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Department of Equity, Ethics and Policy
McGill University

Areas of Specialization

Practical Philosophy, History of Science, Bioethics

Areas of Competence

Political Theory, Legal Humanities

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023-	UNIVERSITY OF ST GALLEN Senior Researcher, Assisted Lab, Department of Medical Humanities and French Studies
2022-	MCGILL UNIVERSITY Affiliate Member, Department of Equity, Ethics & Policy
2022	ETH ZURICH Senior Researcher, Chair for Philosophy with Particular Emphasis on Practical Philosophy
2018 – 2022	MCGILL UNIVERSITY Branco Weiss Fellow, Institute for Health and Social Policy
2017 – 2022	ETH ZURICH Branco Weiss Fellow, Chair for Philosophy with Particular Emphasis on Practical Philosophy
2015 – 2017	ETH ZURICH ETH Fellow, Chair for Philosophy with Particular Emphasis on Practical Philosophy

EDUCATION

2013	UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, KING'S COLLEGE PhD in Intellectual History
2006	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON MA in History and Philosophy with a focus on eastern Europe
2004	UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA & GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES Licence (equivalent of BA & MA) in History and Politics

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- The Law, Ethics and Aesthetics of Assisted Dying*, with Anna Elsner, Cambridge Elements in Bioethics and Neuroethics (under contract Cambridge University Press, awaiting peer review)
- 2025 *Making Medical Progress: History of a Contested Idea* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)

- 2020 *Liberal Ideas in Tsarist Russia: From Catherine the Great to the Russian Revolution* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Ideas in Context series)
- Winner 2020 Choice Outstanding Academic Titles, category Political Theory.
 - Translated into Russian by Ilya Nahmanson (Boston, MA: Academic Studies Press, Contemporary Western Rusistika series, 2024)
 - Reviewed in *Russian Review* by Paul Robinson, 2020, in *Global Intellectual History* by Matthew Slaboch, 2020, in *Choice* by J. C. Sandstrom, 2020, in *H-Soz-Kult* by Stefan Kirmse, 2020, in *H-Nationalism* by Taro Tsurumi, 2022, in *Sotsial'nye i gumanitarnye nauki* by Iu. V. Dunaeva, 2022, in *American Historical Review* by Derek Offord, 2023, in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* by Aleksandr Korobeinikov, 2023, in *Kritika* by Daniel Beer, 2023, in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* by Julia Berest, 2023, by Randall A. Poole, 'Russian Liberalism in Theory and Practice', in *Northwestern University Studies in Russian Philosophy, Literature, and Religious Thought*, 1 (2024), 281-88, by Aleksei Vasil'ev and Viktoriia Vasil'eva, 'Imperiia, liberalizm, natsionalizm: preodolevaia intellektual'neye stereotipy', in *Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie*, 188 (4) (2024), 356-6

ARTICLES

- 2025 "For an Anne Bert Law": Narratives, Advocacy, and the Legalization of Assisted Dying in France', with Anna Elsner, *Law & Literature*, online 19 March
- 2024 'Language Matters: The Semantics and Politics of "Assisted Dying"', with Anna Elsner, Charlotte Frank, Marc Keller, & Jordan McCullough, *The Hastings Center Report*, 54 (5), 3-7
- 2024 'Between Medicine, Humanities, and Law: Compiling a Living Archive of Assisted Dying', with Anna Elsner, *Medical Humanities*, 50, 587-89
- 2022 (Editorial) 'Robots, Radiologists, and Results', with Athena Ko, *The BMJ*, 379, o2853
- 2022 "Accompanied only by my Thoughts": A Kantian Perspective on Autonomy at the End of Life', with Anna Elsner, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 6 (47), 688-700
- 2022 'Medical Technologies Past and Present: How History Helps to Understand the Digital Era', with Maria Böhmer & Anita Winkler, *Journal of Medical Humanities*, 43, 343-64
- 2020 (Comment) 'Implications of Artificial Intelligence for Medical Education', with Michael Mittleman & Jörg Goldhahn, *The Lancet: Digital Health*, 2 (3), e111-e112
- 2020 (Editorial) 'Artificial Intelligence versus Clinicians', *The BMJ*, 369, m1326
- 2018 'Could AI Make Doctors Obsolete?', with Jörg Goldhahn & Giatgen Spinaz, *The BMJ*, 363, k4563. Cover story 10/11 print edition, referenced in news outlets including *Medical Health News*, *Science Daily*, *Mail Online*, *Medical XPress*, *Pourquoi Docteur*, *Netzwoche*, *Medscape*
- 2018 'Conservatism Between Theory and Practice: The Case of Migration to Europe', with Martin Beckstein, *European Journal of Political Research*, 57 (4), 1084-1102
- 2016 'The Impossibility of Conservatism? Insights from Russian History', *The Monist*, 99 (4), 372-86, included in Oxford University Press Philosophy Journals 'Best of 2017' collection
- 2010 'Dostoevskii and the Book of Job: The Struggle to Find Faith', *Studies in Religion*, 39 (2), 203-17
- 2008 "Are You Gangsters?" "No, We're Russians": The Brother Films and the Question of National Identity in Russia', *eSharp: Reaction and Reinvention: Changing Times in Central and Eastern Europe*, 49-68

