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**Topics of interest:** (1) Value Theories; (2) Moral Psychology; (3) Philosophy of Emotions; (4) Theory of Justice; (5) Religious Studies.

### PUBLICATIONS

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30<sup>th</sup> May 2024: **“Memory, Mourning, and the Chilean Constitution: An Account of Grief in Response to the 2022 Constitutional Election”**. In the Special Edition of *Memory and Trauma: Philosophical Perspectives* of the peer reviewed Journal of Philosophy, *Revista de Humanidades de Valparaiso*. This paper was written with the collaboration of Dr. Christopher Jude McCarroll and Dr. Paloma Muñoz Gómez.

TBC 2024: **“An examination of the Kantian naturalistic approach to practical morality based on the Freudian superego. A critical reading of Beatrice Longuenesse's, Samuel Sheffler's, and David Velleman's works”**. This paper is an extract of my doctoral dissertation; it was submitted in April 2024 to The UK Kant society's essay competition.

### Works in process:

TBC 2024: **“Totem and Taboo and The Feeling of Guilt as Moral Orientation”**. This paper is an extract from my doctoral dissertation; it will be submitted to *a peer reviewed Journal* in July 2024.

TBC 2024: **“The necessity of talking about your guilt. Analysing the testimonial narrative of a former child soldier. Reflections on Korsgaard's idea of self-constitution and the psychoanalytical idea of self-bifurcation**. I plan to critically review some of Freud's, Sebastian Gardner's, Christine Korsgaard's and Paul Ricoeur's work on self-constitution and the bifurcation of the self by examining the ideas of moral conscience, guilt and enforced silencing through a case study. The draft was presented at a workshop organized by the Department of Latino-American studies of the University of Bristol.

TBC 2025: **“The feeling of belonging and the question of territorial justice: Nomanawa's and Mapuche's views on identity and land”**. I plan to integrate Latin American indigenous views on land ownership and territory into the philosophical debate on the subject, which is usually centred on Locke's and Kant's ideas of property rights.

## Education and Research Experience

<p><b>2017-2022</b>  <b>Ph.D. in Philosophy,</b>  <b>University of Bristol,</b>  <b>Bristol, UK.</b></p>	<p>Supervisors: Dr. Kurt Lampe, Dr. Seiriol Morgan.  VIVA examiners: Professor Havi Carel, Professor Andrew Benjamin.  Dissertation: <i>The struggle of the soul and the return to goodness. A new proposal for Freudian psychoanalysis based on Kantian theory.</i></p>
<p><b>2015-2017</b>  <b>M.A. in Mental Health and</b>  <b>Psychoanalytic Clinic,</b>  <b>University of Leon, Spain.</b></p>	<p>Supervisor: Dr. María Teresa Bella Prieto.  Dissertation: <i>Myth, Language, and Sexuality in Freudian Psychoanalysis.</i></p>
<p><b>2013 - 2014</b>  <b>M.A. in Classics and</b>  <b>Ancient History, University</b>  <b>of Bristol, UK.</b></p>	<p>Supervisor: Dr. Kurt Lampe  Dissertation: <i>Family narrative within a complex genogram. Researching about the family system of Electra.</i></p>
<p><b>2008 – 2009</b>  <b>Postgraduate Diploma in</b>  <b>Semiotics of Culture,</b>  <b>University of Chile, Chile.</b></p>	<p>Supervisor: Dr. Héctor Ponce  Dissertation: <i>Open up your Heart. A Peircean reading of a therapeutical song in an Ayahuasca ritual.</i></p> <p>[Published (in Spanish, non-peer review journal) in <i>Grupo de Estudios Peirceanos, Monographies</i>. Navarra: University of Navarra (2009)]</p>
<p><b>2001-2005</b>  <b>B.A. in History, University</b>  <b>of Chile, Chile.</b></p>	<p>Supervisor: Dr. Jaime Moreno Garrido  Dissertation: <i>Ñusta. Desert, myth, and Narration.</i></p> <p>[Published (in Spanish, non-peer review journal) in <i>Cultos Mortuorios y Festividades Religiosas</i>. Santiago: University of Chile (2006)]</p>
<p><b>2002-2003</b>  <b>Diploma in Science of the</b>  <b>Religion (Christianism,</b>  <b>Judaism, and Islam),</b>  <b>University of Chile, Chile.</b></p>	<p>Supervisors: Dr. Jaime Moreno Garrido, Ms. Ana María Tapia, and Dr. Eugenio Chahuán.  Dissertation: <i>The Mystical Narrative Construction of St. Francis in the Little Flowers.</i></p>

#### EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING

September 2023 –	<b>Associated Lecturer in Philosophy at The School of Writing, Publishing and Humanities, Bath Spa University.</b> Teaching modules: “Ethics in the Contemporary World”, “Worlds of Ideas”, “Ethics and Values”, “Atheism and Unbelief”, and “Applied Philosophy”.
February 2023	<b>Graduate Teacher at the Department of Classics University of Bristol.</b> Module: “Ancient Thought”.
September 2022 - January 2023	<b>Graduate Teacher at the Department of Philosophy University of Bristol.</b> Teaching module: “Readings on Value Theories”.
January – June 2022	<b>Graduate Teacher at the Department of Philosophy University of Bristol.</b> Teaching module: “Intro B”.
January – June 2019	<b>Graduate Teacher at the Department of Classics, University of Bristol.</b> Teaching Module: “Ancient Thought”.

