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Academic Employment

- Nov 2021 - Present **Assistant Professor of Practical Philosophy (Tenured August 2022)**
Utrecht University
- Jan 2015 - Oct 2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin)**
 Attached to the chair for practical philosophy, particularly ethics of science.
Leibniz University Hannover

Education

- 2010 – 2015 **PhD in Philosophy, Australian National University**
 Dissertation Title: “Constructing a Coherent Philosophical Basis for Research Ethics” (Awarded 2017)
 Panel: Jeremy Shearmur, James Stacey Taylor, Nicholas Southwood
 Field of Research: Applied Ethics, Autonomy
- 2006 – 2009 **Bachelor of Arts (with First Class Honours in Philosophy)**
Australian National University
 Subthesis Title: “Respect for Persons and Beneficence in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research”

Publications

- 2025 “Expertise, Values, Scientific Advice – and the Vaccination of Children”,
Diametros, 22(82): 37-52.
- 2024 “Justification in a Public Health Crisis: Not Just a Matter of Individual Harm,
Monash Bioethics Review, 1-13.
- 2022 “When is Lockdown Justified?” (with Philippe van Basshuysen and Mathias Frisch),
Philosophy of Medicine, 3(1): 1-22.
- 2021 “Can One Both Contribute to and Benefit from Herd Immunity?”
Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics, 14(2): 157-164.
- 2021 “The Epistemic Duties of Philosophers: An Addendum”
 (with Philippe van Basshuysen), *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, 31(4): 447-451.
- 2021 “Were Lockdowns Justified? A Return to the Facts and Evidence”
 (with Philippe van Basshuysen), *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, 31(4): 405-428.
- 2021 “Three Ways in Which Pandemic Models May Perform a Pandemic”
 (with Philippe van Basshuysen, Donal Khosrowi and Mathias Frisch),
Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics, 14(1): 110-127.

- 2021 “Without a Trace: Why Did Corona Apps Fail?”
(with Philippe van Basshuysen), *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 47(12): 1-4.
- 2021 “Mit Kontaktdaten gegen die Pandemie: Zur Ethik von Corona-Warn-Apps”
(with Philippe van Basshuysen), *Ethik in der Medizin*, 33(3): 387-400.
- 2021 “Privacy versus Public Health? A Reassessment of Centralised and Decentralised Digital Contact Tracing” (with Philippe van Basshuysen),
Science and Engineering Ethics, 27(2): 1-13.
- 2020 “How to Overcome Lockdown: Selective Isolation vs. Contact Tracing”
(with Philippe van Basshuysen) *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 46(11): 724-725.
- 2020 “Personal Identity and Self-Regarding Choice in Medical Ethics”
in M. Kühler and V. Mitrović (eds.), *Theories of the Self and Autonomy in Medical Ethics* (pp.31-47) Switzerland: Springer.
- 2020 “Ethical Arguments Concerning Human-Animal Chimera Research: A Systematic Review” (with Koko Kwisa and Dietmar Hübner)
BMC Medical Ethics, 21(24): 1-14.
- 2020 “Ethische Aspekte von Crash Algorithmen für autonome Fahrzeuge: Rechte, Ansprüche und die Konstitutivität von Verkehrsregeln”
(with Dietmar Hübner and Markus Ahlers), in B. Oppermann and J. Stender Vorwachs (eds.), *Autonomes Fahren (2nd ed.)* (pp.61-74) München: C.H. Beck.
- 2019 “A Neglected Ethical Issue in Citizen Science and DIY Biology”
The American Journal of Bioethics, 19(8): 46-48.
- 2019 “How Do We Conduct Fruitful Ethical Analysis of Speculative Neurotechnologies?” *AJOB Neuroscience*, 10(1): 1-4.
- 2018 “Crash Algorithms for Autonomous Cars: How the Trolley Problem Can Move Us Beyond Harm Minimisation” (with Dietmar Hübner)
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, 21(3): 685-698.
- 2018 “The Need for Authenticity-Based Autonomy in Medical Ethics”
HEC Forum, 30(3): 191-209.
- 2017 “Personal Identity and Patient-Centered Medical Decision Making”
AJOB Neuroscience, 8(3): 194-195.
- 2017 “How Autonomy Can Legitimate Beneficial Coercion”
in J. Gather, T. Henking, A. Nossek and J. Vollmann (eds.), *Beneficial Coercion in Psychiatry? Foundations and Challenges* (pp.85-99) Münster: Mentis.

