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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2018 – **King’s College London**

Department of Philosophy

Teaching Fellow in Political Philosophy

2016 – **University College Dublin (UCD)**

2018   School of Politics and International Relations

Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellow (Irish Research Council)

            Project: ‘Citizenship at the Margins: The case of migrant activism’

Mentor: Dr. Graham Finlay.

2015 – **European University Institute (EUI)**

2016 Department of Political and Social Sciences

    Max Weber Fellow

            Project: ‘Civil disobedience: A republican approach’

            Mentor: Professor Richard Bellamy.

2014 - **University College London (UCL)**

2015Department of Political Science

Teaching Fellow

Programme Leader, MA Legal and Political Theory.

2013 - **University College London (UCL)**

2015 Department of Political Science

Teaching Assistant

Postgraduate modules.

2011 - **King’s College, London**

2015Department of Political Economy

Teaching Assistant

Undergraduate modules.

**EDUCATION**

2015 - **University College London**

Department of Political Science

PhD Political Philosophy

Thesis: ‘Claiming from below: Rights, politics and social movements’

Supervisor: Professor Cécile Laborde

Examiners: Professor Leslie Green, Dr. Saladin Meckled-Garcia.

2008 – **University College London**

Department of Political Science

MA Legal and Political Theory, Distinction.

Thesis: ‘Does the UK Human Rights Act provide a model of judicial rights review that successfully addresses democracy-based concerns?

2006 - **University of Cambridge, Queens’ College, UK**

BA History, First: 2.1.

History Prize (top First in year in 2005).

**Peer-reviewed publications**

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Domination and disobedience: Protest, coercion and the limits of an appeal to justice’, *Perspectives on Politics*, Issue 16 (3), (2018).

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Coercion, resistance and the radical side of non-violent action’, *Raisons Politiques*, (2018), Issue 1, No. 69, DOI: 10.3917/rai.069.0045

Aitchison, Guy, ‘(Un)civil disobedience: Introduction to special issue’, *Raisons Politiques*, Issue 1, No 69, (2018), DOI: 10.3917/rai.069.0005.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Are human rights moralistic?’, *Human Rights Review*, Issue 1, Vol. 19, (2017/18): DOI: 10.1007/s12142-017-0480-4.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Foucault, democracy and the ambivalence of rights’, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, (2017): DOI: 10.1080/13698230.2017.1369627.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Popular resistance and the idea of rights’, in Stuart White, Karma Nabulsi and Bruno Leipold, eds., *Radical Republicanism: Reclaiming the Tradition’s Popular Heritage*, Oxford University Press, (2017) (In press).

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Three Models of Republican Rights: Juridical, Parliamentary and Populist’, *Political Studies*, Vol. 65, Issue 2, (2016/17): DOI: 10.1177/0032321716648339.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Rights, Citizenship and political struggle’, *European Journal of Political Theory*, Vol. 17, Issue 1, (2015/17): DOI: 10.1177/1474885115578052.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Reform, rupture or re-imagination: Understanding the purpose of an occupation’, *Social Movement Studies*, Vol. 10, No. 4 (2011): 431-439.

**Under review**

Aitchison, Guy and Saladin Meckled-Garcia, ‘Online public shaming: Unethical uses of mass social media’.

**In progress**

Aitchison, Guy, *Citizenship at the Margins*, Book manuscript.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Trumps, democracy and disobedience’.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘What kind of act is unlawful border-crossing? Four possibilities’.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Human rights, poverty and political action’.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Borders and political obligation’.

**Edited collections**

Aitchison, Guy, ed. (Un)civil disobedience, *Raisons Politiques,* Issue 1, No 69, (2018).

**Book reviews**

Aitchison, Guy, ‘The Right of Necessity’ by Alijandra Mancilla, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, (2017).

Aitchison, Guy, ‘The Ethics and Politic of Immigration’ edited by Alex Sager, *LSE Review of Books*, (2017).

Aitchison, Guy, ‘The Political Theory of the Irish Constitution: Republicanism and the Basic Law’ by Eoin Daly and Tom Hickey, *Public Law*, (2017).

**Selected other non-specialist works**

Aitchison, Guy, ‘The next step for suffrage: give all immigrants the right to vote’, *The Conversation*, 7 February 2018.

Aitchison, Guy, Interview on Online Public Shaming, *Irish Times*, 5 December 2017.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Borders, open borders, or no borders?’, openDemocracy, 26 September 2017.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Do we all have a right to cross borders?’, *The Conversation*, 16 December 2016.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Digital Rights and Freedoms’, *Oxford University* *Politics in Spires*, 31 March 2015.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Homelessness, freedom and the social cleansing of Hackney’, *openDemocacy*, 4 June 2015.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘How capitalism is turning the internet against democracy, and how to turn it back’, *openDemocracy*, 22 April 2013.

