

Curriculum Vitae

Dr Maximilian Kiener

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Academic Profile

AOS: moral and legal philosophy, the ethics of artificial intelligence.

AOC: political philosophy, philosophy of action, epistemology, Descartes, Aristotle.

Languages: German (native), English (C2), Latin (excellent reading skills), French (intermediate).

Employment

Extraordinary Junior Research Fellow (The Queen's College, Oxford) and **ERC Research Fellow** on the project *Roots of Responsibility*: <https://rootsofresponsibility.co.uk/> 2019-2021

Education

DPhil (PhD) Philosophy University of Oxford 2020

Thesis title: Voluntariness, Consent, and Justification. Supervised by Prof John Hyman and Prof Dominic Wilkinson, and examined by Prof Roger Crisp (Oxford) and Prof Erasmus Mayr (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg). I completed my doctorate in only two years (submitted in September 2019) after having successfully applied for my current position.

BPhil Philosophy University of Oxford (two-year master's degree) 2017

Supervision on Epistemology, Philosophy of Law, and Ethics. Thesis (*High Distinction*): Voluntariness and Informed Consent. Supervised by Prof John Hyman.

BA Philosophy and Public Law University of Regensburg 2015

Thesis (*First Class*): The Prospects of Constructivism in Normative Ethics and Metaethics. Supervised by Prof Elif Özmen.

Publications

- 2021. "When do Nudges Undermine Voluntary Consent?", *Philosophical Studies*.
- 2021. Review of "Unpacking Normativity" (edited by K. Himma et al. Hart Publishing), *Jurisprudence*.
- 2020. "Consent and Living Organ Donation", *The Journal of Medical Ethics*.
- 2020. "Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and the Disclosure of Risks", *AI & Society*.
- 2020. "Coercion", *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
- 2020. "Fictionalising Kelsen's Pure Theory of Law", *Archives for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* 163, 99-121. (Special issue with John Gardner).
- 2019. "Consent, Threats, and Offers", *The American Journal of Bioethics* 19 (9), 66-68.
- 2018. "Truth-telling and Respect for Autonomy", *The American Journal of Bioethics (Neuroscience)* 9 (3), 193-194.
- 2018. "Conventions and the Normativity of Law", *Archives for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* 104 (2), 220-231.
- 2017. "Duress as a Defence in a Case of Murder", *The Philosophical Journal of Conflict and Violence* 1 (2), 187-197.
- 2017. "The Compulsion to Believe Something. On the Affectivity of Clear & Distinct Perceptions in Descartes", in Boros, G., Szalai, J., Tóth, O.I. (Ed.): *The Concept of Affectivity in Early Modern Philosophy*, 42-58.
- 2017. "Moral and Non-Moral Testimony. Revisiting an Alleged Asymmetry", *Kriterion – Journal of Philosophy* 31 (1), 25-44. (Winner of the SOPHIA 2016 Best Paper Award).
- 2016. Review of E. Özmen (Ed.) "Über Menschliches. Anthropologie zwischen Natur und Utopie." *Philosophisches Jahrbuch*, Issue 2.

Recent and Forthcoming Talks (Selection)

- 07/2021 “Can ‘Taking Responsibility’ as a Normative Power close AI’s Responsibility Gap?”, at the at the (triple-blind reviewed) CEPE/IACAP Joint Conference 2021 (The Philosophy and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence) in Hamburg, Germany.
- 03/2021. “Taking Responsibility as a Normative Power”, at the Edinburgh Legal Theory Research Group, University of Edinburgh, UK.
- 02/2021. “Consent and Third-Party Coercion”, at the Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group, University of Oxford, UK.
- 12/2020. “When do Nudges Undermine Voluntary Consent?”. Online Workshop ‘Recent Work on the Ethics of Consent’, University of Oxford, Durham University, and University College London, UK.
- 08/2020. “Consent and Living Organ Donation”. The European Congress of Analytic Philosophy 10 at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands.
- 07/2020. “Consenting for a Reason”. The Munich Graduate Conference in Ethics 2020 at the LMU Munich, Germany.
- 07/2020 “COVID-19, Black Box AI, and Informed Consent” (invited). Research Seminar at FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany.
- 04/2020. “Nudging People into Consent”. The WEH/ETHOX Seminar Series at the University of Oxford, UK.
- 02/2020. “Consenting for a Reason”. The Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory 2020 at the University of Warwick, UK.
- 01/2020. “Consent and Third-Party Coercion” (invited). Research Seminar at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany.
- 05/2019. “Consent and Causation”. The 6th Stockholm Graduate Conference at the University of Stockholm, Sweden.
- 03/2019. “The Significance of the Act-Omission Distinction for the Validity of Consent”. The 2019 Workshop Ethik. Annual conference organized by senior academics from the Universities Frankfurt, Mainz, and Tübingen.
- 09/2018. “Kelsen’s Cognitivist Dilemma and Positive Legal Fictionalism”. The 2018 Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR): Kelsen’s Pure Theory of Law: Conceptions and Misconceptions, at the University of Freiburg, Germany.
- 09/2018. “Voluntariness and the Right to Withdraw Consent”. The 3rd International Congress of the Portuguese Philosophical Society in Covilha, Portugal.
- 09/2018. “Consent, Threats, and Interpersonal Justification”. The 13th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA) 2018 in Novara, Italy.

