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AOS: normative ethics, welfare ethics, population ethics, consequentialist and deontological ethics

AOC: practical philosophy, political philosophy, applied ethics, well-being, decision theory

EDUCATION

- 05/2018 – 09/2024 **Doctoral Study in Philosophy at Saarland University**
Department of Philosophy, supervised by Prof. Christoph Fehige, “The Dual Force of Welfare. Unravelling Personal and Impersonal Views in Ethics”
- 09/2021 – 12/2021 **Research Visit in Philosophy at Rutgers University**
Department of Philosophy, sponsored by Prof. Larry Temkin, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service
- 04/2021 – 12/2022 **Higher Education Teaching Program at Saarland University**
Completed with a Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education
- 10/2013 – 03/2018 **Master of Arts in Philosophy at Humboldt University Berlin**
Master’s thesis: Reasons of Beneficence and the Non-Identity Problem, supervised by Prof. Kirsten Meyer
- 10/2008 – 11/2012 **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Political Sciences and Sociology at Technical University Dresden**

SCIENTIFIC EMPLOYMENT

- 10/2024 – present **Postdoc Research and Teaching Fellow (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)**
Philosophy and Political Sciences Department, TU Dortmund University
- 09/2020 – 09/2024 **Research and Teaching Associate (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)**
Professorship for Practical Philosophy (Prof. Christoph Fehige and Prof. Ulla Wessels), Saarland University
- 10/2019 – 08/2020 **Research and Teaching Associate (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)**
Chair for Practical Philosophy and Didactics (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin

- 04/2018 – 10/2019 **Research and Teaching Associate (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)**
Department of Philosophy, Saarland University
- 01/2016 – 03/2018 **Student Research and Teaching Assistant (Studentische Hilfskraft)**
Chair for Practical Philosophy and Didactics (Prof. Dr. Kirsten Meyer),
Humboldt University Berlin

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Monographs

- forthcoming **The Dual Force of Welfare: Unravelling Personal and Impersonal Views in Ethics**
Routledge.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- forthcoming **Priority for Comparative, Not Absolute Benefits**
Moral Philosophy and Politics
- 2026 **The Dual Reason-Giving Force of Welfare: An Exploration**
Utilitas, First View, 1–21. doi:[10.1017/S0953820825100228](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0953820825100228)
- 2023 **The Interpersonal Comparative View of Welfare: Its Merits and Flaws**
The Journal of Ethics 27 (3): 369–391. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10892-023-09436-7>
- 2023 **How to Assess Claims in Multiple-Option Choice Sets** (together with Jake Khawaja)
Philosophy & Public Affairs 51 (1): 60–92. <https://doi.org/10.1111/papa.12227>
- 2019 **Comparative personal views and the non-identity problem**
Intergenerational Justice Review 5 (2): 52–53. <https://doi.org/10.24357/igjr.5.2.770>

Book Chapters

- 2025 **Utilitarismus und Populationsethik (Utilitarianism and Population Ethics)**
In Bernward Gesang, Vuko Andrić (eds.), *Handbuch Utilitarismus*, Metzler.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-71326-6_23
- 2025 **Summen- und Durchschnittsutilitarismus (Total Sum and Average Utilitarianism)**
In Bernward Gesang, Vuko Andrić (eds.), *Handbuch Utilitarismus*, Metzler.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-71326-6_5

- 2021 **On Parfit's Wide Dual Person-Affecting Principle**
 In Michael Schefczyk and Christoph Schmidt-Petri (eds.), *Utility, Progress, and Technology: Proceedings of the 15th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies*, Karlsruhe: KIT Scientific Publishing, 69–78.
<https://www.ksp.kit.edu/site/books/e/10.5445/KSP/1000134479/>

Other Publications

- 2016 **Wie lässt sich solidarische Ökonomie weltweit verwirklichen? Ein Portrait von FairBindung (How to realize solidarity economy worldwide? A portrait of FairBindung)**
 In Bastian Ronge (ed.), *Solidarische Ökonomie als Lebensform. Berliner Akteure des alternativen Wirtschaftens im Porträt*, Bielefeld: transcript, 71–95.
- 2011 **Personalisierte Unmündigkeit. Zur Rationalität der Nutrigenomik und ihren Funktionen (Personalized immaturity. The rationality of nutrigenomics and its functions)**
Gen-ethischer Informationsdienst, Spezial Nr. 11, 24–32.