BOOK CHAPTERS, EDITED VOLUMES & SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES

- forthcoming *The Cultures of Disenfranchised Grief*, eds. with Jordan McCullough & Anna Elsner (London: Bloomsbury Academic Press)
- 2021 'Ethics of Care Approaches in Psychotherapy', with Anna Elsner, *The Oxford Handbook of Psychotherapy Ethics*, eds. Manuel Trachsel et al. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 140-53
- 2014 'Religious Thought and Russian Liberal Institutions: The Case of Pavel Ivanovich Novgorodtsev', in *Thinking Orthodox in Modern Russia: Culture, History, Context*, eds. Patrick Lally Michelson & Judith Deutsch Kornblatt (Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press), pp. 235-52. Reviewed in *Ab Imperio*, *American Historical Review*, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, *Russian Review*, & *Slavic Review*
- 2013 'Individual Freedom and Social Justice: Bogdan Kistiakovskii's Defense of the Law', in *Landmarks Revisited: The Vekhi Symposium One Hundred Years On*, eds. Ruth Coates & Robin Aizlewood (Brighton, MA: Academic Studies Press), 128-45. Reviewed in *European History Quarterly*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic and East European Journal*, *Slavic Review*, & *Slavonic and East European Review*

- Chapter translated in *Russian Legal Philosophy: P. I. Novgorodtsev, L. I. Petrazhitskii, and B. A. Kistiakovskii*, ed. Elena Pribytkova (in Russian) (Moscow: Institut filosofii RAN, 2018), pp. 338-54
- 2011 'Russia on Edge: Centre and Periphery in Contemporary Russian Culture', co-edited & introduced with Muireann Maguire, special issue of *Studies in East European Thought*, 63 (2), 87-172

