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Academic Appointments

Postdoctoral Associate July 2023 - Present
Duke University, Department of Political Science

Associate Lecturer February 2022 – July 2023
Australian National University, School of Politics and International Relations

Education

Ph.D., Political Science (Political Theory), Australian National University 2023
Dissertation: Evaluating Models of Conceptual Change
Committee: Keith Dowding (chair), John Uhr, April Biccham

LL. B (Hons), Australian National University 2020
B.A (International Relations) (Hons), Australian National University 2017

Publications

Handby, Edmund. [The Metaethical Commitments of Intuition Use in Analytic Political Theory](#), Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy (Online First).

Handby, Edmund. [Defending Methodological Anarchism in Empirically Informed Political Theory](#), The Journal of Politics (Online First).

Rutledge-Prior, Serrin and **Handby, Edmund.** [Political Representation, the Environment, and Edmund Burke: A Re-Reading of the Western Canon Through the Lens of Multispecies Justice](#), European Journal of Political Theory (2024) vol. 24(4), pp. 578-598.

Handby, Edmund. [Semantic Externalism and the History of Ideas: A Critical Review](#), Journal of the Philosophy of History (2024) vol. 18(1), pp. 1-21.

Handby, Edmund. [Assessing the Use of Intuitions in Contemporary Political Theory](#), The Journal of Politics (2022) vol. 84(3), pp. 1595-1606.

Handby, Edmund. [Classroom Games to Teach Contemporary Political Theory](#), Journal of Political Science Education (2021) vol. 17(S1), pp. 23-31.

Handby, Edmund. [The Survival and Tenure of Australian Attorneys-General](#), Commonwealth and Comparative Politics (2020) vol. 58(2), pp 162-183.

Edited Symposia/Special Issues/Newsletters

Editor – ‘[Do Actions Speak Louder Than Thoughts? Normative Behaviourism Reconsidered](#)’ Political Studies Review (2023) vol. 21(3), pp. 437-500.

- Handby, Edmund. [Editorial to Special Issue: Do Actions Speak Louder than Thoughts? Normative Behaviourism Reconsidered](#), Political Studies Review (2023) vol. 21(3), pp. 437-440.

Co-Editor - [ECPR Standing Group on Methods of Normative Political Theory Quarterly Newsletter](#).

Book Reviews

Handby, Edmund. [Book Review: Teaching Political Theory: A Pluralistic Approach. By Tampio, Nicholas \(Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022\)](#), Journal of Political Science Education (2023) vol. 19(3), pp. 526-529.

Public-Facing Publications

Handby, Edmund. ‘[Are Intuitions Reliable Enough for Political Theorising?](#)’ The Journal of Politics Blog.

Handby, Edmund. ‘[The Survival and Tenure of Australian Attorneys-General](#).’ POP Politics Blog.

Handby, Edmund. ‘[Promoting Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Communication at Duke](#)’, The Graduate School, Duke University Blog.

Working Papers

‘A Condorcetian Defence of Compulsory Voting’

‘Is Strategic Voting So Bad Compared to the Alternatives?’

‘Nozick’s Theory of Rectification and Benefitting from Injustice’ (with Angela Gao (ANU))

‘Artificial Intelligence as a Method of Normative Political Philosophy’

Research Presentations

‘Artificial Intelligence as a Method of Normative Political Philosophy’

- MANCEPT Workshop ‘New and Old Methodological Challenges in Normative Political Theory’ 2025 – Manchester, UK.
- European Consortium of Political Research General Conference 2025 – Thessaloniki, Greece
- European Consortium of Political Research General Conference 2024 – Dublin, Ireland

‘A Condorcetian Defence of Mandatory Voting’

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting – Philadelphia PA, September 2024.
- SUNY at Buffalo PPE Graduate Workshop - Buffalo NY, April 2024
- Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Blacksburg VA, November 2024.

‘Defending Methodological Anarchism and Empirically Informed Political Theory’ (published in The Journal of Politics)

- ‘Normative Political Theory and Empirical Research: Approaches, Methods and Challenges’ - Monash University Prato Centre, Tuscany, Italy, February 2024.

‘Is Strategic Voting So Bad Compared to the Alternatives?’

- Duke Political Theory Fall Workshop, September 2023.
- PPE Society Annual Meeting 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- WPSA Annual Meeting 2024, Vancouver, British Columbia, March 2024.