- 2016 “Neurosurgery for Psychopaths? An Ethical Analysis”
(with Dietmar Hübner), *AJOB Neuroscience*, 7(3): 140-9.
- 2015 “Does Remuneration for Plasma Compromise Autonomy?”
HEC Forum, 27(4): 387-400.
- 2013 “Understanding the Relationship Between Autonomy and Informed
Consent: A Response to Taylor”, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 47(4): 483-491.
- 2010 “Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide and the Professional Obligations of
Physicians”, *Emergent Australasian Philosophers*, 3.

Other Writing (for Public Audience)

- 17/03/22 “Whether lockdowns were successful remains a mystery”
(with Philippe van Basshuysen), *LAI News*
- 04/08/21 “How models change the world – and what we should do about it”
LSE COVID-19 Blog
- 21/04/21 “The NHS contact tracing app fell foul of privacy concerns. But did they have
the right idea?” *LSE COVID-19 Blog*
- 26/01/21 “Bad data and flawed models? Fact-checking Winsberg et al.’s case against
lockdowns” (with Philippe van Basshuysen), *LSE Philosophy Blog*
- 30/07/20 “We need to talk about corona apps”, *Journal of Medical Ethics Blog*

Grants and Fellowships

- 2024–2025 Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS) Individual Fellowship
“Crisis and Catastrophe: Science-Based Policy Justification under Urgency and
Uncertainty” ca. **13,500 Euro**
- 2024–2025 UU Humanities Faculty Impact Project “RIVM Ethics Hub” **70,000 Euro**
with Marcel Verweij (personal portion of budget: **30,000 Euro**)
- 2020–2022 Volkswagen Foundation - “Digital Contact Tracing, Privacy, and
Discrimination: On the Ethics of Fighting Corona” (18 month project)
Collaboration with Mathias Frisch (PI) and Philippe van Basshuysen
120,000 Euro (personal portion of budget: **59,500 Euro**)
- 2020 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation)
“International Academic Conference Grant” for the conference
“Science in Society” **24,400 Euro**

Academic Honours, Prizes and Awards

- 2022 Selected for the 2022 “100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics” list compiled by
womeninaethics.org

- 2017 DGPPN-Preis für Philosophie und Ethik in Psychiatrie und Psychotherapie 2017 [German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics: Prize for Philosophy and Ethics in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy 2017] for “Neurosurgery for Psychopaths? An Ethical Analysis” **7,500 EUR**
- 2010–2013 Australian Postgraduate Award (3.5 year PhD scholarship), **78,750 AUD**
- 2012 Pinnacle (Teaching Training) Scholarship **1,500 AUD**
- 2010 Chancellor’s Commendation (Outstanding Academic Performance)
- 2008 Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics - Australia/Europe Student Exchange Scholarship: “Ethics, Human Rights and Institutions” **10,000 AUD**
- 2006 Chancellor’s Commendation (Outstanding Academic Performance)