POPULARISING PUBLICATIONS, INTERVIEWS, REVIEWS & TRANSLATIONS

- (2026) (Webinar) On the Future of Medicine, Forum for Global Health Ethics Webinar Series, University of Zurich, May
- (2026) (Podcast) with Joe Wood and Peter Torres Fremlin, 'How Different Countries Approach Assisted Dying: A Disability Lens on Autonomy, Dignity, and the Slippery Slope'
- 2026 (Translation) Lutz Wingert, 'An Irritable Scholar, Jürgen Habermas Obituary' (18 June 1929 – 14 March 2026), *Lutz Wingert's Blog*
- 2026 (Interview) 'Making Medical Progress', *New Books Network*, 15 February
- 2026 'What Can the Past Tell us About the Future of Medicine?', *Fifteen Eighty Four: Cambridge University Press Blog*, 12/01
- 2025 (Infographic) collaboration with McGill Journal of Law and Health, 'A Brief Look Inside "Language Matters: The Semantics and Politics of 'Assisted Dying'"', <https://www.facebook.com/McGillJLH/posts/did-you-know-that-language-shapes-how-we-understand-and-engage-with-complex-issu/1370331737639106/>
- 2025 (Podcast) with Marianne Brooker, 'Marianne Brooker on the Care and Justice Contexts of Assisted Dying in the UK', *Assisted: The Podcast*, 17/01
- 2024 (Archive Entries) 'All is Beauty' by Simons, 'Bill C7: An Overview of Available Help' by Jane Shi, 'Dead at Noon' by Gillian Bennett, 'Obituary' by Sathya Dhara Kovac, for *Assisted Lab's Living Archive of Assisted Dying*
- 2024 (Interview) 'Assisted Lab: A Living Archive of Medically Assisted Dying', *Palliative Care in Action*, McGill University
- 2024 (Letter) to *The Economist* on assisted dying, with Anna Elsner, 2/05, online edition
- 2024 (Podcast) with Daniel Weinstock, 'Philosophical Reasoning in an Imperfect World: Daniel Weinstock on the Ethics and Politics of MAID in Canada', *Assisted: The Podcast*, 19/03
- 2023 (Podcast) Tech in MedEd: Privilege, Power and the Stethoscope – Lessons from Technologies Past and Present, *Medical Education Matters: A Podcast from the Kern Institute*, 12/10
- 2022 (Review) Jeremy Greene, *The Doctor Who Wasn't There: Technology, History, & the Limits of Telehealth* (2022), 'Where Telemedicine Always Falls Short: Efforts to Innovate our Way Better Health Consistently Fail to Deliver on Equity Promises', *Science*, 378 (6619), 480
- 2022 (Podcast) On liberalism in Russia, *New Books Network*, 25/03
- 2022 (Short video) Drei Fragen an Vanessa Rampton, Les robots à la lumière de l'évaluation des choix technologiques, TA Swiss
- 2020 (Podcast) On liberalism in Russia, *Talking Intellectual History*, recorded August
- 2020 'Liberalism's Many Meanings', *Fifteen Eighty Four: Cambridge University Press Blog*, 20/02
- 2020 'Science Alone Can't Solve Covid-19. The Humanities Must Help', with Anna Elsner, *Undark Magazine*, 4/06, republished in Salon.com
- 2018 & 2019 Kinds of Uncertainty: 'On Doubt as Practice' (Part 1, 2/11/18) & 'Speaking in the Name of Doubt' (Part 2, 17/04/19), conversation with Tobias Rees, *History of the Human Sciences* website
- 2019 (Interview) 'Roboter und die Moral!', Subkutan, Radio Bern, RaBe 95,6, 9/01
- 2018 (Podcast) 'HAL will see you now,' with Michael Mittelman & Jörg Goldhahn, *BMJ talk medicine*, 30/10
- 2018 'Could AI make Doctors Obsolete?', with Jörg Goldhahn, *ETH Zukunftsblog*, 8/11
- 2017 (Interview) by Ashley Mak, 'Is it Ethical to Swallow a Morality Pill?', The Current, CBC Radio One
- 2017 'Ist Moral veränderbar wie Knetmasse? "Roboter-Ethik kann mithelfen, Dilemmas aufzuzeigen"', feature on my research by Sabine Kuster & Raffael Schuppisser, *Schweiz am Wochenende*, AZ Medien, 24/06, 10
- 2017 (Interview) by Sabine Kuster, for 'Wir bestimmen immer mehr selbst über unser Schicksal', *Schweiz am Wochenende*, AZ Medien, 15/07
- 2017 'Why We are so Alarmed by the Idea of a Moral-Enhancement Pill', *Slate Magazine*, Future Tense, 20/03
- 2017 'Konservatismus und Zuwanderung: Keine immigrationspolitischen Hauruck-Aktionen', *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 21/01, 238 (17), 12
- 2016 "'Die menschliche Familie": Ideale und Realitäten', Alles rund um den Menschen: Philosophischer Blog, *Swiss Portal of Philosophy*, 26/04

- 2015 'Where are We Going?', Philosophie im Alltag: Philosophischer Blog, *Swiss Portal of Philosophy*, 29/06
- 2009 'When Will Spring Come to Russia?', *The Mark News*, 4/05
- 2008 'Moskau-Berlin: Russischsprachige Einwanderung nach Deutschland', *Polyglossia: Cambridge University Modern Languages Journal*, 2, 6-8
- 2008 (Review) Cheng Chen, *The Prospects for Liberal Nationalism in Post-Leninist States* (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2007), *Europe-Asia Studies*, 60, 1287-88
- 2006 (Letter) to *The Economist* on xenophobia in Russia, 25 May

