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Research Interests

- AOS Philosophy of human rights, philosophy of culture and cultural heritage, philosophy of law
- AOC Moral philosophy, political philosophy, logic

Academic Positions

- 2023 – Visiting Assistant Professor, LMU-Munich
- 2022 – 2023 Postdoctoral Fellow, LMU-Munich

Education

- 2018 – 2022 PhD in Philosophy
University of St Andrews/University of Stirling Joint Programme in Philosophy

Thesis: Conceptualizing Obligations to Preserve Cultural Heritage as Human Rights

In recent years, global institutions like the UN and UNESCO have increasingly treated obligations to preserve cultural heritage as obligations to uphold human rights. Owing to the relative novelty of this approach, little work has been done to see what exactly such rights would be and how this treatment of cultural heritage could be justified. Not only is it unclear what the foundations of human rights to cultural heritage are or what precisely such rights ought to entail, but it is equally uncertain what is meant by cultural heritage in the first place. In light of this, in this thesis my aims are the following: (i) provide a philosophically robust definition of cultural heritage and its social value that could serve as a foundation of the human rights approach to cultural heritage; (ii) building on this understanding of cultural heritage, provide a systematic conceptual analysis of obligations to preserve cultural heritage understood in the language of human rights and assess their implications for global policy making.

2014 – 2017	MA in Philosophy with high distinction, University of Connecticut
2012 – 2014	MA in Philosophy with distinction, Central European University
2008 – 2012	BA in Philosophy with high distinction, Vilnius University

Publications

Forthcoming	“Genocide, Cultural Heritage and Normative Agency” in <i>Journal of Applied Philosophy</i> .
2018	Review of Pierana Garavaso and Nicla Vassallo, <i>Frege on Thinking and Its Epistemic Significance</i> in <i>Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy</i> , 6:8.

Work in Progress

“A Human Right to Cultural Heritage”

“Are there Human Rights Obligations to Protect Harmful Cultural Heritage?”

“What is Cultural Heritage?”

Conferences, Workshops and Other Talks

2022	“Are there Human Rights Obligations to Protect Harmful Cultural Heritage?” <i>Rights Workshop</i> , 17 October, LMU-Munich
	“A Human Right to Cultural Heritage”, <i>LMU Political Philosophy Colloquium</i>
2021	“Cultural Heritage and the Symbolic Embodiment of Identity”, <i>UMass Boston Monuments Lab Workshop Series</i> , 25 February, Boston, MA, USA
	“The Harms of Heritage”, <i>APA Eastern Division</i> , 4–7 January, New York, NY, USA
2020	“The Harms of Heritage”, <i>94th Joint Session of the Mind Association and Aristotelian Society</i> (Open session), University of Kent, 10–12 July, Kent, UK (online presentation)
	“What is Cultural Heritage?”, <i>Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference</i> , University of Edinburgh, 3–5 July, Edinburgh, UK (event cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic)
2019	Comments on Susan Neiman’s talk “Justice and History”, <i>The Royal Society of Edinburgh</i> , 19 November, Edinburgh, UK

“Cultural Heritage, Genocide and Agency”, *Conference on Cultural Heritage and the Ethics of War*, University of Cambridge, 19 September, Cambridge, UK

“A Human Right to Cultural Heritage”, *Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy*, University of Minho, 13–15 June, Braga, Portugal

2018 Workshop and Summer School on International Criminal Law and Human Rights to Cultural Heritage, University of Leiden Law School, 28–31 August, Den Haag, Netherlands

Teaching

As an independent instructor

Fall 2022	<i>Human Rights and Their Critics</i> , LMU-Munich
Fall 2022	<i>Identity: Social, Cultural, Political</i> , LMU-Munich
Spring 2022	<i>Ethics of Cultural Heritage</i> , LMU-Munich
Spring 2022	<i>Philosophical Foundations of International Criminal Law</i> , LMU-Munich
Spring 2018 Fall 2017 Fall 2016	<i>Non-Western and Comparative Philosophy</i> , University of Connecticut
Summer 2017 Summer 2016	<i>Philosophy and Social Ethics: Human Rights and Social Justice</i> , University of Connecticut
Spring 2016	<i>Introduction to Bioethics</i> , University of Connecticut

As a teaching assistant or tutor

Summer 2021	<i>Issues in Moral Philosophy</i> , University of Stirling
Spring 2021 Spring 2019	<i>Reasoning</i> , University of St Andrews
Fall 2020 Fall 2019 Fall 2018	<i>Moral and Political Controversies</i> , University of St Andrews
Summer 2019	<i>Moral Philosophy</i> , University of St Andrews
Spring 2017 Fall 2014	<i>Philosophy and Social Ethics</i> , University of Connecticut
Fall 2015	<i>Problems in Philosophy</i> , University of Connecticut
Spring 2015	<i>Logic</i> , University of Connecticut

As a guest lecturer

- Spring 2021 *Reasoning*, University of St Andrews
- Spring 2018 *Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights*, University of Connecticut

Awards and Honours

- 2017 – 2018 Commendation for Excellence in Teaching, Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs, University of Connecticut
- 2015 Summer Research Award, University of Connecticut Philosophy Department
- 2012 Academic merit award for undergraduate studies, Vilnius University
- 2009 – 2012 Stipend for Academic Excellence, Vilnius University

Grants and Fellowships

- 2018 – 2021 *Philosophical Quarterly* Scholarship for doctoral studies at the University of St Andrews
- SGSAH Doctoral Training Fellowship
- 2018 Research Assistantship attached to the project “Human Rights Education and Deliberation”, University of Connecticut
- 2014 – 2018 Graduate Assistantship, University of Connecticut
- 2014 Travel Research Grant, Central European University
- 2012 – 2014 Fellowship for Philosophy MA Studies, Central European University
- 2010 – 2011 Exchange Scholarship based on academic merit, Université de Fribourg and Vilnius University
- 2008 – 2012 State Fellowship for Philosophy BA studies, Vilnius University

Professional Service

Conferences, Talks and Panels Organized

- 2019 – 2021 *3rd Annual CEPPA Graduate Conference*

- 2017 *Interdisciplinary Public Lecture*, Prof. Carol Gould, “Solidarity Between the National and the Transnational: What Do We Owe to ‘Outsiders?’”, March 23, 2017, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
- 2016 – 2017 *In-House Philosophy Workshop Series*, Sept. 1st – May 1st, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
- 2016 *University of Connecticut Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Nov. 7, Storrs, USA
- In-House Graduate Conference*, Sept. 10, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA

Other

- 2016 – 2017 Vice President and Secretary, University of Connecticut Philosophy Graduate Student Association

Languages

Lithuanian (native)

English (fluent)

German (intermediate)

Russian (intermediate)

French (elementary)

References

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