Aitchison, Guy, and Jeremy Gilbert. ‘Reflecting on the student movement’, *Soundings* 50, (2012): 32.

Aitchison, Guy, Dan Hancox, Anthony Barnett, Paul Sagar, Aaron Peters eds., *Fight back: A Reader on the Winter of Protest,* London, openDemocracy, (2011).

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Real reform of the Lords means giving power back to the people’, *The Independent*, 5 March 2010.

Aitchison, Guy, ‘Don’t Trust MPs’ constitutional poker’, *The Guardian*, 3 June 2009.

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Irish Research Council, Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship, €90,000

Max Weber Scholarship, European University Institute, €50,000 (declined second year)

University of Frankfurt, Justificata Amplificata Fellowship, €35,000 (declined)

UCL Graduate Research Scholarship (full fees and maintenance), £66,000;

ESRC PhD scholarship, £63,000 (declined)

‘Universitas 21’ Early Career Workshop (Chile), UCD Research, €2,000

European Law Forum, UCD Human Rights Centre, conference, €5,000

Max Weber Programme Conferences, €3,000

University of Cambridge, History Prize (top First in year in 2005 out of 203 students) £300.

**MODULES TAUGHT**

*Module Convenor*

**History of Political Philosophy II, Year 2 UG, (Optional)**

King’s College London (2018 – 2019)

**Applied Ethics,** **Year 2 UG, (Optional)**

King’s College London (2018 – 2019)

**Philosophy of Race, Year 3 UG (Optional)**

King’s College London (2018 – 2019)

**Advanced Research Seminar, PhD**

King’s College London (2018 – 2019)

**‘Public Ethics’, MA (Optional)**

University College London, (2014 – 2015)

*Guest lecturer and seminar leader*

**Gender and Philosophy, Year 2 UG (Optional)**

King’s College London, (2018 - 2019)

**‘Political Ethics’, Doctoral module (Optional)**

European University Institute, (2015 - 2016)

**‘Theoretical Foundations of Human Rights’, MA (Core)**

University College London, (2013 – 2015)

**‘International Human Rights Standards and Institutions’, MA (Core)**

University College London, (2014 – 2015)

**‘Political Theories of Capitalism’, Year 2, BA, (Optional)**

King’s College, London, (2014 – 2015)

**‘Introduction to Political Theory’, Year 1, BA, (Core)**

King’s College, London, (2011 – 2015)

**CONFERENCES**

**Organiser**

2018 – 'Human Rights, poverty and social justice’, UCD Centre for Human Rights (with Anna Chadwick).

2018 – 'New Perspectives on Republicanism and Democracy: Political, Economic and Social', ECPR, Hamburg, (with Bruno Leipold).

2017 – ‘Migration and refugees: Law, ethics and institutional responses’, Centre for Human Rights, UCD, (with Martin Sticker).

2016 – ‘The Rise of International Courts: Normative and Sociological Perspectives’, multi- disciplinary Max Weber conference, EUI, Florence.

2016 – ‘Data Privacy Advocacy’, multi-disciplinary Max Weber conference, EUI, Florence.

2016 – ‘Challenging Injustice: The Ethics and Modalities of Political Engagement’, multi- disciplinary Max Weber conference, EUI, Florence.

2014 - ‘Bringing the People back into Republican Democracy’, Manchester University, Mancept.

**Presenter**

2018 – ‘Thinking through and against borders’ at Universitas 21, international webinar.

2018 – ‘Popular resistance and the idea of rights’ at 'New Perspectives on Republicanism and Democracy: Political, Economic and Social' ECPR general conference, Hamburg.

2018 – Keynote speaker at ‘Legitimate Injustice and Just Resistance’ at Mancept 2018, Manchester University.

2018 – ‘Popular resistance and the idea of rights’ at ‘Demarcating the Demos’, Justitia Amplificata conference, Frankfurt.

2018 – ‘The Ethics of Migration beyond the Immigrant-Host State Nexus’, EUI, Florence.

2017 – 'Online Public Shaming’, The Ethics of Vulnerability, UCD Centre for Ethics in Public Life.

2017 - 'Migrants as political subjects' at Universitas 21 Early Career Workshop, “Interculturality and Multiculturalism:”, Pontificia Universidad De Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile.

2017 – ‘Migrant resistance and disobedience’ at ‘Migration and refugees: Law, ethics and institutional responses’, Centre for Human Rights, UCD.

2017 – ‘Disobedience across borders’ at Association for Social and Political Philosophy, University of Sheffield.

2017 – ‘Migrant resistance and disobedience’ at Max Weber Programme June Conference, EUI.

2017 – ‘Popular resistance and the idea of rights’ at ‘Relationships & Responsibilities: A conference in honour of Iseult Honohan’, Irish Royal Academy, Dublin.