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Choice Outstanding Academic Title, category Political Theory, for *Liberal Ideas in Tsarist Russia*
- 2017 'The Impossibility of Conservatism', *The Monist*, Oxford University Press Philosophy Journals' Best of 2017
- 2016 Branco Weiss Fellowship (2016 - 2022), 500,000 CHF (ca. 867,549 CAD), 2% success rate, >400 applications
- 2014 ETH Zurich Post Doctoral Fellowship Grant, ca. 200,000 CHF (ca. 241,480 CAD)
- 2007 Cambridge Commonwealth Trust PhD Scholarship ca. 2% success rate
- 2001 Best exam, Pierre Allan's International Relations course, University of Geneva
- 2000 J. W. McConnell entrance scholarship, McGill University, Canada (declined)

SELECTED GRANTS

- (Submitted) 950,000 CAD requested over 3 years, co-applicant with principal applicants Sarina Isenberg, Mona Gupta et al., Canadian Institutes of Health Research, 'Describing Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) recipients with concurrent physical and mental conditions and exploring how MAiD assessors determine their eligibility: A mixed methods parallel convergent study in Ontario'
- 2024 – 2026 52,000 CHF from University of St Gallen to McGill University for research assistants for Assisted Lab's projects
- 2024 11,025 GBP Gold Open Access Funding for *Making Medical Progress*, Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2020 – 2021 Funding from McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy (IHSP) for 5 interns
- 2018 5,500 CHF from ETH Zurich Critical Thinking Initiative, Chair of Philosophy II, & Zurich History of Knowledge Centre to organise workshop with Stuart Firestein
- 2016 Financial support of Zurich History of Knowledge Centre (ZGW) for academic guest Claudia Stein (University of Warwick). Co-application Flurin Condrau (UZH) & ZGW Medical Humanities Working Group
- 2017 3,223 CHF ZGW funding for Medical Humanities Working Group to organise 'Wissen und Objekte. Materielle Kulturen in den Medical Humanities' Workshop
- 2017 Financial support of Zurich History of Knowledge Centre (ZGW) for academic guest Tobias Rees (McGill). Co-application Johannes Quack (UZH) & ZGW Medical Humanities Working Group
- 2017 4,050 CHF graduate Campus funding to co-organise law & philosophy workshop between ETH Zurich Philosophy Chair II, UZH Chair of Philosophy & Theory of Law, & Goethe University Frankfurt Chair of Legal Theory
- 2017 3,200 CHF, Emergence and Dissolution of Medical Knowledge Workshop funding from ZGW, ETH Zurich Philosophy Chair II, & UZH Anthropology Chair
- 2011 1,000 USD travel grant, George L. Mosse Program in History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007 – 2011 1,863 EUR, Ferris General Travel Grant, King's College, University of Cambridge
- 2009 3,531 GBP, conference grants from Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge & Centre for East European Language-Based Area Studies (CEELBAS)
- 2007 – 2009 5,250 EUR for bi-weekly Contemporary Russian Culture Study Group from CRASSH, University of Cambridge

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- (2026) 'Progress as a Scientific and Medical Concept', Institute for Studies of Science Lecture Series, Universität Bielefeld, 26 May

