

**Facundo Rodríguez**  
Owlstone Croft, Cambridge, CB3 9JJ  
fr374@cam.ac.uk  
07392 149642  
[facundorodriguez.site](http://facundorodriguez.site)

## Education

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

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

- 2020 MSc Political Theory Excellent Overall Performance Award Winner (See *Prizes and Awards*)
- Overall Grade: Distinction (76.5%)
- 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 - 80% with *recommendation for peer-reviewed publication.*
- Dissertation: '*Circularity in Christine Korsgaard's Constitutivist Argument*'  
Mark: 80 with recommendation for peer-reviewed publication.

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

- 2019 Best Philosophy Dissertation (see *Prizes and Awards*)
- Overall Grade: First Class Honours
- Dissertation: 'A Theological Response to a Theological Problem: St. Thomas Aquinas's Take on the Free Will Defence to the Problem of Evil', now published as 'Aquinas on Evil and the Will: A response to Mackie' in *New Blackfriars Journal*.  
Mark: 86

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

'Aquinas on Evil and The Will: A response to Mackie', *New Blackfriars*, July 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nbfr.12579>

'Thomas Hobbes' constrained absolutism: The fundamental law of the commonwealth as a substantial constraint on the sovereign's power.' Under review by *Jurisprudence*.

## 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 Awards

**MSc Political Theory Excellent Overall Performance Award** **2020**  
*London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)*

- Awarded to the student with the best overall performance in the 2019/2020 MSc Political Theory. My overall average was of 76,5%.
- Amount Awarded: £100

**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 and Seminars

‘Circularity in Christine Korsgaard’s Constitutivist Argument’, **2020**  
*Faculty of Philosophy’s Graduate Seminar, University of Cambridge.* **Cambridge, UK**

‘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**

## Teaching Experience

**Politics Interview Preparation Day Seminar Leader** **November 2020**  
*Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge* **Cambridge, UK**

**Teaching and Transferable Skills Seminar** **September - October 2020**  
*Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cambridge* **Cambridge, UK**

- Attended the seminars on ‘small group teaching & discussion groups’; ‘supervising, assessment, and evaluation’ and ‘Teaching disabled students’.

**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.

## 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"

### **Additional Academic Activities**

**Column Editor** **2020 - Present**  
***Piccioletta Barca***

- Editor of 'Paraphrasis', a column on Translation, and writer for 'The Thread'.
- National Poetry Library's 'Top 4 Magazines' for April 2020 and part of the British Library's *UK's Web Archive*.
- Currently working on an interview podcast on the relationship between philosophy and literature.
- <https://www.picciolettabarca.com/author/facundo-rodriguez>

**Founder and Writer** **2017 - Present**  
***Espacio Mimesis***

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

**Founder and Writer** **2016 - 2017**  
***Polemica***

- 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.

**President** **2017-2018**  
***LSESU Argentina Society***

- Organised the public lecture of the Chief of Government of Buenos Aires City, Horacio Rodriguez Larreta, and Secretary of Public Ethic, Transparency and Fight against Corruption, Laura Alonso.

**Secretary** **2017-2018**  
***LSESU Latin-American Society***

- Organised and led the Literary Cafes on the poetry of Octavio Paz, Jorge Luis Borges and Cesar Vallejo, as well as 2018 Latin-American week.

**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' democratic practices.

### Consultant

*Ministry of Public Health of the Province of La Rioja*

**2017 - 2019**  
**La Rioja, Argentina**

- Assisted in the laying out and presentation of three programs aimed at improving the health of new-born children, the access to health and legal representation of isolated populations and digitalising the clinical records of patients. I organized a visit of the minister Dr. Judith Diaz Bazan to the United Kingdom in February 2018 where I set up, in conjunction with the Argentine Embassy to the United Kingdom, meetings with the Argentine Ambassador to the UK, the NHS and health policy professors from LSE.

## Languages

**English:** Excellent

**Spanish:** Native Speaker

**French:** Very Good (B2/C1)