Expertise in International Politics

Scholar at the Europaeum Scholars Programme

2018-2019

During my doctorate, I was a Europaeum Scholar and attended eight four-day long workshops on international politics, current societal challenges, and soft-skills training. On its website (<https://europaeum.org>), the Europaeum Scholars Programme is described as “a world-class programme designed to produce a new generation of leaders, thinkers, and researchers who have the capacity and desire to shape the future of Europe. It runs for two years alongside Scholars’ existing doctoral studies.”

Teaching Fellow at the Europaeum Scholars Programme

2020

After completing the programme as a Scholar myself, I am now employed as Teaching Fellow for the next cohort of doctoral students. In this role, I lead group discussions on current European affairs and contemporary societal challenges such as changes in the labour market, inequality in society, privacy, and surveillance.

Scholarships & Prizes

Doctoral Scholarship of The German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) 02/2018 – 09/2019

This doctoral scholarship fully covered my living costs during my DPhil at the University of Oxford. It is awarded to 0.5 percent of students who are either German or study in Germany. As I completed my doctorate one year earlier, I did not use my third year of funding.

AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership Studentship 10/2017 – 09/2019

The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) is a public body providing financial support for UK-based research in the arts and humanities. This scholarship fully covered the tuition fees during my DPhil at the University of Oxford. It is awarded to 0.7 percent of applicants for graduate research degrees at the University of Oxford.

“Jahresstipendium” of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) 10/2016 – 07/2017

The DAAD scholarship contributed to my living costs during my BPhil at the University of Oxford. It is awarded to 0.5 percent of German students for the purpose of studying abroad.

SOPHIA 2016 Best Paper Award 09/2016

For “Moral and Non-Moral Testimony. Revisiting an Alleged Asymmetry.” Published in: *Kriterion – Journal of Philosophy*.

Study Abroad Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation 10/2015 – 07/2017

Together with the DAAD, the German National Academic Foundation fully covered the tuition fees and living costs during my BPhil at the University of Oxford.

Student Scholarship of The German National Academic Foundation 04/2014 – 07/2017

This scholarship provided financial and non-material support during my undergraduate and graduate degree. It is awarded to 0.5 percent of students who are either German or study in Germany.

Max Weber Program of the State of Bavaria 04/2014 – 07/2017

Based on the Bavarian Elite Support Act (BayEFG), the Max Weber Program supports students at universities in Bavaria, offering financial support and academic mentoring. Like the German National Academic Foundation, it admits students only if they pass tests and interviews on topics related to their subjects, interdisciplinary thinking, and extracurricular activities. It is awarded to 0.5 percent of students in or from Bavaria.

Germany Scholarship 10/2013 – 03/2014

The Germany Scholarship was set up by the German government and provides financial and non-material support to students from all over the world. It is awarded to 0.8 percent of students in Germany. I had to relinquish it in order to be admitted to the Max Weber Program and the German National Academic Foundation.

efellows.net scholarship 05/2011 – 09/2019

efellows.net is an online scholarship and career network. It was once awarded to 1.1 percent of German students.

Teaching

Qualifications

- **Associate Fellowship** at the **Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)** 2021

This fellowship confirms my teaching competence on the basis of the UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education and provides me with further opportunities to develop as a teacher: <https://www.advance-he.ac.uk/fellowship/associate-fellowship>. I earned this fellowship after providing evidence on successful teaching, where senior members at Oxford observed my classes, and submitting written work on several aspects in current educational science.

- **SEDA Teaching and Learning Certificate** 2018

The SEDA (*Staff and Educational Development Association*) Certificate confirms that I have a range of teaching abilities, including the ability to lead group discussions, give constructive feedback, and create an inclusive learning environment sensitive to the diversity among students. I earned this certificate as the result of attending a term-long course on educational science and submitting a thesis on group teaching.

