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Education

MPhil. Philosophy **2020 - Present**
Queens' College, *University of Cambridge* **Cambridge, UK**

MSc. Political Theory **2019 - 2020**
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) **London, UK**

- **Modules:**

- Law and Political Thought - **80%** with recommendation for peer-reviewed publication.

- Kant's Political Philosophy - **76%**

- Advanced Study of Key Political Thinkers (Hobbes) - **76%**

- Marx and Marxism - **75%**

- The Liberal Idea of Freedom - **75%**

- Foundations of Political Theory - **70%**

- **Dissertation:** "Circularity in Christine Korsgaard's Constitutivist Argument." Awaiting result.

- **Expected Overall Grade: Distinction**

BSc. Politics and Philosophy (First Class Honours) **2016 - 2019**
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) **London, UK**

- **2019 Best Philosophy Dissertation:** "A Theological Response to a Theological Problem: St. Thomas Aquinas's Take on the Free Will Defence to the Problem of Evil." with recommendation for publication in peer-reviewed journal.

- **Overall Grade: First Class Honours**

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Aquinas on Evil and The Will: A response to Mackie", *New Blackfriars*, 2020.

Blogs and Other Publications

"Venturing to Venice: Presenting at my first academic conference", *LSE Department of Government Blog*, April 2020.

"The Time for our Consolation of Philosophy", *La Piccioletta Barca*, April 2020.

"The Decay of Truth", *La Piccioletta Barca*, April 2020.

"Kant's Moral Philosophy as Moral Naturalism", *Agora*, ISSN: 2632-1807, ISSUE 1, published online August 2019.

"Can the Social Contract Theory Justify Secession? A Case Study of the Catalan Demand for Independence", *The Undergraduate Political Review*, Volume 2, published online 25 June 2019.

Prizes and Distinctions

Best Philosophy Dissertation **2019**
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

- Best 2019 Undergraduate Philosophy Dissertation with a mark of 86% and recommendation for publication in peer-reviewed journal. Highest mark obtained by an undergraduate philosophy

dissertation since 2014/2015 (highest 87%) and the second highest since at least 2010/2011 (previous data not available).

Conferences

“Ideology and Creation in Marx’s Historical Materialism: A Problem of Justification”, **2020**
8th Forum of Critical Studies: Asking the Big Questions Again, Euroacademia. **Venice, Italy**

Affiliations

Researcher **2016-2019**
LSE’s Undergraduate Political Review Political Theory Research Group

- Included in the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) “2018 Undergraduate Research Highlights”

Teaching Experience

Philosophy and Theory of Knowledge IB Teacher **June - September 2018**
St. Johns School **Buenos Aires, Argentina**

- **Main IB Theory of Knowledge teacher** of 78 students in year-11 and 64 students in year-12. Helped them prepare their TOK Presentation (topics, Knowledge question formulation, arguments).
- Evaluated the presentations and uploaded the comments as the main teacher to the IB.
- **Designed the philosophy syllabus** composed by a unit on the Philosophy of Love and a second unit on Ethics (Aristotle, Kant and Mill) as the Main Philosophy teacher of 61 post-IB philosophy students.

Additional Academic Activities

Column Editor **2020 - Present**
Piccioletta Barca (Art Blog)

- Editor of ‘Paraphrasis’, a column on Translation, and writer for ‘The Thread’.

Founder and Writer **2017 - Present**
Espacio Mimesis (Art and Aesthetics Blog)

- Writing poetry and essays mainly on Borges, Spanish poetry and philosophy of literature.
- <https://www.espaciomimesis.com/>

Founder and Writer **2016 - 2017**
Polemica (Politics Blog)

- Wrote commentaries by applying political theory notions to daily political news, as well as short literary pieces on current affairs.
- <https://www.polemicalse.wordpress.com/team/>

Organisational Activities

President **2018 - 2019**
LSESU Philosophy Society

- 144-members Society
- Working closely with the Head of the Philosophy Department in the organisation of the **Popper Seminars** and other activities.
- Organising **public lectures** with LSE and non-LSE professors from different branches of Philosophy.

Student Representative

2016-2019

LSE Student-Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC)

- Developed the communicational capacity to identify and express concisely the essential problems behind students' demands in order to have effective communication with the university's academic and administrative staff.

Additional Work Experience

Consultant

Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing of Argentina

June - September 2018
Buenos Aires, Argentina

- Designed and wrote the Federal Programme for the Strengthening of Democratic Practices. This involved writing a conceptual and normative framework that justified the programme, together with a questionnaire and an index for ranking local governments.

Languages

English: Excellent

Spanish: Native Speaker

French: Very Good (B2/C1)