PRESENTATIONS

Global Reasons to Satisfy Locally Relevant Claims [varying titles]

- 10/09/2025 12th Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP.12), University of Düsseldorf, talk, call for papers
- 04/09/2025 Partial Aggregation, MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester, talk
- 12/05/2025 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper
- 23/04/2025 Colloquium in Practical Philosophy (Prof. Annette Duffner), Bielefeld University, paper, invitation
- 23/11/2024 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper, invitation

Individualism and Its Limits (together with Léa Bourguignon & Milan Mossé)

- 03/09/2025 Partial Aggregation, MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester, talk

Prospects of Welfare Losses

- 03/07/2025 WoW 2025 – Workshop on Welfare and Ethics, Saarland University, talk

The Dual Reason-Giving Force of Welfare: An Exploration [varying titles]

- 23/09/2024 XXVI. German Congress for Philosophy, University of Münster, talk, refereed
- 09/06/2024 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper
- 25/11/2023 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper

Welfare Losses in Variable Population Choices with Multiple Options

27/06/2024 WoW 2024 – Workshop on Welfare and Ethics, Saarland University, talk

Taking Narrow Person-Affecting Considerations Seriously [varying titles]

20/06/2024 17th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (ISUS), University College London, talk, refereed
30/05/2024 Value Theory Workshop, Lund University, talk, call for papers
18/11/2022 Moral Theory & Future Generations, LMU Munich, talk, invitation
23/06/2022 Workshop on Welfare, Saarland University, talk
22/05/2022 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper

Interpersonal Welfare Trade-offs

20/11/2023 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper

Moral Aggregation

31/10/2023 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper

The Ground of the Moral Value of Welfare: Personal or Impersonal?

12/07/2023 Workshop on Welfare, Saarland University, talk
17/06/2023 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper

How to Assess Claims in Multiple-Option Choice Sets [varying titles] (with Jake Khawaja)

2–5/05/2023 32nd Annual APPE International Conference, Portland, talk, refereed
10/03/2023 Slippery Slope Normativity Summit, Lillehammer, talk, refereed
13/09/2022 11th Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP.11), Humboldt University Berlin, talk, refereed
25/04/2022 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper
26/03/2022 North Carolina Philosophical Society Joint Meeting with the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Converse University, talk, refereed

Introduction and Preliminaries to a Dissertation on Personal and Impersonal Views in Welfare Ethics

19/11/2022 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper

Distinguishing Personal and Impersonal Views in Welfare Ethics [varying titles]

29/01/2022 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper
19/09/2019 SOPhiA Conference, University of Salzburg, talk, refereed
29/04/2019 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper

Against Existence-Comparativism

14/10/2021 Chris Heathwood's graduate seminar "Welfare", University of Colorado Boulder, paper,

invitation

The Interpersonal Comparative View: Its Merits and Flaws [varying titles]

- 15/10/2021 Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, talk, invitation
10/07/2021 Workshop on Welfare, Saarland University, talk
20/06/2021 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper

The Intrapersonal Comparative Type

- 01/02/2021 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper

The Mode of Moral Value and the Insufficiency of Non-Hybrid Approaches

- 13/11/2020 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper

The Moral Mode of Prioritarianism: Absolute or Hybrid? [varying titles]

- 24/08/2020 10th European Conference of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP10), Utrecht University, talk, refereed
06/06/2020 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper
13/02/2020 Karlsruhe-Saarbrücken Colloquium (KASCO), Karlsruhe Institute for Technology, talk

How Impersonal is Interpersonal Welfare Aggregation?

- 20/01/2020 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper

20/11/2019 Research Colloquium (Prof. Christian Seidel), Karlsruhe Institute for Technology, paper, invitation
17/11/2019 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper

The Impersonal Claims of Future People

- 20/04/2020 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper
27/09/2019 VII. Conference in Practical Philosophy (Tagung für Praktische Philosophie), University of Salzburg, talk, refereed

Personal Value in Variable Population Comparison

- 18/11/2018 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper

On Parfit's Wide Dual Person-Affecting Principle

- 24/07/2018 15th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (ISUS), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, talk, refereed
22/10/2018 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper

Personal and Impersonal Betterness of Outcomes: A Hybrid View

06/05/2018 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper

Reasons of Beneficence and the Non-Identity Problem. A Challenge to Johann Frick's Bearer-Dependent Solution [varying titles]