- **Range of Subjects**

Senior members of the Philosophy Faculty at the University of Oxford confirmed my teaching competence in Applied Ethics, including the Ethics of AI and Philosophy of Technology, Normative Ethics, Metaethics, Epistemology, Early Modern Philosophy (especially Descartes), Aristotle, Theory of Politics, Philosophy of Law, and Action Theory.

Evaluation

Professor Adrian Moore observed my seminar teaching and commented as follows:

- “Max was very attentive to what the students had to say, and made a particular point at the beginning of the session of giving each of them an opportunity to say what she (all the students were women) thought about the main topic. Max also helped to steer the conversation to important issues without at any point interrupting the natural flow of the conversation or unhelpfully imposing his own conception of how the issues should be addressed.”

In **anonymous feedback forms**, students said:

- “Max was one of the best tutors I have had at Oxford, conscientious, interested and sharp. It was a pleasure to be taught by him.”
- “Max substantially improved my confidence and ability to write first class philosophy essays more than any other single tutor.”

Practice

- ERC Research (graduate) seminar ‘Agency and Responsibility’ at UCL, co-taught with John Hyman. 01/2021-03/2021
- Seminar ‘Introduction to Political Philosophy’ at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. 04/2021-07/2021
- Seminar ‘Introduction to Political Philosophy’ at the University of Salzburg. 04/2021-07/2021

Oxford tutorials

- 8 tutorials on contemporary work in normative ethics, 4 seminars on Mill’s ‘Utilitarianism’, and 4 revision classes on normative ethics. 2017/2018
- 8 tutorials on practical ethics and 8 tutorials on Aristotle’s ‘Nicomachean Ethics’. 2018/2019
- 16 tutorials on normative ethics and meta-ethics, and 16 tutorials on practical ethics. 2019/2020

Professional Service

Organisation of Conferences and Workshops

- **Conference “Responsibility and Control”** *forthcoming* (06/2021)
 Confirmed participants: David Shoemaker (Tulane), Antony Duff (Stirling), Susan Wolf (UC Chapel Hill), David Enoch (Jerusalem), Victor Tadros (Warwick), Mark Coeckelbergh (Vienna), Elinor Mason (UC Santa Barbara), Karen Yeung (Birmingham), Leonhard Menges (Salzburg), Kristine La Cour (UCL), Claire Field (Stirling), Maximilian Kiener (Oxford). Supported by the ERC-Project *Roots of Responsibility*.

- **Workshop “Recent Work on the Ethics of Consent”** (12/2020) & (03/2021)
 Two-part workshop, co-organised with Karamvir Chadha (Cambridge). Speakers: Mollie Gerver (Essex), Neil Manson (Lancaster), Karamvir Chadha (Cambridge), Maximilian Kiener (Oxford). Supported by the ERC-Project *Root of Responsibility* and *Durham Law School*.

- **Conference “Normative Powers in Law and Morality”** 07/2019
 Co-organised with Crescente Molina (Oxford). Speakers: Ruth Chang (Oxford), David Owens (KCL), Tom Dougherty (UNC Chapel Hill), Heidi Hurd (Illinois), Jed Lewissohn (Pittsburgh), Joseph Millum (National Institutes of Health), Massimo Renzo (KCL), Peter Schaber (Zürich), Ezequiel Monti (Torcuato di Tella University), Catherine Robb (Tilburg). Funded by the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Oxford (£ 250), the Faculty of Law at the University of Oxford (£ 1713), The Society for Applied Philosophy (£3000), and The Mind Association (£1000). Website: <https://normativepowers2019.weebly.com/>

Responsibility in Academic Journals

- **Associate Editor at The Journal of Practical Ethics** 10/2020 - date
 See www.jpe.ox.ac.uk

- **Recent Responsibilities as Reviewer** 2020-2021
The Journal of Applied Philosophy, Bioethics, Ratio, Law and Philosophy.

Administrative Roles

- **Junior Representative at The Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics** 02/2019 – 09/2019
 I represented the interests of DPhil students, early Postdocs, and academics without a permanent position at the Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford. As the Junior Representative, I attended committee meetings and forwarded relevant information (e.g. information about career planning) to those I represent.

- **Annexe Warden at St. Peter’s College, University of Oxford** 10/2016 – 09/2020
 As Annexe Warden, I was the initial point of contact for all students living in a particular annexe of St. Peter’s College. My tasks were mediating between students and college, acting as a fire safety officer in the event of fire, helping enforce College regulations, and communicating closely with other people at St. Peter’s College, e.g. the Junior Dean, the Dean, the Welfare Officer and the Accommodation Officer as appropriate.