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AOS: Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics

Core Interests: Republicanism, Human Rights, Global Justice, Migration

Further Interests: Suicidality and Mental Distress, Intergenerational Domination, Animal Ethics

AOC: Public Ethics; Democratic Theory; Theories of Resistance

Academic Employment

In Political Theory

- 06/07/2026 – Present | Research Associate in the Right to Liveability Project, Loughborough University, UK (with Dr. Guy Aitchison)
- 01/02/2023–31/01/2026 | Postdoc Fellow in the AGE-It Project, University of Eastern Piedmont, IT
- 06/10/2024 – 16/12/2024 | Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, LMU Munich
- 01/02/2024 – 31/03/2024 | Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, UCLouvain, Hoover Chair

Previous Employment in History of Political Thought

- 15/09/2017 – 15/02/2018 | Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for Advanced Studies, South East Europe
- 15/01/2016 – 15/12/2016 | Postdoctoral Researcher, Fondazione Burzio, Turin

Education

- 01/10/2018 – 31/03/2023 | PhD in Politics | Political Theory, University of Manchester (MANCEPT) Award date: 31/03/2023. Thesis title: "A Republican Approach to Human Rights". Supervisors: Profs. Miriam Ronzoni and Christian Schemmel; External: Prof. Laura Valentini. Pass with no corrections
- 01/09/2011 – 09/07/2015 | PhD in Political Studies | History of Political Thought, University of Turin. Award date: 09/07/2015.
- 07/05/2008 – 04/11/2010 | MA in History of Philosophy, University of Turin. 110/110 Cum Laude
- 21/09/2004 – 06/02/2008 | BA in Philosophy, University of Turin. 110/110 Cum Laude

Publications — In Political Theory, After 2017

Journal Articles

Published & Peer Reviewed

- (2026) Licencing Pet-keeping. *Ethics, Policy & Environment* (with Matthew Wray Perry). https://doi.org/10.1080/21550085.2026.2682996
- (2026) The Naturalisation of the Vulnerable: An International Responsibility with Demanding Implications. *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 31(3): 337-365.
- (2026) Constitutional Demoicracy. An International Republican Regime of Human Rights. *Moral Philosophy and Politics* 13(1): 97-126.
- (2025) An Index of Intergenerational Justice: Main Concepts and Preliminary Evidence from the Age-It Research Program. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 80(S2): gbaf192 (with V Galasso, A E Galeotti, A Bellia, E Biale, C Burelli, C Ruiz-Tagle Coloma, L Santi Amantini, and Gloria Zuccarelli)
- (2024) Non-domination Without Rights? An Impossibility. *Social Theory and Practice* 50(2): 335–360. DOI: 10.5840/soctheorpract2023425193

- (2020) The Environmental Crisis and Its Injustice: An (Inevitably Short) Introduction. *Rivista di Estetica* 75: 3-16 (with Carlo Burelli)

In Preparation

- Intergenerational Domination: What It Is—and What It Is Not
- Animal Agency and the Threat of Domination: Is There a Way Out? (with Matthew Wray Perry)
- Making Human Rights Unclaimable. A Republican Analysis of New Border Controls

Special Issues

- (2020) Ethics of the Environmental Crisis. *Rivista di Estetica* 75 (with Carlo Burelli)

Book

- (In Preparation) Republican Human Rights

Book Chapters

- (2019) A Political and Deliberative Virtue: The Epistemic Trust in Trustworthy Epistemic Authorities. In: Condello A and Andina T (eds.) *Post-Truth, Philosophy and Law*. London: Routledge, pp. 112-135.

Publications in Italian — Peer Reviewed

- (2026) Il diritto umano alla cittadinanza. Un resoconto repubblicano. *Politeia* XLII 162: 4-26.
- (2026) Migrazione "Sostitutiva": Rispetto e Danni. In: Biale E, Carter I, e Ottonelli V (a cura di) *L'immigrazione non è un'emergenza*. Milano: Feltrinelli, pp. 70-85 (con Gloria Zuccarelli).
- (2025) Liberalismo relazionale, dominio epistemico e tirannia della maggioranza. *Politeia* XLI(158): 201-204.
- (2025) Possono essere dominate le persone future? In: Biale E, Burelli C, e Galeotti A E (a cura di) *Un paese che invecchia. Le conseguenze del cambiamento demografico*. Carocci, pp. 97-111.
- (2022) La relazione tra libertà repubblicana e diritti. In: Petrucciani S (a cura di) *Potere, Autorità, e Libertà*. Milano: Mimesis, pp. 109-120.
- (2018) Adeguarsi al paradigma liberale: un prezzo troppo elevato? L'impasse della giustizia globale di Martha Nussbaum. *Ragion Pratica* 51: 547-580.
- (2018) Decisioni pubbliche e disaccordo: un'analisi tra idealità e contestualismo. *Biblioteca della libertà* LIII: 89-100.
- (2018) Nazioni, obblighi speciali, e loro priorità. In: Campi A, De Luca S e Tuccari F (a cura di) *Nazione e nazionalismi. Teorie, interpretazioni, sfide attuali*. Cesena: Historica Edizioni, pp. 119-138.
- (2017) Povertà mondiale, diritti umani, doveri negativi e responsabilità cosmopolite. Alcune obiezioni alla teoria sulla giustizia globale di Thomas W. Pogge. *Ragion Pratica* 49: 493-523.
- (2014) Sulla giustizia globale. *Teoria politica* 4: 363-388.

