

LEA BOURGUIGNON

London School of Economics and Political Sciences
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AOS: Moral Theory, Political Philosophy, AI Ethics

AOC: Applied Ethics, Business Ethics, Philosophy and Public Policy, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

EMPLOYMENT

Junior Research Fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge Ongoing

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) 2021 - 2026

Dissertation title: "On Being Justifiable to Others: Act Contractualism, Numbers, and Justification"

Supervisors: Campbell Brown and Jonathan Parry

Examiners: Brad Hooker and Theron Pummer. Viva passed without corrections.

MPhil Stud. Philosophical Studies, University College London (UCL) 2019 - 2021

Dissertation title: "Act Contractualism"

Supervisor: Joe Horton

Examiners: Jussi Suikkanen and Patrick Tomlin. Viva passed without corrections.

MSc Philosophy and Public Policy, LSE 2017 - 2018

Dissertation title: "Contractualism as a Formal Theory of Morality"

Supervisor: Alex Voorhoeve

BA. Modern History and Politics, Royal Holloway University of London 2013 - 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Bourguignon, L. (2024), "On the Possibility of Act Contractualism", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 103(3), pp.756-774.

Bourguignon, L. and Mossé, M. (2025), "How to Count Sore Throats", *Analysis*, 85(2), pp.311-321.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Winner of the LSE Class Teacher Awards 2025
Nominated by the LSE Philosophy Head of Department for "Inspiring Teaching" and "Student Support".

John Watkins Memorial Prize, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, LSE 2024
Prize awarded annually for distinguished achievement in any of the areas Professor John Watkins worked.

Excellence in Education Award, LSE	2024
Contribution award intended to recognise exceptional efforts to support and enhance education and the student experience at LSE during this academic year.	
Highly Commended for the LSE Class Teacher Awards	2023 and 2024
LSE Studentship	2021 - 2025
Scholarship covering full fees and including a maintenance stipend, awarded on the basis of outstanding academic merit and research potential.	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHER RESPONSIBLE

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE):	
PH225/425 Business and Organisational Ethics	2024 - 2025

LECTURES

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE):	
PH240/440 AI and Data Ethics, 1 lecture	2024 - 2025
PH225/425 Business and Organisational Ethics, 2 lectures	2024 - 2025
PH239/439 Anarchy, Authority and Evidence: Philosophy of Law, 1 lecture	2023 - 2024

CLASS TEACHER

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE):	
PH240 The Ethics of Data and AI	2024 - 2025
PH225 Business and Organisational Ethics	2023-2024 and 2024 - 2025
PH239 Anarchy, Authority and Evidence: Topics in Philosophy of Law	2023 - 2024
LSE Summer School in AI and Data Ethics	2023, 2024 and 2025
PH222 Philosophy and Public Policy	2022 - 2023
University College London (UCL):	
PH0008 Research Skills	2021 - 2022

SELECTED TALKS

“Individualism and Its Limits”	
MANCEPT, Manchester University	Sep 2025
“Act Contractualism and Repeated Iteration Cases”	
Choice Group, LSE	Nov 2024
“Moral Theory for AI”	
Conference “The era of AI and the merging of human and machine”, Sassari University	Sep 2024
“How to Count Sore Throats”	
Choice Group, LSE	Nov 2023
“On the Possibility of Act Contractualism”	
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder	Aug 2023
Yale Early Career Ethics Workshop, Yale University	Apr 2023

Slippery Slope Normativity Summit, Lillehammer, Norway	Mar 2023
Justice and Interests International Research Network (CNRS), remote	Nov 2022
Choice Group, LSE	Nov 2022

“Restating the Ideal World Objection to Rule Consequentialism”
 Understanding Value X, University of Sheffield Jul 2021

“Is Universalization Impartially Defensible? An evaluation of Hooker’s Reflective
 Equilibrium Argument in Favour of Rule Consequentialism”
 London Graduate Workshop in Moral and Political Philosophy Apr 2021
 Oxford Work in Progress in Political Theory seminar May 2020

“Aggregate Reasonably: A Defence of Aggregate Relevant Claims”
 UCL Postgraduate Conference, UCL Jul 2021

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Choice Group, LSE Sept 2022 - Present
 Co-organiser

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) mentorship programme Sept 2022 - Present
 Founder and co-organiser

LSE Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter Sept 2021 - Jan 2024
 Founder and committee member

UCL Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter 2020 - 2021
 Committee member

OUTREACH AND NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The Ethics Cup (London Regional)
 Main organiser (at LSE) 2024 - 2025
 Co-organiser (at KCL) 2020 - 2023

The Philosophy Foundation, Level 2 Philosophy Teacher 2017 - Present
 Teaching philosophical thinking in primary and secondary schools

Dialexicon, High School Philosophy Essay Competition Nov 2020
 Adjudicator

LANGUAGES

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| • English: Fluent | • German: A2 |
| • French: Native Speaker | • British Sign Language: basic communication |
| • Spanish: B2 | |

REFEREES

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