‘The Metaethical Commitments of Intuition Use in Analytic Political Theory’

- European Consortium of Political Research General Conference 2022 – Innsbruck, Austria - Hybrid Event.
- WPSA Annual Meeting 2024, Vancouver, British Columbia, March 2024.

‘Political Representation, the Environment, and Edmund Burke: A Re-Reading of the Western Canon Through the Lens of Multispecies Justice’ (with Serrin Rutledge-Prior) (published in the European Journal of Political Theory).

- ECPR Standing Group on Political Theory Seminar Series, Fall 2023 – Online.
- The Association for Political Theory Annual Conference 2022 – Houston, Texas.
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2022 – Chicago, Illinois (Hybrid Event).
- University of Arizona philosophy graduate students’ work-in-progress group – Tucson, Arizona.

‘Assessing the Use of Intuitions in Contemporary Political Theory’ (published in The Journal of Politics)

- ECPR Political Theory Standing Group Seminar Series 2021-2022 – Online
- European Consortium of Political Research General Conference 2021 – Online
- Brave New World 2021 (MANCEPT) – Online
- 2nd Stanford Graduate Conference in Political Theory 2021 – Online
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2021 – Online
- 4th Australasian Political Theory and Political Philosophy Conference 2019 – Melbourne, Australia
- European Consortium of Political Research General Conference 2019 – Wroclaw, Poland
- 3rd Postgraduate Symposium, Humanities and Social Sciences at the 21st Century 2019 – UNSW Canberra, Australia

‘Semantic Externalism and the History of Ideas: A Critical Review’ (published in The Journal of the Philosophy of History)

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2021 – Online

‘The Survival and Tenure of Australian Attorneys-General’ (published in Commonwealth and Comparative Politics)

- Australian Political Science Association Conference 2019 – Adelaide, Australia

Invited Talks

SUNY at Buffalo PPE Graduate Workshop, April 2024.

ANU School of Politics and International Relations Seminar Series, July 2024.

Teaching Experience

(number of semesters in parentheses)

Convenor/Instructor of Record

European Consortium of Political Research - Methods School

Applying AI to Political Philosophy: Methods and Reflections

Duke University

- POLSCI104: Capitalism: For and Against (1)
- POLSCI 175: Introduction to Political Philosophy (3)
- POLSCI 290: Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory (2)
- POLSCI 384: Inequality in Western Political Thought (1)

Australian National University

- POLS2063: Contemporary Political Theory (1)
- POLS2009: Bureaucracy, Politics, and Power (1)

Tutor/Teaching Assistant

Australian National University

- POLS1002 - Introduction to Politics (2)
- POLS1008 - Politics, Philosophy, and Economics: Integration 1 (2)
- POLS1009 - Research and Writing in Politics (2)
- POLS2130 - Public Choice and Policy (1)
- POLS2063 - Contemporary Political Theory (4)
- POLS2119 - Ideas in Politics (4)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Frontiers in Political Science Grant, Duke University (\$14,500.00USD)

Fellow – Duke Emerging Leadership Institute

Associate Fellow – Advance HE (formerly Higher Education Academy).

Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship – Stipend Scholarship.

Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship – Fee-Offset Scholarship.

Professional Service

Co-Section Chair: Methods in Normative Theory Section

ECPR General Conference 2025, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

ECPR General Conference 2026, Jagiellonian University, Kraków

Anonymous Reviewer,

American Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, Res Publica, Political Studies Review, Contemporary Political Theory, Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophical Studies, Polity, International Theory, Journal of Political Science Education, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Jurisprudence, New Jersey Journal of Politics.

Anonymous Reviewer,

European Research Council

Mentor, APSA Mentoring Program, 2024

Member, Association for Political Theory Conference Program Committee, 2023

Judging Panellist, The Undergraduate Awards (Politics and International Relations Section), 2020 - 2025

Co-Organiser, Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, 2020

Departmental Service - Duke University

Review Committee, The Graduate School Dean's Awards for Excellence in Mentoring, 2024.

Volunteer, Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2023, 2024.

Co-Organiser, Postdoc Job Market Workshop, 2023-2024.

Departmental Service - Australian National University

Post-Graduate Cohort Representative - School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University, 2021 – 2022.

Assessor, ANU Educational Fellowship Scheme (EFS), 2024 – present.

Mentor, ANU School of Law Momentum Mentoring and Professional Development Program, 2022

Professional Memberships

Member, Australasian Association of Philosophy Postgraduate Committee

References

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and Political Theory
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Professor Alexander Kirshner
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