Main Talks — Peer Reviewed or Invited, After 2017

Intergenerational Domination	• 29/06/2026 2026 | Braga Meetings, University of Minho
A Republican Analysis of New Border Controls	• 02/09/2026 | MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester • 05/12/2025 | Conference of the Italian Society for Political Philosophy, University of Trento
Licencing Pet-Keeping	• 16/10/2024 | Colloquium in Social and Political Philosophy, Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich • 06/09/2024 | Panel "Animals, Equality and Democracy", MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester

Can Future Persons Be Dominated?	‣ 20/06/2024 | University of Eastern Piedmont ‣ 20/05/2024 | Conference "Ageing Well in an Ageing Society", University Cà Foscari ‣ 16/05/2024 | POLEMO Conference, CEU of Vienna ‣ 24/04/2024 | Next Generation Seminars, University of Turin – Invited ‣ 19/03/2024 | Vives Seminars, Hoover Chair, UCLouvain
Constitutional Demoicracy	‣ 14/06/2024 | CEPS Seminars, University of Minho – Invited
The Naturalisation of the Vulnerable: An International Responsibility with Demanding Implications	‣ 28/06/2024 | Panel "Migration Ethics", Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho ‣ 25/03/2024 | Workshop "Political Theory of Migration", UCLouvain ‣ 13/02/2024 | MICH Seminars, Hoover Chair, UCLouvain ‣ 13/12/2023 | "Colloqui del Maino", University of Pavia – Invited ‣ 04/09/2023 | Panel "Human Rights", ECPR General Conference, Charles University ‣ 08/07/2023 | Joint Session held by the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Birkbeck & The Institute of Philosophy, University of London
The Human Right to Legal Citizenship: A Republican Account	‣ 24/09/2021 | Conference of the Italian Society for Analytical Philosophy (SIFA), University of Messina ‣ 08/09/2021 | Panel "Republicanism", MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester
What is the Relationship between Republican Freedom and Rights?	‣ 31/08/2021 | General Conference of the ECPR, Virtual Event ‣ 11/06/2021 | Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho ‣ 04/06/2021 | Political Theory Graduate Conference, LSE ‣ 26/05/2021 | Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Global Ethics, University of Birmingham ‣ 07/05/2021 | HKU Legal and Political Theory Postgraduate Conference, University of Hong Kong ‣ 09/12/2020 | MANCEPT Seminars, University of Manchester
Toward A Republican Regime of Human Rights	‣ 09/09/2020 | Panel "Human Rights", MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester ‣ 28/05/2020 | Graduate Conference in Political Theory, University of Amsterdam
A Republican Approach to Human Rights	‣ 14/02/2020 | Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Theory, University of Geneva ‣ 22/11/2019 | Conference "Power, authority and freedom", University of Milan ‣ 10/09/2019 | Panel "Debating Rights", MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester ‣ 25/06/2019 | Conference "Justice in Times of Austerity, Rupture, and Polarisation", Association for Social and Political Philosophy (ASPP), University of Newcastle ‣ 14/06/2019 | Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho ‣ 10/06/2019 | Conference Brave New World, University of Manchester
Democratic Public Debates: Experts, Good Citizens, and Global Warming	‣ 23/06/2018 | Conference "Legitimacy", Association for Social and Political Philosophy (ASPP), LUISS University / La Sapienza, ‣ 11/06/2018 | Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho ‣ 31/05/2018 | Conference "A Post-liberal World?", University of Birmingham ‣ 08/02/2018 | CAS SEE Seminars, University of Rijeka ‣ 01/02/2018 | Conference "Responsibilities for the Environmental Crisis", University of Turin