- 2026 (Moderator) 'Writing on Medicine in Climates of Controversy', Social Studies of Medicine Annual Workshop, McGill
- 2026 with Anna Elsner, 'On Screen and in the Court: How Cultural Works Shape the Law around Assisted Dying and Palliative Care', Department of Supportive Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston
- 2026 with Anna Elsner, 'These are Assisted Deaths', Centre for Health Humanities, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston
- 2026 'The Norms and Aesthetics of Assisted Dying', Swiss Law and Humanities Hub Launch Event, hosted by University of Lucerne, online
- 2026 'The Law, Ethics and Aesthetics of Assisted Dying', McGill Research Group on Health and Law, McGill, Montréal
- 2025 'Oeuvres culturelles et l'élargissement de l'aide médicale à mourir', Colloque sur l'élargissement de l'AMM, Centre de recherche en éthique, Montréal
- 2025 'Existential Suffering and the History of Assisted Dying', Endings and Meanings: Existential Suffering in the 21st Century Conference, Collegium Helveticum, Zürich
- 2024 'This is Cancer in the End' presentation, End of Life Stories Matter Workshop, McGill International Palliative Care Conference
- 2024 Discussant, Disenfranchised Grief and the End-of-Life Workshop, Newcastle University
- 2024 'Law and Stories: Personal Narratives and Assisted Dying', Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, University of British Columbia
- 2023 'Aide médicale à mourir : Questions du Canada pour la France', journée d'étude Fondation Camargo-la Maison de Gardanne, Cassis
- 2022 'Medical Progress between Facts, Interests, and Aspirations', Branco Weiss Symposium, Zurich
- 2021 'Human Enhancement as Social Progress: Some Underlying Assumptions', Social Progress & Human Enhancement Workshop, LMU Munich
- 2020 'Artificial Intelligence and Medical Education', invited keynote, Gemeinsam innovative 2021: Lernen im Gesundheitswesen, Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Medizinische Ausbildung (GMA)
- 2020 'Implications of AI for Medical Education', invited master lecture, ASCOFAME, Colombian Association of Medical Faculties
- 2020 'Medical Progress: Contested Histories', IHSP post-doc research seminar, McGill University
- 2019 'Progress: The Case of Medicine', Branco Weiss Symposium, Zurich
- 2019 'Medical Progress', IHSP post-doc research seminar, McGill University
- 2019 'Women in Academia', invited alumni talk, SWiSH, Female Association of D-GESS, ETH Zurich
- 2019 'AI and Medical Education', Institute for Health and Social Policy seminar, McGill University
- 2019 'Disruptive Medical Technologies in Historical Perspective', Institute for Health and Social Policy seminar, McGill University
- 2018 "'You can't stand in the way of progress": A critique of techno-utopian medical progress', Branco Weiss Symposium, Zurich
- 2018 Moderator & discussant, From Human to Posthuman? Ethical Inquiry Workshop, Collegium Helveticum, Zurich
- 2017 'The Relationship Between Ignorance and Uncertainty: Medicine as a Case Study' with Nadja El Kassar, discussant, 'Problems of Evidence-Based Medicine', Issues in Medical Epistemology Conference, University of Cologne
- 2017 'How to Cope with Uncertainty in Medicine', ETH Zurich Bioethics Chair Colloquium
- 2017 Participant, 'Was passiert, wenn Roboter über Leben und Tod entscheiden?' Podium Discussion (in English), Stadt Zürich Zentrum Karl der Grosse
- 2017 'Blurred Lines: How AI is (and is not) Transforming Medicine', Branco Weiss Symposium, Zurich
- 2017 'The Idea of Progress in History, or the Relationship between 1905 and 1917', One Hundred Years That Shook the World: Failures, Legacies, and Futures of the Russian Revolution, University of St Gallen
- 2017 Invited talk, 'Toward a Morality Pill? A History of the Idea of Moral Enhancement', Institute for Biomedical Ethics Public Lecture series, University of Zurich
- 2017 Invited participant, 'Kinder fördern. Eine öffentliche, interdisziplinäre Tagung zum Umgang mit ADHS' Workshop, Collegium Helveticum, Zurich
- 2017 Invited participant, 4TU & FRR Workshop on Ethics and Policy of Robots in Healthcare, TU Delft, The Hague
- 2017 'Progress in Science and Society: The Case of Medicine', Progress in Science and Society, Workshop with Philip Kitcher, Leibniz University Hannover