- 20/09/2018 10th Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP.10), University of Cologne, talk, refereed
- 21/01/2018 Workshop on Practical Philosophy, Saarland University, paper, invitation
- 11/12/2017 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper
- 13/11/2017 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper
- 26/10/2017 Normative Ethics and Metaethics Colloquium (Prof. Thomas Schmidt), Humboldt University Berlin, paper
- 10/07/2017 Normative and Applied Ethics Colloquium (Prof. Kirsten Meyer), Humboldt University Berlin, paper

Person-Affecting Repugnant Conclusion

- 07/09/2017 XXIV. Congress of German Society for Philosophy (DGPhil), Humboldt University Berlin, talk, refereed
- 04/01/2017 Student's Series of Talks in Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin, talk

TEACHING

TU Dortmund University

- Summer Term 2026 **Seminar *Von Geldpumpen und dynamischen Entscheidungen / Money Pumps and Dynamic Decisions***
Seminar *Grundlagen Moralphilosophie – Systematische Perspektive / Basics in Moral Philosophy – Systematic Perspective*
- Winter Term 2025/2026 **Seminar *Entscheidungstheorie / Decision Theory***
Seminar *Philosophisches Schreiben: Hunger, Reichtum und Moral / Philosophical writing: famine, affluence, and morality*
- Summer Term 2025 **Seminar *Trade-offs von Wohlergehen / Trade-offs of Well-Being***
Seminar *Grundlagen Moralphilosophie – Systematische Perspektive / Basics in Moral Philosophy – Systematic Perspective*
- Winter Term 2024/2025 **Seminar *Interpersonelle Aggregation: Sollten wir die größere Anzahl retten? / Interpersonal Aggregation: Should we save the greater number?***
Seminar *Philosophisches Schreiben: Verteilungsgerechtigkeit / Philosophical writing: distributive justice*

Saarland University

Summer Term 2024	M.A. Seminar <i>Recent Work in Practical Philosophy</i> (with Christoph Fehige) B.A. Seminar Risikoethik (<i>Ethics of risk</i>)
Winter Term 2023/2024	M.A. Seminar <i>Actions and Norms</i> (with Christoph Fehige) B.A. Seminar <i>Folter vs. Lutscher: Trade-offs zwischen Personen (torture vs. lollipops: trade-offs between people)</i>
Summer Term 2023	M.A. Seminar <i>Analytic Ethics</i> (with Christoph Fehige) B.A. Seminar <i>Populationsethik (population ethics)</i>
Winter Term 2022/2023	B.A. Seminar <i>Klimaethik (climate ethics)</i> B.A. Seminar <i>Verteilungsgerechtigkeit (distributive justice)</i>
Winter Term 2021/2022	B.A. Seminar <i>Vertragstheorien in der politischen Philosophie und Ethik (contract theories in political philosophy and ethics)</i>
Summer Term 2021	B.A. Seminar <i>Larry Temkin: Rethinking the Good</i>
Winter Term 2020/2021	B.A. Seminar <i>Tugendethik in Antike und Gegenwart (ancient and contemporary virtue ethics)</i>
Summer Term 2019	B.A. Seminar <i>Werkzeuge deontologischer Moraltheorien (tools of deontological moral theories)</i>
Winter Term 2018/2019	B.A. Seminar <i>Sollte man die größere Anzahl retten? (Should we save the larger number?)</i>
Winter Term 18/19	B.A. Seminar <i>Ethik in den Religionen (ethics in religions)</i>

Humboldt University Berlin

Summer Term 2020	Advanced Seminar <i>Theorien des Wohlergehens / Theories of Welfare</i> Proseminar <i>Klassischer Utilitarismus / Classical Utilitarianism</i>
Winter Term 2019/2020	Advanced Seminar <i>Populationsethik / Population Ethics</i> Proseminar <i>Henry Sidgwick, The Methods of Ethics</i>
Winter Term 2016/2017	B.A. Tutorial <i>Einführung in die normative Ethik (introduction to normative ethics)</i>