Presentations

- 04/03/24 “Policymaking in a Catastrophe: A Precautionary Approach?” EGENIS
Invited Talk Seminar Series, *University of Exeter*
- 24/10/23 “Policy-Making Under Uncertainty in Public Health and Beyond”
Invited Talk Workshop: Freedom and Fairness in Public Health Policy, *University of Oxford*
- 03/05/23 “Public Health Policy Justification: Not Just a Matter of Individual Harm”
OZSW (Dutch Research School of Philosophy) Annual Conference 2023,
Leiden University
- 12/05/23 “Policy-Making Under Uncertainty”
Invited Talk Workshop: Expertise in Crises: COVID-19 and Beyond,
London School of Economics and Political Science
- 27/03/23 “Decision-Making Under Uncertainty: Precautionary Reasoning and
Invited Talk Asymmetry of Control” Workshop: Ethics and Epistemology of Expertise:
Covid-19, Climate and beyond, *University of Cambridge*
- 12/01/23 “Precautionary Reasoning and Pandemic Restrictions”
Invited Talk Colloquium - Philosophy and History of Science, *Ruhr-Universität Bochum*
- 05/12/22 “Decision-Making Under Uncertainty: Precautionary Reasoning, Pandemic
Invited Talk Restrictions and Asymmetry of Control”
EIPE Research Colloquium, *Erasmus University Rotterdam*
- 14/09/22 “Decision-Making Under Uncertainty: Precautionary Reasoning, Pandemic
Invited Talk Restrictions and Asymmetry of Control”
Philosophy and Public Affairs Colloquium, *Universiteit van Amsterdam*

- 07/09/22
Invited Talk “Free Riding and Vaccination”
PPE Extracurricular Talk Series, *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*
- 26/07/22
Invited Talk “Assessing the Evidence for Lockdowns: Causation, Complexity and Policy Intervention”, Summer School on “Science and Values: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives”, *Utrecht University & Ruhr-Universität Bochum*
- 08/07/22
Invited Talk “Algorithmic Outsourcing and the Value of Choice”
Leibniz Workshop on Digital Ethics, *Leibniz Universität Hannover*
- 24/06/22
Invited Talk “On the Justification of Lockdowns”
Public Justification in Science and Medicine Workshop, *Ruhr-Universität Bochum*
- 11/05/22
Invited Talk “Free Riding and Vaccination Strategy”
OZSW Political Philosophy Workshop, *Leiden University*
- 15/03/22
Invited Talk “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Minorities” (Panel Discussion),
Minorities and Philosophy Group, *University of Bristol & University of Leeds*
- 03/12/21
“Autonomy and ‘Pathological Desires’”, OZSW (Dutch Research School of
Philosophy) Annual Conference 2021, *Tilburg University*
- 17/09/21
Invited Talk “Beyond Privacy: The Case for Centralized Digital Contact Tracing”
Workshop: „Sie hatten einen Risikokontakt!“ (Ethical and Social Dimensions
of Digital Contact Tracing), *Ruhr-Universität Bochum*
- 06/07/21
“Nudging, Paternalism and Health Apps”, Joint Conference of Computer
Ethics Philosophical Enquiry and the International Association for
Computing and Philosophy (CEPE/IACAP), *Universität Hamburg*
- 11/05/21
“When is Lockdown Justified?”
(with Mathias Frisch and Philippe van Basshuysen) Philosophical Perspectives
on COVID-19 Conference, *University of Johannesburg*
- 04/05/21
Invited Talk “Personal Identity and Self-Regarding Choice”
Philosophy Research Forum, *Universität Bayreuth*
- 16/04/21
Invited Talk “Response: Personal Identity and Self-Regarding Choice in Medical Ethics”
Book Symposium on Theories of the Self and Autonomy in Medical Ethics,
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology & Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade
- 01/02/21
Invited Talk “Policy-Making in a Pandemic: Justifying Lockdown”
(with Philippe van Basshuysen) BIAP Lecture Series: The Science and Politics
of Lockdowns, *Barcelona Institute of Analytic Philosophy*

