CV - Cailan Harris

Email: cailan.harris@uni.lu

PhilPapers: https://philpeople.org/profiles/cailan-harris

ORCID: https://orcid.org/0009-0007-5661-1774

Research Interests: Hegel and German Idealism; Philosophy of History; Self-Consciousness and Subjectivity; Scepticism and Philosophical Method; Freedom and Recognition.

Academic Education

October 2025 – Present
PhD in Philosophy
University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Supervisor: Prof. Dietmar Heidemann
Dissertation: *Hegel and the Idealist History of Self-Consciousness*

- Research examines Hegel's account of the historical development of self-consciousness and the problem of establishing a presuppositionless beginning in philosophy, with particular attention to the relationship between the *Phenomenology of Spirit* and the *Science of Logic*.

August 2023 – August 2025
MA in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy
Final grade: 17.9/20

- Specialised in Kant, Hegel, German Idealism, and modern political philosophy.
- Master's thesis: *Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit as a Response to Ancient Scepticism*, examining Hegel's response to ancient scepticism and the self-negating development of subjectivity.

September 2021 – September 2022
MSc in International Business
University College Maastricht, the Netherlands

- Developed a collaborative project exploring greater transparency and ethical practices in the fashion industry.

August 2019 – August 2020
MSc in Business and Economics (Marketing)
Technological University Dublin, Ireland

- Examined the symbolic and social dimensions of luxury consumption, focusing on consumer psychology, brand identity, and reputational crises.

September 2016 – September 2019
BSc in International Relations and Political Science
Dublin City University, Ireland

- Studied political theory, international governance, and the institutional development of modern democratic states.

Publications:

Manuscript Under Review

- Harris, Cailan. "History without a Presupposed End: Rethinking History in Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*." Manuscript in preparation for *Hegel-Jahrbuch*.

Published Work

- Harris, Cailan. (2020). "The Sign-Value of Luxury through the Consumers of a Brand in Crisis: What the Controversial Chinese New Year Campaigns of D&G Can Tell Us about Consumer Psychology and Identifiability in Modern Luxury." *TUD Annual Marketing Journal*.

Public Engagement:

- Harris, C. (2026). 'Why I decided to do a master's in Luxembourg'. The Irish Times, 27 March 2026.

Conference Presentations:

2026

- **Irish Philosophical Society Annual Conference**
  Queen's University Belfast, UK · October 2026
  "Art for Art's Sake: Hegel, Technology, and the Preservation of Collective Freedom"
- **36th International Hegel Congress - Hegel Global**
  Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy · September 2026
  "The Reformulation of History's Role in the *Phenomenology of Spirit*"
- **ASPP Conference**
  University of St Andrews, UK · June 2026
  "Progress in Crisis: Reconceptualising Change Beyond Predetermined Ends"

2025

- **5th Biennial Conference of the Australian Hegel Society**
  University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia · November 2025
  "Freedom, Eurocentrism, and the Idea of a History of Self-Consciousness"

Invited Talks and Workshops:

2026

- **Embodiment and Cognition in Hegel's Philosophy of Mind**
  University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg · December 2026
  "The Labour of Comprehension: Embodied Cognition and the Reader of Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*"

Teaching Experience:

2026-Present
Philosophy of Language – Undergraduate Module, University of Luxembourg, *Contact hours: 19.5 hours*

- Independently designed and developed the module, including its syllabus, thematic structure, reading selections, and pedagogical approach.
- Prepare and deliver lectures and seminars on meaning and reference, Wittgenstein's later philosophy, speech acts, pragmatics, and the relationship between language, social reality,

discourse, and power.
- Design and coordinate student presentations, assess coursework, and provide feedback to develop students' philosophical argumentation and analytical skills.

Research Visits and Academic Programmes:

2027

- **University of Chicago – Visiting Student / Research Stay**
  University of Chicago, USA
  Accepted as a Visiting Student with academic sponsorship from Prof. James Conant.

2026

- **16th International Summer School in German Philosophy: God and the Absolute in German Idealism**
  University of Bonn, Germany

2025

- **15th International Summer School in German Philosophy: The Problem of Scepticism**
  University of Bonn, Germany
- **2025 London Critical Theory Summer School**
  Birkbeck, University of London, UK

2024

- **Research Visit, Department of Philosophy**
  University of Liège, Belgium
  Invited by Prof. Arnold Dewalque to undertake a research visit involving independent and supervised philosophical research as part of the CREPH ARC research project MIND.

Grants and Fellowships:

2025–2029
o **FNR AFR Doctoral Fellowship**, Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR), Luxembourg – Doctoral funding supporting PhD research in philosophy at the University of Luxembourg.

2025
o **Travel Grant**, Bonn Summer School in German Idealism, University of Bonn, Germany - Funding awarded to support participation in the summer school.

o **Bursary, London Critical Theory Summer School**, Birkbeck, University of London, United Kingdom - Funding awarded to support participation in an intensive summer school on critical theory and contemporary social and political philosophy.

2024
o **Research Mobility Funding**, University of Liège, Belgium - Funding supporting a research visit to the University of Liège during postgraduate studies.

2023–2025
o **Guillaume Dupaix Luxembourg Scholarship**, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg – Scholarship supporting postgraduate studies in philosophy.

Academic Service and Departmental Activities:

2025–Present

- **Second Examiner, MA Oral Examinations in German Idealism**, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg - Contributing to the examination and assessment of postgraduate students under the supervision of Prof. Dietmar Heidemann.
- **Second Examiner, BA Oral Examinations in Political Philosophy**, University of Luxembourg – Contributing to the examination and assessment of undergraduate students under the supervision of Prof. Margherita Pugnaletto.
- **Organiser, MA Student Visit to the Marcus Aurelius Exhibition**, Trier, Germany, University of Luxembourg - Organised an educational visit for Master's students to the exhibition.

2024

- **Workshop Organisation**, Department of Philosophy, University of Liège, - Contributed to the organisation and set-up of the *Liège–Luxembourg Subjectivity Workshop* (2024).

Academic Memberships & Affiliations:

- **Hegel Society of Great Britain** : Member
- **Hegel Society of America** : Member
- **Irish Philosophical Society**: Member
- **British Society for the History of Philosophy**: Member
- **Hegel Global**: Member

Professional Experience:

September 2023 – October 2025:
Research Assistant
Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C²DH)

- Conducted archival and digital research in support of interdisciplinary projects in contemporary history.

August 2019 - August 2021:
Sales Executive L'Oréal Luxe Division

- Managed coordination between central marketing and sales teams and retail operations; promoted to Primary Sales Executive in recognition of sales performance.

December 2017 – August 2019:
Sales Specialist - L'Oréal

- Supporting brand development, marketing initiatives, and promotional campaigns.

November 2016 – December 2017:
Sales Representative Aer Rianta International (ARI)

- Managed whiskey brand representation at Dublin Airport, contributing to promotional campaigns and commercial performance.

Languages:

- English: *Native*
- Irish: *B1*
- French: *B2*
- German *A2*