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**Specialization**

Areas of Specialization Moral and Political Philosophy  
Personal Identity  
Philosophy of Public Policy

Areas of Competence Philosophy of Economics and the Social Sciences  
 Political Theory

**Employment History**

New Generation Thinker **BBC / AHRC***(academic broadcaster on TV and Radio)* 2017 – 2018

Research Associate **Centre for the Study of Existential Risk** CRASSH, University of Cambridge  
 2015 – 2018

Research Fellow in Philosophy **Population Ethics: Theory and Practice**  
 Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford  
 2015 - 2016

**Education**

PhD in Philosophy **London School of Economics**  
 2011 – 2016

PGCert HE **London School of Economics**  
 2012 – 2014

MSc in Philosophy and Public Policy **London School of Economics**  
*Distinction* 2009 – 2011 (Part time)

BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics **University of Oxford**

*1st Class honours* 2003 – 2007

**Awards**

2016 Cumberland Colloquium, *Cumberland Lodge* (Opportunity to run a large scale public workshop on Population Ethics at Cumberland Lodge – also raised over 10k additional funding support from external organisations)

2015 Class Teacher Award, *Department of Philosophy, London School of Economics*

2011 Research Studentship, *AHRC* (full funding for PhD research)

2009 Research Development Studentship, *AHRC* (full funding for MSc study)

2008 Small Grant, *Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust* (5k to research concepts of sustainable development in UK policy making)

2006 College Exhibitionership, *Merton College, University of Oxford* (Junior college scholarship)

**Publications**

“Perfectionism and the Repugnant Conclusion” *Under Review: Utilitas*

“What’s unfair about unequal brute luck? An intergenerational puzzle” *Under Review: Thought*

“Fairness and the Future: evaluating extreme technological risks” *In Preparation*

“Personal Identity and the Quality of Life” *In Preparation*

2011 “The Dilemma of Discounting: The impossibility of setting a context independent discount rate for human well-being” *Rerum Causae* 3 (1)

2011 “Book Review: From Higher Aims to Hired Hands” *The Journal of General Management* 36 (1)

**Invited Talks**

2016 “Personal Identity and the Quality of Life” Workshop on Personal Identity and Public Policy, University of Oxford / Centre for the Study of Existential Risk (November 2nd)

2015 “Perfectionism and the Repugnant Conclusion” Theoretical Population Ethics Conference, University of Oxford (November 21st)

2015 “The Reductionist Criteria of Personal Identity and the Repugnant Conclusion”, Workshop on personal identity and ethics, St Anne’s College, University of Oxford (November 20th)

2015 “Is the lifetime well-being of persons all that matters in population axiology?” Workshop on well-being and population ethics, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm (October 20th)

2015 “Personal Identity and Population Ethics: Beyond the Non-Identity Problem” Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm (May 18th)

**Conference Presentations**

2016 “Fat tails and Fairness” Climate Ethics and Economics conference, LSE (September 15th)

2015 “Perfectionism and the Repugnant Conclusion” and “What is bad about bad brute luck? An Intergenerational Puzzle” OZSW Conference, VU Amsterdam (December 11th and 12th)

2015 “What is bad about brute bad luck? An Intergenerational Puzzle” Pavia Graduate Political Philosophy Conference, University of Pavia (September 9th)

2015 “So, just how complex is Equality Anyway?” MANCEPT workshops, University of Manchester (September 3rd)

2015 “Perfectionism and the Repugnant Conclusion” Intercollegiate Graduate Philosophy Conference, Institute of Philosophy, London (February 27th)

2014 “What is the source of intransitivity in the mere addition paradox” The London Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop, University College London (November 7th)

2012 “Why is the Repugnant Conclusion repugnant?” Brave New World, University of Manchester (June 29th)

**Teaching**

2015 “Global Justice” (PH229), LSE (GTA) – Student Satisfaction Score 1.0/5

2013 - 14 “Reason Knowledge and Values” (PH103), LSE (GTA) – Student Satisfaction Score 1.6/5

2012 - 13 “Philosophy and Public Policy” (PH221), LSE (GTA) – Student Satisfaction Score 1.9/5

**Service to the Profession**

2016 Convenor: University of Oxford / Centre for the Study of Existential Risk workshop on “Personal Identity and Public Policy”

2016 Academic Convenor: Cumberland Lodge Colloquium on “Population and Ethics”

2015 - Referee: Journal of Moral Philosophy, Utilitas

2015 Convenor: MANCEPT workshop on “New Work in Population Ethics”

2014 - 15 Paper selector and panel chair, LSE Graduate Political Theory Conference

**Other Employment**

2014 - 15 Educational Development Advisor, Insight Education

2009 – 12 Private Tutor in Economics and Philosophy, Holland Park Tuition

2010 – 11 Research Associate, ResPublica (Think Tank)

2008 – 11 Freelance researcher and political consultant, UK House of Lords

2009 – 10 Parliament and Policy Officer, Dignity in Dying

2009 – 10 Researcher, Ekklesia (Think Tank)

2008 Research Assistant, SCOPE

2008 Intern, CentreForum (Think Tank)

2007 Intern, Social Market Foundation (Think Tank)

**Other Publications**

2016 “Evaluating extreme risks of artificial intelligence – a response to the Science and Technology Select Committee enquiry into Robotics and Artificial Intelligence”

2012 “It's not what you see it’s how you see it” Journal of Inclusive Practice in Higher Education

2010 “End of life care and decision making – a review of party policies” (Dignity in Dying)

2009 “Examining, evaluating and exploring Spiritual Capital” (Ekklesia)

2009 “A law out of step” (Dignity in Dying)

2008 “Dods New Constituency Guide” (Dods parliamentary communications) (contributor)

2005 “Guide to an Unknown University” (Oxford Muse Foundation) (Contributor)

**Service to the Community**

2015 Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Dartford (Liberal Democrat)

2011 - 14 School Governor, Dunton Green Primary School

2010 - Mentor for Insight Education (Oxbridge applicants from minority backgrounds)

2009 - 11 Member of Liberal Democrat Federal Policy Working Group on Quality of Life

2005 – 06 Community researcher, Oxford Muse Foundation

**References**

Professor Partha Dasgupta – Department of Economics, University of Cambridge pd1000@cam.ac.uk

Professor Gustaf Arrhenius – Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm gustaf.arrhenius@iffs.se

Professor Larry Temkin – Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University ltemkin@rci.rutgers.edu

Professor Michael Otsuka – Department of Philosophy, London School of Economics m.h.otsuka@lse.ac.uk