2016 – ‘Realist disobedience? Protest, coercion and the limits of an appeal to justice’, Association for Social and Political Philosophy, LSE, London.

2016 – ‘Do the critics of human rights have a point?’, International Studies Association, Fordham University, New York.

2016 – ‘Realist disobedience? Protest, coercion and the limits of an appeal to justice’ multi- disciplinary Max Weber conference, EUI, Florence.

2015 – ‘Was Gandhi wrong? Power, protest and disobedience’ at ‘Disobey! Understanding the Ethics and Politics of disobedience’, Sciences Po, Paris.

2015 – ‘Three models of republican rights: Juridical, Parliamentary and Populist’ at ‘Reclaiming republicanism’, University of Oxford.

2015 – ‘Republican rights’ at Association for Social and Political Philosophy, University of Amsterdam.

2014 – ‘What’s political about right? A social movement-based approach’ at Sciences Po, Paris, Graduate Conference.

2013 – ‘The limits of political constitutionalism’, Graduate conference, University of Warwick.

2013 – ‘Rights, citizenship and political struggle’, Graduate conference, University of Pavia.

2012 – ‘The agonistic dimension of rights’, University of Braga, Portugal, International Conference on Ethics and Political Philosophy.

2012 – ‘Rights, politics and social movements’, University of Pavia, Italy, Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy.

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Reviewer, *European Journal of Political Theory,* *Res Publica*, *CRISPP, Human Rights Review*, *Global Justice: Theory, Practice*, *Rhetoric*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

Mentor for applicants to postgraduate and postdoctoral schemes, UCD Research Proposal Support.

Admin, Early Career Representative, Philosophy, King’s; Max Weber Fellows’ representative to the Social and Political Sciences department.

Teacher, Philosophy Forum, Stuart Low Charitable Trust, London.

**RESEARCH, MEDIA AND POLICY POSITIONS**

The Convention on Brexit and the Political Crash, Research Adviser, May 2017.

Power Inquiry, Power 2010, Research and Communications Manager, May 2009 - August 2010.

openDemocracyUK, Managing Editor, Jan 2008 - August 2010.

The Convention on Modern Liberty, Deputy Director, September 2008 - April 2009.

The Constitution Unit, UCL, Intern, Jan 2007 - May 2007.

My writing has appeared in the following publications: The Guardian, The Irish Times, The Conversation, Independent, Reuters, openDemocracy, New Statesman, Soundings. I have appeared on BBC News, BBC Radio 1 and Channel 4 News to discuss human rights, electoral and democratic reform and given public talks at venues such as Glastonbury Festival (Leftfield Stage), the Frontline Club and The Battle of Ideas. I have also given invited talks at NGO’s, such as Unlock Democracy.

**REFERENCES**

**Supervisor**

Professor Cécile Laborde, Nuffield Chair in Political Theory, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1NF, UK, cecile.laborde@politics.ox.ac.uk.

**Postdoc mentors**

Professor Richard Bellamy, Director of the Max Weber Programme, European University Institute, Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini, 9, I-50014 San Domenico di Fiesole (FI), Italy, richard.bellamy@eui.eu.

Dr. Graham Finlay, Lecturer in Political Theory, School of Politics and International Relations, Belfield, Dublin 4, graham.finlay@ucd.ie.

**PhD examiners**

Professor Leslie Green, Professor of the Philosophy of Law and Fellow of Balliol College, University of Oxford, OX1 3BJ, United Kingdom, leslie.green@law.ox.ac.uk.

Dr. Saladin Meckled-Garcia, Director of the UCL Institute for Human Rights and Lecturer in Human Rights and Political Theory, School of Public Policy, 29/31 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9QU, UK, s.meckled-garcia@ucl.ac.uk Tel: (44) (0)20 7679 4947.

**Teaching**

*Undergraduate*

Dr. Adam James Tebble, Lecturer in Political Theory, Department of Political Economy, King's College London, Second Floor, Strand Building, Strand Campus, London, WC2R 2LS, UK, adam.tebble@kcl.ac.uk, Tel: (44)-(0)20-7848-1685.

Dr. Robin Douglass, Lecturer in Political Theory, Department of Political Economy, King's College London, Second Floor, Strand Building, Strand Campus, London, WC2R 2LS, UK, robin.douglass@kcl.ac.uk, Tel: (0)20 7848 1688.

*Postgraduate*

Dr. Saladin Meckled-Garcia, School of Public Policy, Director of the UCL Institute for Human Rights and Lecturer in Human Rights and Political Theory, The Rubin Building, 29/31 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9QU, UK, s.meckled-garcia@ucl.ac.uk Tel: (44) (0)20 7679 4947.

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**LANGUAGES**

English (native speaker), French (fluent).