES	History of Political Philosophy (VU) Ethics (VU, Bayreuth) Business Ethics (VU) Law, Ethics and AI (VU, guest lecturer)
BA COURSES	Current Topics in Political Philosophy (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management) Principles of Political Economy: Economics & Philosophy (Warwick) Dissertation (Warwick) Independent Project (Warwick) Ethics (VU) PPE in Practice II (VU) Contemporary Topics in Philosophy (VU) Ethics of Responsibility (VU) Living, Eating, Loving, Dying: Topics in Applied Ethics (Bayreuth) Introduction to Philosophy (Bayreuth, LSE) Exploitation (Bayreuth) Business Ethics (Bayreuth) Philosophy of Economics (LSE) Problems of Analytic Philosophy (VU, LSE)
HIGH SCHOOL	Widening Participation Programme: Mathematics Course Director (LSE) PPE Pre-University Master Course (VU) Course Advisor: Gifted Talented Class (River Hill HS) EPQ Advisor (Solihull School)
SUPERVISION	Golden Mwinsa, PhD Thesis, Warwick, in progress Adam Neal, PhD Thesis, Warwick, 2024 Beatrice Mella, MA Thesis, VU Amsterdam, 2016 Elizabeth Backer, MA Thesis, VU Amsterdam, 2016 Sam van Dijck ReMA Thesis, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2016 Fabrizio Ciatti, ReMA Thesis, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2016

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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GRANTS	<b>12,000 USD, Review of Social Economy</b> Funding for 2024 European PPE Network Conference <b>2,826 GBP, Warwick International Higher Education Academy</b> Student-led Curriculum Design in Joint Degrees, 2022 <b>10,000 GBP, British Academy / Leverhulme Small Research Grant</b> Exploitation and Procedural Justice: An Experimental Assessment, 2021-2022 <b>250,000 EUR, NWO Veni</b> Fair for All, 2016–2020
AWARDS	LSE Philosophy teaching prize, 2011 LSE Annual Travel Fund for LSE-Bayreuth Conference, 2013 LSE Philosophy PhD scholarship, 2009 Postgraduate travel fund award, London School of Economics, 2010–2012

## SERVICE

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MEMBERSHIP	UKRI Future Leader Fellowships Peer Review College Member, 2021–present Warwick International Higher Education Academy Fellow, 2022–2025 Warwick FSS GC Education Workstream Member, 2022–present Warwick FSS Education Committee Member, 2021–present Warwick Social Sciences First Year Board of Examiners, Deputy Chair, 2021–2022 Warwick Undergraduate Research Support Scheme Review Board, 2021, 2023 VU Philosophy Research Review Committee, 2019 VU Filosofie BAC Committee, 2017 VU Internationalisation Committee, 2016 VU Amsterdam PPE BA Accreditation Proposal Committee, 2015
ADMINISTRATIVE	Joint Programmes Coordinator, University of Warwick, 2021–present PPE Director, University of Warwick, 2020–present PPE Programme Coordinator, VU Amsterdam, 2016–2019
EDITORIAL	Assistant Editor, <i>Review of Social Economy</i> Guest Editor, Exploitation Special Issue, <i>Review of Social Economy</i> Guest Editor, Exploitation Special Issue, <i>Economics &amp; Philosophy</i>
EXAMINATION	LSE External Examiner, 2019–present PhD Examiner, LSE, 2023
REFEREE	<i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> <i>Bristol University Press</i> <i>Business Ethics Quarterly</i> <i>Cambridge Journal of Economics</i> <i>Cambridge University Press</i> <i>Crit. Rev. of Int. Social &amp; Political Phil</i> <i>Economics &amp; Philosophy</i> <i>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</i> <i>Ethics</i> <i>Erasmus Journal for Phil &amp; Econ</i> <i>Erkenntnis</i> <i>European Journal of Political Theory</i> <i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i> <i>Journal of Applied Philosophy</i> <i>Journal of Business Ethics</i> <i>The Journal of Ethics</i> <i>Journal of Economic Surveys</i> <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> <i>Journal of Global Ethics</i> <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> <i>Journal of Political Philosophy</i> <i>Journal of Social Philosophy</i> <i>Journal of Social and Political Philosophy</i> <i>Journal of Value Inquiry</i> <i>Moral Philosophy and Politics</i> <i>Dutch Research Council (NWO)</i> <i>Organon F</i> <i>Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics</i> <i>Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy</i> <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> <i>Philosophical Studies</i> <i>Philosophy Compass</i> <i>Politics, Philosophy, &amp; Economics</i> <i>Public Affairs Quarterly</i> <i>Res Publica</i> <i>Review of Social Economy</i> <i>Routledge</i> <i>Sage Open</i> <i>Social Choice and Welfare</i> <i>Social Theory and Practice</i> <i>Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> <i>SSHRC Canada</i> <i>Theoria</i> <i>Utilitas</i>
ORGANISATION	European PPE Network Annual Conference, Warwick, 2024 MANCEPT 'Justice, and the Future of Work' Workshop, 2023 Exploitation Panel, PPE Society Conference, 2022 Exploitation Workshop, University of San Diego, 2020 Amsterdam PPE Graduation Committee, 2019 Exploitation Panel, PPE Society Conference, 2019 Amsterdam Young Philosophers Workshop, 2019 EIPE – VU Seminar Series in PPE, 2016

QMUL exploitation workshop II (with Roberto Veneziani), 2015  
QMUL exploitation workshop I (with Roberto Veneziani), 2014  
Bayreuth Political Philosophy Workshop, 2014  
Bayreuth 'Research Forum' Seminar Series, 2014  
LSE–Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference, 2014  
Bayreuth Political Philosophy Workshop, 2013  
MANCEPT 'Exploitation' Workshop, 2013  
LSE–Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference, 2013  
LSE Student Philosophy Conference, 2012  
LSE Student Philosophy Conference, 2011  
LSE Philosophy PhD Seminar Series, 2011

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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TEACHING Dutch Basic Qualification in Education (BKO)  
Dutch Senior Teaching Qualification (SKO)

DEVELOPMENT How Warwick Works 2021–2022  
International Education Leadership Programme 2023-2024

LANGUAGES English: Native speaker. Dutch: Written CEF A2; Spoken CEF A2.