#### PRIZES AND FUNDINGS

June 2017: I won a **Becas Chile scholarship** grant to fund my PhD studies at the University of Bristol.

December 2018: I won four funding grants to cover the expenses of the MAP Bristol

Conference 2019: **European MAP funding, Alumni Funding University of Bristol, Special Funding of the Department of Philosophy University of Bristol, and Special Funding of the Department of Classics University of Bristol.**

September 2022: I won the **PGR Community Fund** to cover the expenses of the MAP (Minorities in Philosophy) Bristol film clubs and reading groups.

**ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES: TALKS, ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS, AND OTHERS**

8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	<b>Organiser of The Colloquium of Global Philosophies of Bath Spa University:</b> “Deciphering the ethics of landownership. Bloody lands, between avoidance and silencing”.
October 13, 2023 - July 2024	<b>Trainee in Applying Phenomenology, an online programme designed by PhenoLab</b> , a theoretical laboratory in phenomenology and mental health led by Prof. Francesca Brencio (University of Seville), and Dr. Prisca Bauer (University of Freiburg).
April 2023 – Still active	<b>Member of the Reading Group on <i>Imagination and Virtue</i></b> at the University of Bristol, organised by Dr. Allan Wilson (Dept. of Philosophy).
October 25, 2023	<b>Speaker. Workshop: <i>50 years since the Chilean Coup: Looking back and thinking forward</i></b> , organised by Dr. Jo Crow (School of Latin-American Studies, UOB), I gave a talk called <b><i>Talking about guilt, and the Case of the Chilean Conscripts of the 70s and 80s.</i></b>
September 2023	<b>Attendee. Workshop on <i>Silence and psychopathology: Philosophical perspectives</i></b> , organized by Dan Degerman, Dept. of Philosophy University of Bristol.
March 2023	<b>Attendee. Workshop on <i>Guilt, Shame, and Regret</i></b> , organised by the Dept. of Philosophy of the Queen’s College of the University of Oxford.
May 2021	<b>Attendee. <i>The European-American Online Workshop on the Philosophy of Emotion.</i></b>
April 2021	<b>Speaker. WIPs Seminars</b> , organised by the PGR students of the Dept. of Philosophy at UOB. I gave a talk called <b><i>Kant’s and Freud’s view on the soul.</i></b>
May 2021	<b>Speaker. Research Seminars of the Dept. of Classics, UOB.</b> I gave a talk called, <b><i>Kant’s and Freud’s views on psyche, autonomy, and responsibility: A theoretical proposal for a new reading of Oedipus?</i></b>
March 2019	<b>Speaker. Atiner Conference of Philosophy (Athens).</b> I presented a paper called <b><i>An Apologia of Kant in the Context of Decolonial Criticism.</i></b>
December 2018- December 2022	<b>Chapter of <i>MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) Bristol</i></b> , which is part of a wider international <i>MAP</i> web. I was the <b>main organiser</b> of the Conference called <b><i>Postcolonial and Decolonial Reception of European Thought</i></b> at the UOB. I also was the <b>main organiser</b> of the student’s <i>MAP</i> Bristol reading groups and film clubs about <b>disability, epistemic injustice, sexual diversity, and global epistemologies</b> in 2021.
December 2018- December 2019	<b>Main organiser of <i>Kant’s Reading Group</i></b> for PGR students at the UOB.
January 2018- July 2019	<b>Member of the <i>Paganism and Wellbeing Project</i></b> UOB, organised by my supervisor, Dr. Kurt Lampe.
September 2018- July 2019	<b>Member of <i>Hegel’s Reading Group</i></b> UOB, organised by Dr. Tzun Chien and Dr. Martin Sticker (Dept. of Philosophy).
September 2018- July 2019	<b>Member of the <i>Tragedy Research Cluster</i></b> at UOB, organised by Dr. Emma Cole and Dr. Lyndsay Coe (Dept. of Classics).
September 2017- July 2019	<b>Attendee. <i>The Lacanian Lectures</i></b> at UOB, organised by my supervisor, Dr. Kurt Lampe (Dept. of Classics).

## RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

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**September 2023 - July 2024 : Associated Lecturer in Philosophy** at Bath Spa University. I have had the opportunity to teach in Lectures and Seminars, planning the content of modules, marking a large volume of essays, and organising a Colloquium.

**December 2022– July 2023: Teaching Assistant for SEN students** at Montpellier High School in Bristol. I provided support for young students who live with very complex disabilities, such as loss of sight, cognitive difficulties, Di Giorgio Syndrome, recurrent loss of memory, ADHD, dyslexia, and/or autism.

**September 2022- July 2023: Graduate Teacher** at the Department of Classics and at the Department of Philosophy of the University of Bristol. I taught at the seminars on *Ancient Thought* and *Readings on Value theory*, and I marked a very large volume of essays during the first TBA.

## OTHER NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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September 2023 – July 2024	<b>Training in Philosophical Counselling, an online programme designed by PhenoLab</b> , which is a theoretical laboratory in phenomenology and mental health led by Prof. Francesca Brencio (University of Seville), and Dr. Prisca Bauer (University of Freiburg).
January – December 2022	<b>Applied Training in the psychotherapeutic technique of family constellations</b> at the Centre for Systemic Constellations in Bristol-London.
January – December 2021	<b>Foundation training in the psychotherapeutic technique of family constellations</b> at the Centre for Systemic Constellations in London.

## LANGUAGES

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Spanish (mother language)

English (second language)

Basic level of German and Ancient Greek (A/B level)