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EDUCATION

2018-2021 University of St. Andrews, PhD Candidate 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 University of Connecticut, MA with high distinction in philosophy

2012-2014 Central European University, MA in philosophy with distinction

2008-2012 Vilnius University, BA in philosophy with high distinction

PUBLICATIONS

Davidaviciute, R. “Cultural Heritage, Genocide and Normative Agency” in *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Davidaviciute, R. 2018. Review of Pierana Garavaso and Nicla Vassallo, *Frege on Thinking and Its Epistemic Significance*, JHAP, 6:8.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018-2021 *Philosophical Quarterly* Scholarship for doctoral studies at the University of St. Andrews

2018-2021 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 M.A. Studies, Central European University

2010-2011 Exchange Scholarship based on academic merit, Université de Fribourg and Vilnius University

2008-2012 State Fellowship for Philosophy B.A. studies, Vilnius University

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND OTHER TALKS

2021 “The Harms of Heritage”, *APA Eastern Division*, Jan. 4-7 New York, NY, US

- 2020** “The Harms of Heritage”, *94th Joint Session of the Mind Association and Aristotelian Society (Open session)*, University of Kent, 10-12 July, Kent, UK (online presentation)
- 2020** “What is Cultural Heritage?”, Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, *John McIntyre Conference Centre*, 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”, *The Royal Society of Edinburgh*, Nov. 19, Edinburgh, UK
- 2019** “Cultural Heritage, Genocide and Agency”, Conference on Cultural Heritage and the Ethics of War, University of Cambridge, Sept. 19, Cambridge, UK
- 2019** “A Human Right to Cultural Heritage”, Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, June 13-15, Braga, Portugal
- 2018** Workshop and Summer School on International Criminal Law and Human Rights to Cultural Heritage, University of Leiden Law School, August 28-31, Den Haag, Netherlands

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

TEACHING

As an independent instructor:

- Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018 Non-Western and Comparative Philosophy, University of Connecticut
- Summer 2016, Summer 2017 Philosophy and Social Ethics: Human Rights and Social Justice, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2016 Introduction to Bioethics, University of Connecticut

As a teaching assistant:

- Fall 2019
- Spring 2019 Reasoning, University of St. Andrews
- Fall 2018 Moral and Political Controversies, University of St. Andrews
- Fall 2015 Problems in Philosophy, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2015 Logic, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2014, Spring 2017 Philosophy and Social Ethics, University of Connecticut

ADMINISTRATION

- 2019-2021** 3rd Annual CEPPA Graduate Conference, April 16-19, 2020 (organizer)
- 2016-2017** UConn Philosophy Graduate Student Association vice president and secretary
Conferences, Talks and Panels Organized
- 2017** UConn Interdisciplinary Public Lecture, Prof. Carol Gould, “Solidarity Between the National and the Transnational: What Do We Owe to ‘Outsiders?’”, March 23, 2017, Storrs, USA
- 2016-2017** UConn In-house philosophy paper workshop series, Sept. 1st –May 1st, Storrs, USA
- 2016** UConn International Philosophy Graduate Conference, Nov. 7, Storrs, USA
- 2016** UConn In-House Graduate Conference, Sept. 10, Storrs, USA