- 24/09/20
Invited Talk “Contact-Tracing Apps, Paternalism, and Avoiding a Second Lockdown”
Online-Jahrestagung der Akademie für Ethik in der Medizin (AEM) 2020
(Online Conference: *German Academy of Ethics in Medicine*)
- 13/01/20 “Which Decisions Should We Respect?” Research Colloquium, Centre for
Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences (CELLS) *Leibniz Universität Hannover*
- 02/10/19
Invited Talk “The Complicated Relationship Between Autonomy and Beneficence”
Workshop: “For One's Own Good? The Concept and Ethics of Paternalism”,
Institute for European Studies, Belgrade
- 26/09/19 “The Complicated Relationship Between Autonomy and Beneficence”
VII. Tagung für Praktische Philosophie (Conference for Practical Philosophy),
Universität Salzburg
- 04/09/19
Keynote Lecture “The Ethics of Chimeras: An Overview”
XLVI ESAO (European Society for Artificial Organs) Congress,
Leibniz Universität Hannover
- 22/02/19
Invited Talk “Neurosurgery for Psychopaths – an Ethical Analysis”
Conference: “Psychiatric Neurosurgery – Ethical, Legal, and Societal Issues”,
Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- 27/09/18 “The Value of Choice in Medical Ethics”
VI. Tagung für Praktische Philosophie (Conference for Practical Philosophy),
Universität Salzburg
- 19/09/18 “Against a ‘Capturing Analysis’ of Autonomy”
GAP.10 (10th congress for the German Society of Analytic Philosophy)
Universität zu Köln
- 17/07/18 “A Theory for Practical Autonomy”
Colloquium “Philosophie und Wissenschaftsreflexion”, Institute of
Philosophy, *Leibniz Universität Hannover*
- 17/11/17 “Crash Algorithms for Autonomous Cars: Control and Responsibility”
V. Tagung für Praktische Philosophie (Conference for Practical Philosophy),
Universität Salzburg
- 26/09/17 “Two Concepts of Autonomy”
XXIV. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie (24th Congress
of the German Society for Philosophy), *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*
- 16/06/17 “Crash Algorithms for Autonomous Cars: Beyond Harm Minimization”
L3S Research Colloquium (Web Science), *Leibniz Universität Hannover*

- 30/05/17 “Crash Algorithms for Autonomous Cars: Beyond Harm Minimization”
Colloquium “Philosophie und Wissenschaftsreflexion”,
Institute of Philosophy, *Leibniz Universität Hannover*
- 16/02/16 “How Autonomy Can Legitimate Beneficial Coercion”
Conference: “Beneficial Coercion in Medicine? Foundations, Areas of
Conflict, Prevention”, *Ruhr-Universität Bochum*
- 01/02/16 “The Case for Beneficence”
Research Colloquium, Institute of Philosophy, *Leibniz Universität Hannover*
- 13/05/15 “Neurosurgery for Psychopaths”
Research Colloquium, Institute of Philosophy, *Leibniz Universität Hannover*
- 29/09/14 “Autonomy and Respect for Persons in Research Ethics”
Philsoc, RSSH, *Australian National University*

Teaching

(course coordinator and designer unless otherwise specified)

External Teaching

- 2023-present • Ethics of Quality Control in the Biopharmaceutical Sciences,
3-week course in the M.Sc. Biopharmaceutical Sciences, *University of Leiden*
- 2023 • Apps, Algorithms and Autonomy (*seminar*)
Nederlandse Filosofie Olympiade (event for advanced high-school students)
- 2022–present • Risk, Uncertainty and the Precautionary Principle (*seminar*)
OZSW PhD Course: “Philosophy of Risk”, *University of Eindhoven*

Utrecht University (2021-present)

- PhD • Academic Publication, Authorship and Peer Review
• Research Integrity for PhD Students in the Humanities
- M.A. • Core Seminar Research Master: Human Nature (*co-taught*)
• Economic Ethics
• Methods and Tools in Practical Philosophy (*co-taught*)
• Topics in Ethical Theory: Personal Identity and its Practical Implications
• Topics in Ethics of Technology
• Value Clashes in the Ethics of Technology
- B.A. • Bioethics
• Ethics, Globalization and Sustainability (*tutor*)

Leibniz University Hannover (2015-2021)