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

1–2/07/2025 forthcoming	WoW – Sixth International Workshop on Welfare and Ethics co-organised with Thorsten Helfer, Hasko von Kriegstein & Maximilian Klein, Saarland University
25–26/06/2026 forthcoming	2nd Dortmund Disputes on Economic Justice co-organised with Peter Königs, TU Dortmund University
3–5/09/2025	Partial Aggregation: Foundations, Concepts, and Mechanism co-organised with Léa Bourguignon & Milan Mossé MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester
2–3/07/2025	WoW – Workshop on Welfare and Ethics co-organised with Thorsten Helfer, Hasko von Kriegstein & Maximilian Klein, Saarland University
27–28/06/2024	WoW 2024 – Workshop on Welfare and Ethics co-organized with Thorsten Helfer & Maximilian Klein, Saarland University
12–13/07/2023	Workshop on Welfare 2023 co-organized with Thorsten Helfer, Saarland University
23–24/06/2022	Workshop on Welfare 2022 co-organized with Thorsten Helfer, Saarland University
09–11/07/2021	Workshop on Welfare 2021 co-organized with Thorsten Helfer, Saarland University
17–18/05/2019	Workshop on Practical Philosophy co-organized with Christoph Fehige, Thorsten Helfer, and Ulla Wessels Saarland University
12/02/2019	Karlsruhe-Saarbrücken Colloquium of Philosophy co-organized with Thorsten Helfer, Saarland University
24–27/09/2017	XXIV. Congress of German Society for Philosophy (DGPhil) support as student assistant, Humboldt University Berlin

FURTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

01/2020 – 12/2023	Executive Vice President of the <i>Gesellschaft für Utilitarismusstudien</i> <i>e.V.</i> (German Society for Utilitarian Studies)
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Memberships in professional societies

- *Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie e.V.* (German Society for Analytic Philosophy)
- *Gesellschaft für Utilitarismusstudien e.V.* (German Society for Utilitarian Studies)

Reviews for

- *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
- *Ergo*
- *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*
- *Moral Philosophy and Politics*
- *Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Philosophical Studies*
- *The Journal of Philosophy*
- *Utilitas*

Responsible for inviting the following speakers or visitors:

- Chris Heathwood
- Ralf Bader
- Dale Dorsey
- Eden Lin
- Nils Holtug
- Guy Fletcher
- Krister Bykvist
- Ben Bradley
- Joe Horton
- Gwen Bradford
- Hilary Greaves

ACADEMIC SELF-ADMINISTRATION

Since 04/2025	Manager of the master's program "Philosophie und Politikwissenschaft" (philosophy and political science) Faculty of Humanities, TU Dortmund University
11/2024 – 10/2025	Member of the doctoral committee and the study advisory board Faculty of Humanities, TU Dortmund University
01/2023 – 03/2024 10/2018 – 09/2019	Representative of mid-level faculty in the department assembly Department of Philosophy, Saarland University
10/2019 – 08/2020	Advisor for Master of Education in Philosophy Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin
05/2018 – 10/2019	Contact person for privacy and data protection

NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 07 – 08/2023 **Assistant for the art exhibition *Social Isolation and Loneliness...* by Azita Asadikenari**
Kunstverein Galerie Montez, Frankfurt/M.
- 04/2020 – 03/2021 **Assistant in the art project *Social Isolation and Loneliness of Migrants* by Azita Asadikenari**
- 2009 – 2022 **Executive Chair Person of the *z.kollektiv e.V.* (association for collective culture)**
Nonprofit organisation for cultural events such as art exhibitions, readings, theatre and concerts
Selected Activities:
- Contribution to the nonprofit and international theatre festival “at.tension” 2015, 2017, and 2019; Lärz (MV, Germany)
 - Music festivals:
 - “Festival in Grünz”, Grünz (MV, Germany); 2010, 2012 and 2014
 - “Dreipunkteins Festival”, Göritz (BB, Germany); 2011 and 2012
 - Art exhibitions:
 - “zeitgeist.Art”, AZ Conni Dresden, 10/2009
 - “Zweisam Einsam”, Galerie Fango Cottbus, 03/2010
 - Gallery “Ararat”, Dresden, 2010 and 2011
 - “Dresdener Kunsttage”, Sektor Evolution Dresden, 2011 and 2012
- 2005 – 2008 **Member of the *Bündnis gegen Fremdenfeindlichkeit und Rassismus* (Association against Xenophobia and Racism)**
Schwedt/Oder
- 2005 – 2008 **Youth project for bands and concerts**
Schwedt/Oder, funded by “5000xZukunft” of “Aktion Mensch e.V.”

SKILLS

Languages German (native), English (fluent), French (basic), Persian (basic)

6 February 2026