

BENJAMIN FERGUSON

APPOINTMENTS

- 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

EDUCATION

- 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

Books

- FORTHCOMING [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*.
[Introduction](#) (with Matt Zwolinski), in *Exploitation*, Ed. Benjamin Ferguson and Matt Zwolinski. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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 [Exploitation and Consumption](#), in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Economics*, Ed. Conrad Heilmann and Julian Reiss. London: Routledge.
[Are We All Exploiters?](#) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 103(3): 535–546.
[Why Buy Local?](#), (with Christopher Thompson) *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 38 (1): 104–120.
[Territorial Rights and Colonial Wrongs](#), (with Roberto Veneziani) *European Journal of Philosophy*, 29(2): 425–446.

- 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**
- 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 Continence

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 Poetszsch
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

2021 [VAR and Philosophy](#) *The Outsiders Podcast*

2020 Meet the Philosophers [Part I](#) and [Part II](#), *I Leeds Therefore I Am Podcast*

TEACHING

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 Adam Neal, PhD Thesis, Warwick, in progress
 Golden Mwinsa, PhD Thesis, Warwick, in progress
 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

- GRANTS **12,000 USD, Review of Social Economy**
 Funding for 2024 European PPE Network Conference
- 2,826 GBP, Warwick International Higher Education Academy**
 Student-led Curriculum Design in Joint Degrees, 2022
- 10,000 GBP, British Academy / Leverhulme Small Research Grant**
 Exploitation and Procedural Justice: An Experimental Assessment, 2021-2022
- 250,000 EUR, NWO Veni**
 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

- 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 & Philosophy</i>
EXAMINATION	LSE External Examiner, 2019–present PhD Examiner, LSE, 2023
REFEREE	<i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Business Ethics Quarterly</i> , <i>Cambridge Journal of Economics</i> , <i>Cambridge University Press</i> , <i>Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy</i> , <i>Economics and Philosophy</i> , <i>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</i> , <i>Ethics</i> , <i>Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics</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 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>Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek</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>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>Philosophy Compass</i> , <i>Politics Philosophy & 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 Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada</i> , <i>Social Theory and Practice</i> , <i>Theoria</i> , and <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

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.