- M.A. • Hare’s Moral Thinking
• Introduction to Philosophy of Science
• Markets and Morals
• Markets: Perspectives from Philosophy, Politics & Economics (*co-taught*)
• Parfit: Reasons and Persons

- Personal Identity
- Project Seminar: Philosophy of Science (*co-taught*)
- Projektseminar: Wissenschaftsphilosophie [*German*] (*co-taught*)
- Research Ethics

- B.A.
- An Introduction to Philosophy in English
 - Applied Ethics
 - Descartes: The Father of Modern Philosophy
 - Professional Ethics
 - Selling Your Body, Selling Yourself? (Commodification and the Self)
 - The Goals and Scope of Medicine

Australian National University (2011-2013)

- B.A.
- Advanced Analytic Philosophy (*tutor, guest lecturer*)
 - Applied Ethics (*tutor, some contribution to lectures*)
 - Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy (*tutor*)
 - Philosophy, Society, Humanity (*tutor*)

Programme Coordination

- 2021–present Coordinator of Minor “Ethics in Modern Society” (B.A.) (*Utrecht University*)
- 2022–present Coordinator of the Research Integrity Training Programme for PhD students in the Humanities (*Utrecht University*)

PhD Thesis Supervision

Completed

- 21/03/25 • “The Ethics of Humanoid Robots”
- 07/01/25 • “Ethical and Epistemic Dimensions of Algorithm-Supported Decision-Making: Bias, Discrimination and Responsibility”

Ongoing

- Nov 2023– • “Ethics, Pandemics and Vulnerability”
- Sep 2025– • “Values in Scientific Advice on Infectious Disease Control”

Other Thesis Supervision

- M.A. 2024 • “Ectogenesis and the Moral Permissibility of Abortion: Property Rights and Bodily Integrity”
- 2023 • “On attaining Dworkinian Equality of Opportunity in Medschool Selection”
- “COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in the Netherlands: A Symptom of a Lack of Trust”
- “In Defence of a Professional Model of Surrogacy”
- 2022 • “Possible Ethical and Social Implications of the Artificial Uterus for the Right to Abortion”
- “Surrogacy in the Netherlands: Can a Surrogate Remain Autonomous in a Regulated Surrogacy Market?”
- “The Therapeutic Value of Child Sex Robots: An Empirically Supported Consequentialist Assessment”

- 2021 • “On the Ethics of the Commodification of Human Kidneys”
- B.A. 2020 • „Eine kritische Betrachtung der Gedankenexperimente in Thomsons ‚Eine Verteidigung der Abtreibung‘“
- 2019 • “Solving the Non-Identity Problem – How Antinatalism Offers a Viable Solution”
- 2018 • „Zwischen Autonomie und Fürsorge. Eine Untersuchung der Sterbehilfe unter Berücksichtigung der ethischen Ziele der Medizin“
- „Zur Frage der Zulässigkeit aktiver Sterbehilfe – ein Auseinandersetzung mit dem Für und Wider aus der Perspektive der angewandten Ethik“

External Thesis Examination

- PhD 2023 • “AI, Agency, and Responsibility: From New Technologies to Old Problems and Back Again” (*Bielefeld University*)
- M.A. 2023 • “Can Empathy Enhance Morality and Democracy? An Analysis of Anti-Mask Movements during the Covid-19 Pandemic in the U.S.” (*Macquarie University*)

Teacher Training and Qualifications

- 2024 Completed the PhD Supervision Training Course (*Utrecht University*)
- 2024 Awarded Dutch Teaching Qualification (BKO) (*Utrecht University*)
- 2012 Completed the Graduate Teaching Program with Distinction (*ANU*)
- 2011 Completed the Pinnacle Teaching Training Program with Distinction (*ANU*)

Leadership Training

- 2024–25 Participant in the Westerdijk Programme (leadership programme for talented women assistant professors)

