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EDUCATION

Leiden University, Institute For Philosophy

Leiden, The Netherlands

PhD in Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology

2021 –

- **Dissertation:** *Emotion Recognition Technology: Privacy, Relationships, and the Self*
- **Advisors:** Prof. Dorota Mokrosinska, Prof. James McAllister

Laval University

Québec, Canada

M.A. in Philosophy, Ethics of AI

2019 – 2021

- **Advisor:** Prof. Jocelyn Maclure

Montreal University

Montréal, Canada

B.A. in Philosophy and French Literature

2016 – 2019

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

PhD Graduate Scholarship, SSHRC of Canada

2021-2025

- Full-ride scholarship for pursuing the PhD at Leiden University (NL)
- Value of **80k\$** CAD

Canada

PhD Graduate Scholarship, Joseph-Armand Bombardier (Canada)

2021 – 2024

- Canada Graduate Scholarships (105 000\$/3 years)
- **Decline** to go study abroad (The Netherlands)

Canada

M.A. Graduate Award, OBVIA (Canada)

2020 – 2021

- Merit-Based Award for pursuing the M.A. in Philosophy
- Value of **15k\$** CAD

Canada

B.A. Award, Desjardins (Canada)

2016

- Award for pursuing the B.A. studies in Philosophy
- Value of **1.25k\$** CAD

Canada

KEYWORDS

Philosophy of Technology; Affective Computing; Moral & Political Philosophy (Privacy & Social Justice);
Philosophy of Mind (Emotion & Cognition); Information; Practical Philosophy; Ethics of AI

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Alexandra Prigent**. *Why You Should Not Use CI to Evaluate Socially Disruptive Technology: Privacy, Norms, and Contexts*. (Under revision at Philosophy & Technology).
- [2] **Alexandra Prigent** & Keven Bisson (2021) “The Dividual CONception of Identity: A Possible Solution to Marusic’s Grief Puzzle?”, *Phares*, 21(1).
- [3] **Alexandra Prigent** (2021) “How to Define a Group Without Excluding Any of Its Parts? Gender and the Sartrean Notion of Serial Structure According to Iris Marion Young”, *Era Novum* 21(1).
- [4] **Alexandra Prigent** (2021) *Affective Computing: Is the Use of Emotion Recognition Technology Consistent With Social Justice?*, Master’s Thesis, Laval University.

RELEVANT PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer Jan. 2023 – August 2023
Leiden University Leiden, The Netherlands

- Philosophy of Technology, BA3, 5013KC53
- Design of new syllabus, course material, evaluations, grading, etc.

Invited Guest Lecturer March 2021
Laval University Québec, Canada

- Philosophical and Ethical Issues of AI, PHI-4142
- One-time Lecture in Prof Jocelyn Maclure’s course.

Ethics Advisor - Student Trainee 2019 – 2021
Ethics in Science & Technology Commission (Quebec Government) Québec, Canada

- The Commission’s mandate is to advise the Government on ethical questions related to Science & Technologies.
- Participation in the writing of several documents, including official briefs and reports on topics such as AI & the Workplace, Covid-Tracking apps, and AI & Ethical Deliberation.

Team Member of the Innovative Ideas Incubator (OBVIA) 2019-2021
Think Tank: International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI & Digital Technologies Québec, Canada

- Involvement in this hub led to the creation and development of an AI supportive system for the Service of Information and the Referral Service on socio-community services in Quebec (211).
- This project was scheduled to be presented at a workshop at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in October 2020 (cancelled due to pandemic travel restrictions).

Teaching Assistant 2019-2021
Laval University Québec, Canada

- Assistance in diverse tasks related to the course *Philosophical and Ethical Issues of AI, (PHI-4142)*. Course of Prof Jocelyn Maclure. (3x between 2019 and 2021)

Research Assistant 2019 – 2021
Laval University Québec, Canada

- Worked as an RA in the field of Philosophy of Technology/ Ethics of AI
- Design of new courses on Ethics of AI, literature reviews, and reviews of academic work
- Supervision by Prof. Jocelyn Maclure

Student Refugee Program (SRP)

Laval University

2019 – 2021

Québec, Canada

- Mission: Ensuring financial, educational and social autonomy
- Position: Vice-President

Graduate Council

Leiden University

2024 –

Leiden, The Netherlands

- Mission: Ensuring financial, educational and social autonomy
- Position: Vice-President

TALKS & WORKSHOPS (SELECTION)

- [1] **AI & Policy 2023.** International workshop on Epistemic Rights in AI Policy. With a focus on explainable AI, LLMs and generative AI, and fairness and accountability, this workshop aimed to explore innovative approaches to address contemporary challenges in AI policy. Eindhoven, Fall 2023.
- [2] **SPT 2023.** Joint Conference from Society for Philosophy and Technology & Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies, “Technology & Mobility”, Talk: “Emotion Recognition Technology: An Analysis of the Risks at Stake”, Tokyo, Summer 2023. Supported by Van Haersolte Grant.
- [3] **OZSW 2023.** 10th Annual OZSW Conference. Dutch National Conference, Talk: “Revisiting our conception(s) of privacy”, Leiden, Summer 2023.
- [4] **ESDIT 2022** International Conference Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies, Talk: “Re-Shaping Human Relationships: An analysis of the consequences of the disruption of emotion recognition technology”, Leiden, Fall 2022. Supported by Van Haersolte Funding.
- [5] **AIES 2022.** Fifth AAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society. Talk: “Emotion Recognition Technology: Re-Shaping Human Relationships”, Oxford, Summer 2022. Supported by AAI/ACM funding.
- [6] **IID 2021** Guest Speaker at the Institute of Intelligence and Data. Talk: “Ethical quandaries in Emotion Recognition Systems”, Québec, Winter 2021.
- [7] **Rendez-vous en IA 2021.** Guest Speaker at “Rendez-vous en IA”. Talk: “Algorithmic discrimination”, Montreal, Fall 2021.
- [8] **Let’s talk Ethics 2021.** Guest Speaker at the Institute of Intelligence and Data. Talk: “Ethical quandaries in Emotion Recognition Systems”, Québec, Winter 2021.
- [9] **Rationality of Emotions 2020.** Speaker at Symposium on Rationality of Emotions. Talk: “Do Reasons Heal? An essay on Grief”, with Keven Bisson, Québec, Fall 2020.
- [10] **VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosophy 2020.** Speaker at the VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosophy. Talk: “Ethical Issues Raised by Opacity in Emotion Recognition Systems”, Québec, Fall 2020.

Surveillance, *5th AI Ethics Conference*, Montreal, W-2024

- with Martin Gibert (UdeM) & Hazar Haidar (UQAR)

10th Annual OZSW Conference, *Dutch National Conference in philosophy*, Leiden, S-2023

- Lead of the track Philosophy of Technology

Affective Computing, *4th AI Ethics Conference*, Montreal, W-2023

- with Martin Gibert (UdeM) & Hazar Haidar (UQAR)

Ethics & Simulation, *3rd AI Ethics Conference*, Montreal, W-2022

- with Martin Gibert (UdeM) & Hazar Haidar (UQAR)

Algorithmic Quandaries, *2nd AI Ethics Conference*, Montreal, W-2021

- with Martin Gibert (UdeM) & Hazar Haidar (UQAR)

As of March 31st, 2024