- 2017 “‘But medical science?’: Histories of Progress and Medicine’s Exceptionalism’, Emergence and Dissolution of (Medical) Knowledge: Uncertainty and Openness, University of Zurich
- 2017 Participant, Workshop on ‘How to Support Children. An Interdisciplinary Study on Children with ADHD’, Brocher Foundation, Geneva
- 2017 Invited lecture ‘Embedded Ethics: The Philosophical-Anthropological Substrate of AI’, Moral Machines? Ethical Implications of Contemporary Robotics, ETH Zurich
- 2017 Invited lecture ‘Freedom Through the Looking Glass: Liberal Ideas in Pre-Revolutionary Russia’, Institute of Historical Research History of Political Ideas Seminar, London, UK
- 2017 Moderation & roundtable discussant, Law and Philosophy workshop, University of Zurich
- 2016 ‘Modern medicine between technology and human beings’, Branco Weiss Symposium, Zurich
- 2016 Roundtable discussant, ZGW workshop ‘Knowledge and Objects. Material Cultures in the Medical Humanities’ (in German), University of Zurich
- 2016 Moderation ‘Democracy and Capitalism – Or Economic Democracy?’, public lecture by Alex Demirovic, within ‘Democracy: Bridging Facts and Norms’, University of Zurich
- 2016 Participant, Libertarian Paternalism Workshop, Progress Foundation, Schwarzenberg, Austria
- 2016 ‘Ambivalences of Modern Medicine’, ETH Zurich Philosophy Seminar
- 2016 ‘Moral Progress and Value Pluralism’, Political Philosophy colloquium, Centre for Ethics, University of Zurich
- 2015 ‘Aspects of Moral and Legal Progress, Or, Is Progress a Zero-Sum Game?’, Martti Koskenniemi Workshop, ETH Zurich
- 2015 ‘If there are No Universal Values, Everything is Permitted: Liberalism and the Possibility of Moral Progress’, Moral Progress: Concept, Measurement, and Application Conference, VU Amsterdam
- 2015 ‘Ideas of Progress in Liberal Theory’, Philosophy colloquium, ETH Zurich
- 2014 ‘Conservative and Liberal Attitudes to Change: A Russian Case Study’, Conservatism workshop, Centre for Ethics, University of Zurich
- 2014 “‘Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger’”: Some Reflections on Liberalism and the Idea of Progress’, Political Philosophy colloquium, Centre for Ethics, University of Zurich
- 2011 ‘Rethinking Russian Religious Thought: An Examination of the Relationship between Pre-Revolutionary Orthodox and Liberal Thought on Freedom’, Rethinking Russian Religious Thought workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2009 ‘Beyond the Edge’, Introduction to Russia on Edge: Centre and Periphery in Contemporary Russian Culture workshop, University of Cambridge
- 2009 ‘The Philosophy and Politics of Bogdan Kistiakovskii (1868-1920)’, Vekhi Centenary Conference, University of Bristol
- 2009 Introduction to Commemorating Isaiah Berlin session, Russian Graduate Seminar Group, University of Cambridge
- 2008 ‘In Search of the Good Society: Visions of Pre-1917 Russian Liberalism’, 40th Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Philadelphia
- 2008 ‘Which Liberalism? A Study of the Pre-Revolutionary Liberal Dilemma in Russia’, CRESC Culture and Citizenship Conference, University of Oxford
- 2008 ‘The Western Ideal in Russian Thought: The Case of Spain’, Compares Iberian and Slavonic Cultures in Contact and Comparison Conference, University of Lisbon
- 2008 ‘The Gap between East and West: The Idea of Freedom in Russia’, Aesthetics and Politics in a Modernist Context: Workshop with Svetlana Boym, University of Cambridge
- 2007 “‘Are You Gangsters?’ ‘No, We’re Russians’: The Brother Films and the Question of National Identity in Russia’, BASEES postgraduate conference, University of Glasgow
- 2007 ‘Las Vegas in the Taiga: Changing Perceptions of Moscow in the West’, round table Re-Imagining the Russian Bear, BASEES postgraduate conference, University of Glasgow
- 2007 ‘The Paradoxes of Faith: The Book of Job in Russian Orthodox Thought’, Symposium on Orthodoxy, King’s College, University of Cambridge

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS ORGANISED

- 2023 – 2025 Co-convenor, Assisted Lab Research Seminars
- 2024 Co-organizer with Anna Elsner, Marc Keller, & Jordan McCullough (University of St Gallen), End of Life Stories Matter Workshop, McGill International Palliative Care Conference

- 2018 Co-organizer with Nadja El Kassar (ETH Zurich) & Stuart Firestein (Columbia University) 'Ignorance, Failure, and Uncertainty: Why Science is so Successful' Lecture and Rethinking Progress Via Ignorance and Failure: Insights from Science, Medicine and Humanities Workshop
- 2017 Co-organizer with Janina Kehr (University of Zurich), Emergence and Dissolution of Medical Knowledge: Uncertainty and Openness Workshop with Tobias Rees (McGill, New School)
- 2017 Co-organizer with Julia Stern (University of Zurich) & Alicia Schwammborn (Frankfurt) of multi-university Law and Philosophy Colloquium, University of Zurich
- 2016 Co-organizer with ZGW Medical Humanities Working Group, Knowledge & Objects. Material Cultures in the Medical Humanities Workshop (in German)
- 2015 Co-organizer The Idea of Progress in International Law Workshop with Martti Koskenniemi
- 2009 Co-convenor Russia on Edge: Centre and Periphery in Contemporary Russian Culture Workshop, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge
- 2007 – 2009 Co-convenor Contemporary Russian Culture Study Group, CRASSH, University of Cambridge

