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PhD Candidate in Political Theory – University College London – School of Public Policy
Teaching Fellow in Political Theory - UCL School of Public Policy
Graduate Teaching Assistant– King’s College London, Department of Political Economy

Principal supervisor: Dr Saladin Meckled-García. Second supervisor: Dr Avia Pasternak.
Provisional title of PhD project: *The Constraints of Plurality: an Assessment of Political Liberalism’ Response to the Question of Pluralism*

EDUCATION

- September 2014 Laurea magistrale (MA) in philosophy – University of Pavia.
Graduation mark: 110/110 *cum laude*.
Dissertation title: *An Assessment of Reasonable Pluralism: Justification and Stability*.
Principal supervisor: Professor Emanuela Ceva. Second supervisor: Professor Luca Fonnesu.
- January – July 2014 Visiting student through Collegio Ghislieri exchange programme – St. Hugh’s College, University of Oxford.
- September 2012 Laurea (BA) in philosophy – University of Pavia. Graduation mark: 110/110 *cum laude*.
Dissertation title: *Liberty and Equality for Foxes or Hedgehogs? An Analysis of two Political Concepts within Value-Monism and – Pluralism*.
Principal supervisor: Professor Ian Carter. Second supervisor: Professor Luca Fonnesu.
- September 2009 - July 2014 Alumnus of Collegio Ghislieri (structure of high cultural qualification under the patronage of the Italian Republic Presidency and the supervision of the Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research) – University of Pavia.

RESEARCH

I am currently undertaking a project on political liberalism's response to the challenge posed by the existence of (reasonable) pluralism. My intent is to show that such a response, that I define as *doctrinal abstinence* (mandating that political theory ought to abstain from the endorsement of controversial values), suffers from inescapable flaws. The flaws I identify in the response lead to the phenomenon I define as 'conscientious reservation', occurring when agents who share basic ideas about justice (e.g., about how to assess the justness of institutions) still reserve an area of conscience that they prioritise over their political affiliations. I propose to substitute doctrinal abstinence with a normative response that is more sensitive to the contingencies of pluralism, and that is centred around the concept of *reasonable accommodations*.

Research key-topics: political liberalism and its relation with the question of pluralism, feasibility constraints on normative theory, questions of toleration and neutrality, reasonableness and public reason, methodology of justification in political and moral theory.

Areas of expertise: normative political theory, in particular the contemporary analytic debate; contemporary moral theory and history of ethics; normative methodologies (intuitionism, coherentism, Dworkinian interpretivism); contemporary legal theory; human rights literature; history of political economy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring terms 2015/16 and 2016/17	Teaching Fellow (first marker) and seminar leader for the Undergraduate interdepartmental course 'Theories and Concepts of Politics' (POLS012 – course convenor: Dr Avia Pasternk) organised by UCL School of Public Policy.
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Autumn terms 2015/16 and 2016/17	Teaching Assistant and seminar leader for the courses 'Theoretical Foundations of Human Rights' (PUBLG075 – course convenor: Dr S. Meckled-Garcia) and 'Normative Methods, Legal Analysis and Research Skills' (PUBLG104) in the MA course in Human Rights – UCL School of Public Policy.
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Autumn term
2016/17

Teaching Assistant and seminar leader for the Undergraduate course 'Political Economy: Approaches, Concepts and Issues' (5SSPP201 – course convenors: Dr Christel Koop and Dr John Meadowcroft) – King's College London, Department of Political Economy.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

'Avoiding Truth to Secure Consensus: a Justifiable Move?' – LSE Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 17-18 March 2016

'Reasonableness within Political Liberalism: Why It Cannot Be Used as a Politically Binding Distinction' – Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, 8 September 2015.

'The Reasonable/Unreasonable Dichotomy in the Public Sphere' – Warwick Graduate Conference in Legal and Political Theory, 21 February 2015.

FUNDINGS AND ACADEMIC AWARD

Since September 2014, and through the whole MPhil/PhD programme, recipient of Jeremy Bentham Postgraduate Research Scholarship.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Membership Charter member and first President (until October 2014) of Philosophicum Ghislieri – Collegio Ghislieri Philosophical Society, founded in October 2013. The Society, completely coordinated by University of Pavia philosophy students, has been involved in the organisation of different types of events, all aiming at promoting philosophical acquaintance in both the academic and non-academic environment. These have included conference cycles and public lectures with invited speakers, and reading seminars for students presenting their own research. The Society also helped organising the first Collegio Ghislieri Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, held in September 2014.

Language skills Italian mother tongue, fluent in English, fluent reader in French and Spanish, basic competence in German.

IT skills Good command of all the programmes of Microsoft Office package, basic competence in LaTeX writing.