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## RESEARCH FOCUS

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**Areas of Expertise:** Meta-Ethics; Normative Ethics; Philosophy of the Social Sciences (especially Economics and International Relations)

**Areas of Competence:** Political Philosophy; Social Ontology; General Philosophy of Science

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Stockholm University** 2025 – 2027  
Postdoctoral Fellow at the Stockholm Center on Global Governance  
Department of Philosophy

**University of Potsdam** 2024 – 2025  
Research Associate at the Chair of Applied Ethics  
Department of Philosophy

## EDUCATION

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**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin** 2020 – 2024  
Ph.D., Philosophy

**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin** 2017 – 2020  
M.A., Philosophy

**University of California, Berkeley** Fall 2016  
Visiting Student, Philosophy

**University of Bayreuth** 2013 – 2017  
B.A., Philosophy & Economics

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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6. “Putting Things Into (Rational) Perspective: Normative Reasons and Their Rational Accessibility” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, forthcoming.
5. “Concepts in Context: Ontological Coherence in Political Science Research” (with Moritz S. Graefrath), *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 55 (1): 24-60, 2025.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00483931241254514>
4. “Political Spaces Beyond the Nation State: The Global Commons in International Security Studies” (with Moritz S. Graefrath), *Global Studies Quarterly* 4 (4), ksae087, 2024.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksae087>

3. "Do You Believe in Deep Down? On Two Conceptions of Valuing" (with Lukas Beck), *Synthese*, 202 (16): 1-27, 2023.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-023-04221-3>
2. "Conceptualizing Interstate Cooperation" (with Moritz S. Graefrath), *International Theory*, 15 (1): 24-52, 2023.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1752971921000208>
1. "Normative Models and Their Success" (with Lukas Beck), *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 51 (2): 123-150, 2021.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0048393120970908>

## BOOKS

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1. *Making Space for Latitude: From Reasons to Permissibility*. De Gruyter Brill. Forthcoming.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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### Articles under Review

- "Collective Intentionality in International Relations Theory: The Case for Reductive Realism" (with Moritz S. Graefrath)
- "The Normative Legitimacy of International Institutions and its Sociological Foundations" (with Moritz S. Graefrath)
- "On the Diversity of Models in Normative Inquiry" (with Lukas Beck)
- "Moral Neuroenhancement and the Discernibility Challenge" (with Jee Hyun Moon)

### Articles in Preparation

- "Solo Geoengineering: On the Legitimacy of Unilaterally Engineering the Climate" (with Mac Willners)
- "Political Legitimacy and the Authority of Reason: Relocating the Value of Democracy"
- "You Should Have Known Better: On Blameworthiness and the Perspective Dependence of Practical Reasons"

### Books in Preparation

- *In Pursuit of Reasons: Rational Agency and the Normative Quest*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor of Record

- *Political Legitimacy* *Spring 2026*  
Advanced undergraduate seminar, Stockholm University
- *Political Legitimacy* *Fall 2025*  
Advanced undergraduate seminar, Stockholm University
- *Philosophy of Social Science* *Spring 2025*  
Advanced undergraduate seminar, Stockholm University  
(co-taught with Antoinette Scherz)

- *Political Philosophy* *Spring 2025*  
Undergraduate course incl. lectures & seminars, Stockholm University  
(co-taught with Antoinette Scherz)
- *Useful Fictions? The Role of Idealizations in Ethics* *Summer 2024*  
Graduate seminar, University of Potsdam
- *Ethics and Neuroscience* *Summer 2023*  
Graduate seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- *Intentions in Philosophy and International Politics* *Winter 2019/20*  
Advanced undergraduate seminar, Universität Bayreuth  
(co-taught with Moritz S. Graefrath)

### **Teaching Assistant**

- *Introduction to Philosophy* *Winter 2018/19*  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- *Introduction to Political Philosophy* *Summer 2017*  
University of Bayreuth
- *Academic Writing and Presenting* *Summer 2017*  
High Commitment Group, University of Bayreuth  
(co-taught with Lukas Beck)
- *Introduction to Philosophy of Science* *Summer 2016*  
University of Bayreuth
- *Introduction to Philosophy* *Winter 2015/16*  
University of Bayreuth
- *Introduction to Philosophy of Science* *Summer 2015*  
University of Bayreuth
- *Introduction to Microeconomics* *Winter 2014/15*  
University of Bayreuth