Further Public Outreach/Media Appearances

- 11/07/22 Interviewed on the *Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies Podcast*, Episode: “Lucie White on ‘Were Lockdowns Justified?’”
- 03/04/22 Public Lecture: “Should We Have Lockdowns?” at the *Utrecht Day of Philosophy*
- 08/07/21 “IT-Ethik: Wenn mir die App keine Schokolade gönnt”, H. Marsiske, *beise online* (write-up of talk on “Nudging, Paternalism and Health Apps”)
- 11/11/20 Co-moderator for the Leibniz Campus Lecture (Speaker: Dr. Eva Illouz) Topic: “When the home becomes a battlefield of the pandemic” (Leibniz Universität Hannover)

Involvement in Third-Party Funded/Interdisciplinary Projects

- 2021–present Research Fellow at the Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies (ESDiT) Consortium (*Utrecht University – involves 6 other academic institutions*)

- 2015–2021 Associate member of the “Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences” (CELLS) (*Leibniz Universität Hannover*)
- 2016–2020 Member of the “Mobiler Mensch” research initiative. Project: crash algorithms for autonomous cars (*Leibniz Universität Hannover/TU Braunschweig*)
- 2015–2018 Member of the “Regenerative Biology and Reconstructive Therapies” (REBIRTH) cluster of excellence. Unit: Ethical and Legal Dimensions (*Leibniz Universität Hannover/Medizinische Hochschule Hannover*)

Conferences Organized

- 2024 “4TU.Ethics/ESDiT Conference” (vice conference director) (*University of Twente*)
- 2022 “COVID-19 and Public Policy Workshop” (*Utrecht University*)

Academic and Departmental Service

- Reviewer for:*
- American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience (AJOB Neuroscience)
 - Bioethics
 - Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
 - Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics
 - European Journal of Analytic Philosophy
 - Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal
 - Journal of Medical Ethics
 - Journal of Medicine & Philosophy
 - Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology
 - Science and Engineering Ethics
 - Theoria
- (articles)*
- Routledge
- (books)*

- 2025 Member of search committee for PhD project “Values in Scientific Advice on Infectious Disease Control” (*RIVM*)
- 2023–present Coordinator of the Ethics Institute Research Theme “Health, Science and Society” (*Utrecht University*)
- 2023 Head of search committee for PhD project “Ethics, Pandemics and Uncertainty” (*Utrecht University*)
- 2022–present Independent ethics advisor for Horizon Project “PREFERABLE-II” (research on deploying e-health instruments to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery of cancer patients in a cross-border context) (*UMC Utrecht*)
- 2022 Track chair (track: democracy and technology) and reviewer for the “Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies” conference (*Leiden University*)

- 2021–2022 Member of search committee to appoint four assistant professors at the Ethics Institute (ethical theory; social, political and economic philosophy; environmental philosophy; ethics of technology) (*Utrecht University*)
- 2021 Member of programme committee for the workshop: “Bias and Discrimination in Algorithmic Decision-Making” (*Leibniz Universität Hannover*)
- 2020–2021 Organiser: Work-in-progress colloquium (for PhDs and postdocs) (*Leibniz Universität Hannover*)
- 2020–2021 Member of habilitation commission (German professorship qualification)
Thesis title: “Epistemische Effekte systematischer Einschüchterung in der Wissenschaft” [Epistemic effects of systematic intimidation in science] (*Leibniz Universität Hannover*)
- 2020 Member of the search committee to appoint a professor in “Responsible Research and Innovation” at the Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences (CELLS) (*Leibniz Universität Hannover*)
- 2020 Judge for the ICC Moot Court Team (*University of Bonn*)
- 2015–2021 Assistant to the chair for practical philosophy (*Leibniz Universität Hannover*)
- 2012–2013 Tutor for the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre (*Australian National University*)
- 2012 Organiser: Women in Philosophy/Work in Progress Seminar Group (*Australian National University*)

Languages

English	<i>native language</i>
German	<i>fluent</i>
Dutch	<i>learning</i>