Conferences and Workshops Organised — After 2017

- 16-17/01/2025 | Workshop "Age, Race, Gender, and Class: Understanding Intersecting Injustices", University of Eastern Piedmont (with Laura Santi Amantini and Gloria Zuccarelli)
- 26/06/2024 | Panel "Intergenerational Justice and Ageing Population" at the Braga Meetings, University of Minho (with Manel Sa Valente and Devon Cass)
- 20/06/2024 | Workshop "Relational Equality: Among Present and with Future Persons", University of Eastern Piedmont
- 11-12/09/2023 | Panel "Generations in Conflict? Ageing Population and Intergenerational Justice", MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (with Laura Santi Amantini and Gloria Zuccarelli)
- 7-9/09/2023 | General Conference of the Italian Society of Analytical Philosophy (SIFA), Alessandria, IT (with Laura Santi Amantini and Gloria Zuccarelli)
- 7-9/09/2022 | Panel "Recasting Human Rights Without a Shadow", MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (with Matthew Wray Perry)
- 7-9/09/2022 | MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (with Karolina Jedrzejczak, Matthew Wray Perry, and Molly Powell)
- 6-7 July 2022 | Graduate Conference "Brave New World", University of Manchester (with Karolina Jedrzejczak, Matthew Wray Perry, and Molly Powell)
- 8-10/09/2021 | MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (with Jeannine Bringmann, Vittorio Gerosa, and Molly Powell)
- 7-10/09/2021 | Panel "Republicanism", MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (with Jeannine Bringmann)
- 8-11/09/2020 | Panel "Human Rights", MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (with Ruxandra Ivanescu)
- 22-23/06/2020 | Graduate Conference "Brave New World", University of Manchester (with Jeannine Bringmann and Molly Powell)
- 9-11/09/2019 | Panel "Debating Rights", MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (with Giacomo Floris and Ruxandra Ivanescu)
- 1-2/02/2018 | Conference "Responsibilities for the Environmental Crisis", University of Turin (with Elena Casetta)

Teaching: TA Undergraduate Courses

- 11/09/2023 – 31/01/2024 | Introduction to Political Philosophy, University of Eastern Piedmont
- 30/01/2023 – 09/06/2023 | Introduction to Political Theory, University of Manchester
- 23/01/2023 – 02/06/2023 | Public Ethics, University of Liverpool
- 26/09/2022 – 02/06/2023 | Introduction to Political Theory, University of Liverpool
- 26/09/2022 – 29/01/2023 | Injustice and Resistance, University of Manchester
- 07/02/2022 – 12/06/2022 | Introduction to Political Theory, University of Manchester
- 23/09/2019 – 26/01/2020 | Challenges for Democratic Politics, University of Manchester
- 11/02/2019 – 23/06/2019 | Introduction to Political Theory, University of Manchester

Prizes and Scholarships

- February 2026 | Seal of Excellence for my application to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship with the project "Making Human Rights (Un)Claimable: A Republican Theory of New Border Controls". Score: 92.6
- 01/10/2018 – 31/03/2023 | PhD funded by The School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Manchester

- 01/09/2011 – 09/07/2015 | PhD funded by the University of Turin
- 06/02/2008 | Optime Prize, Best Graduate in Philosophy of the year

Reviewer for

Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy; Ethical Theory & Moral Practice; European Journal of International Relations; Global Constitutionalism; Human Rights Review; Journal of International Political Theory; Moral Philosophy and Politics; Philosophy; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; Res Publica; Social Theory & Practice.

Italian Journals: Biblioteca della Libertà; Notizie di Politeia; Philosophy & Public Issues; Rivista di Estetica; Rivista Italiana di Filosofia Politica; Storia del Pensiero Politico.

Language Skills

- Italian mother tongue
- English advanced (C2)
- French advanced (DALF – C1)
- Spanish upper-intermediate (DELE – B2 level)
- German lower-intermediate (B1)

Public Engagement

- 02/01/2023 – Present | I contribute to the philosophy blog "Justice Everywhere"
- 13/05/24 | Public Talk "Is Consent Sufficient for Ethical Sexual Intercourses?" at "Società di Dibattiti Pavese" (Pavia)
- 2021 | I was a candidate for the local municipal council in support of the mayoral ticket within the Italian party "Sinistra Ecologista" (Green Left)

References

- Dr. Guy Aitchison, Loughborough University, G.Aitchison@lboro.ac.uk
- Prof. Enrico Biale, University of Eastern Piedmont, enrico.biale@uniupo.it
- Prof. Miriam Ronzoni, University of Manchester, miriam.ronzoni@manchester.ac.uk
- Prof. Christian Schemmel, University of Manchester, christian.schemmel@manchester.ac.uk
- Prof. Laura Valentini, Ludwing-Maximilians-Universität, München, l.valentini@lmu.de