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Academic Conferences**

11. "The Normative Legitimacy of International Institutions and Its Sociological Foundations," International Studies Association Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, 2026
10. "On the Diversity of Models in Normative Inquiry," 17th Biennial International Network for Economic Method (INEM) Conference, University of Bayreuth, 17.11.2025
9. "On the Diversity of Models in Normative Inquiry," Annual Meeting of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science, University of Glasgow 17.09.2025
8. "The Normative Legitimacy of International Institutions and Its Sociological Foundations," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 14.11.2025
7. "Models in Normative Inquiry: Getting Serious about Justification," 26th Congress of the German Society for Philosophy, 23.09.2024
6. "Political Spaces Beyond the Nation State: The 'Global Commons' in International Security Studies," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, 31.08.2023

5. "Do You Believe in Deep Down? On Two Conceptions of Valuing," 11th Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 14.09.2022
4. "Normative Models and their Success," 25th Congress of the German Society for Philosophy, FAU Erlangen Nürnberg, 06.09.2021 (online)
3. "Normative Models and their Success," Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, Emory University Atlanta, 14.03.2020 (online)
2. "Pragmatism and New Evidentialism in Epistemic Normativity: Not a Dichotomy," Think! 2nd Bayreuth Student Conference in Analytic Philosophy, University of Bayreuth, 11.06.2017
1. "Against the Unrestricted Applicability of Disjunction Elimination," 5th LSE-Bayreuth Student Conference, London School of Economics and Political Science, 12.05.2017

### Workshops and Colloquia

9. "Moral Neuroenhancement and the Discernibility Challenge," Higher Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Stockholm University, 04.11.2025
8. "The Normative Legitimacy of International Institutions and Its Sociological Foundations," Stockholm Workshop in Political Philosophy, Stockholm University, 10.06.2025
7. "What is a Normative Model? Taking Justification Seriously," LSE Choice Group, London School of Economics and Political Science, 06.03.2024
6. "Putting Things Into (Rational) Perspective: Normative Reasons and Their Rational Accessibility," Practical Philosophy Colloquium, University Bielefeld, 25.05.2023
5. "Take Your Time: Latitude and the Role of Diachronic Factors," Summer Institute on Practical Normativity, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 29.08.2022
4. "Do You Believe in Deep Down? On Two Conceptions of Valuing," Philosophy of Social Science Colloquium, University of Cambridge, 29.04.2022
3. "Normative Models and Their Success," Working Models Reading Group, 18.06.2021 (online)
2. "Normativity and Deliberation," Summer Institute on Practical Normativity, Australian National University, 12.07.2019
1. "Paraconsistent Belief Revision: Revisiting Local Change," Richard Wollheim Society, University of California, Berkeley, 10.11.2016

### DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Reviewer for *Erkenntnis*, *Kriterion*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *South African Journal of Philosophy*, *Theoria*, and *Utilitas*

Co-organizer of the 11th Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Conference in Philosophy at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin 2022

Co-founder and -organizer of Think! 1st Bayreuth Student Conference in Analytic Philosophy at Universität Bayreuth 2016

Co-organizer of the Philosophy & Economics Student Research Forum at Universität Bayreuth 2016

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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### Grants

DFG Walter-Benjamin Grant – Project: “*Models and Idealizations in Normative Inquiry*” (competitive postdoctoral research grant awarded by the German Research Foundation, 228,018 Euro) 2025

### Awards

Award of the Institute of Philosophy of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin for an excellent Master’s degree (Carl and Max Schneider Foundation) 2020

### Scholarships

“Postdoc – Bridge Program” scholarship by the University of Potsdam 08/2024 – 01/2025  
Scholarship by the Elsa-Neumann Stiftung for my doctoral studies 2020 – 2023  
Scholarship by the Foundation of German Business for Bachelor and Master studies 2013 – 2020

## ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

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Co-founder and board member of the NGO *Entwicklungsfokus*, that operates nature kindergartens 2024 – present  
Co-founder and board member of the NGO *Sozialkraftwerk*, that operates nature kindergartens 2016 – 2018, 2021 – 2024  
Co-founder and board member of the NGO *Potenzialkraftwerk*, dedicated to supporting student mental health; awarded in 2019 by the German Social Impact Lab 2017 – 2020

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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**Languages** German (native), English (fluent), Swedish (beginner)  
**Software** HTML5 & CSS,  $\LaTeX$ , Java (basic knowledge), MS Office

## REFERENCES

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### Thomas Schmidt

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