SERVICE TO PROFESSION & EXTRA TRAINING

- 2026 Digital storytelling workshop participant, StoryCentre Canada
- 2023 – Leadership and management roles in design, maintenance and growth of Assisted Lab's web presence and group, assistedlab.ch
- 2023 Ethics lead, AI, Ethics and Psychiatry Lab, University of Ottawa
- 2022 – Member, Northwestern University Research Initiative for the Study of Russian Philosophy and Religious Thought
- 2020 – Member, International Research Network on Critical Theory and Conservative Thought
- 2018 – Advisory Board Member, ETH Zurich Competence Centre for Rehabilitation Engineering and Science (RESC)
- 2018 – 2019 Member, National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) Digital Fabrication Socio-Economic Working Group, Zurich
- 2018 – 2022 Member, Robots, Empathy and Emotions Working Group, accompanying the Foundation for Technology Assessment (TA-SWISS) study 'Emotionale Mensch-Maschine-Beziehungen: neue Herausforderungen rund um soziale Roboter'
- 2018 Participant, World Economic Forum's Transformation Maps in Teaching Workshop, Zurich
- 2018 Participant, Workshop on future of ETH Zurich and University of Zurich History of Knowledge Centre (Zentrum Geschichte des Wissens (ZGW)), Männedorf
- 2018 Lead author, ETH Zurich Disability in Society Initiative within ETH Zurich Rehabilitation Initiative
- 2017 – 2021 Member, Philosophie Gesellschaft Zürich
- 2017 – 2022 Co-founder, ETH Zurich Society for Wom*n in the Humanities and Social Sciences (SWiSH)
- 2017 Member, Robotics and Philosophy Project, roboethics.ch
- 2017 Invited participant, Critical Theory Summer School: Progress, Regression and Social Change, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- 2016 – 2018 Representative, associated faculty members, Zentrum Geschichte des Wissens (ZGW)
- 2015 – 2021 Member, Zentrum Geschichte des Wissens (ZGW)
- 2015 – 2021 Co-founder & member, ZGW Medical Humanities Working Group
- 2015 University of Zurich-Harvard Medical School Intensive Clinical Bioethics Course

TEACHING & MENTORING

- MCGILL UNIVERSITY
- 2023 – 2026 Faculty mentor to research assistants Faiz Elahi (MA English), Karen Zhiyi Ren (PhD Film Studies), Carlos Pittella (MA English & Creative Writing), Davina Toledano (BA Philosophy & History), Charlotte Frank (PhD English), Robyn Otto (BCL/JD Law), & Jacob Shannon (BCL/JD Law), working on the stories of assisted dying
- 2020 – 2021 Faculty mentor within Institute for Health and Social Policy internship program: Sarah Kim (Biomedical Engineering), 'Looking Past the Narratives: A Look into the Montreal AI Ecosystem'
- Esther Kim (Cognitive Science and Health Geography), 'The Progress of the Social Determinants of Health'
- Alua Kulenova (Philosophy & Political Science), 'Medical Progress and Sustainability'
- Athena Ko (Medicine), 'Digital Health & Medical Education'

2019 – 2020 Kristen Vanderwee (Philosophy), 'Medical Progress & Personhood'
Lecturer within Institute for Health and Social Policy internship program seminar series

2023 – 2026 UNIVERSITY OF ST GALLEN
Academic advisor Assisted Lab researchers (MA students, PhD students, post-docs, associate researchers) within Department of Medical Humanities
Participation in PhD Seminars

2017 Guest lecturer within Department of East European Studies

2015 – 2024 ETH ZURICH
Mentoring PhD students at Lutz Wingert's and Michael Hampe's Philosophy Chairs, students in Master in History and Philosophy of Knowledge programme, & students with natural and engineering sciences backgrounds taking humanities courses
Assisting Lutz Wingert with course preparations

2021 Course co-organizer & lecturer 'Rebooting AI: Human & Social Aspects of Artificial Intelligence', Turing Centre

2017 Guest lecturer on normative reasoning

2017 Academic advisor for Zurich Robotics and Philosophy Project

2014 UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH
Tutor, Chair of Political Philosophy

2007 – 2010 UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Undergraduate lectures and supervisions on philosophy, history & culture with a particular focus on eastern Europe

REVIEWS

Cambridge University Press, The BMJ, BMC Medical Education, Canadian Slavonic Papers, Science, Philosophy

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT

2023 – 2024 Russian-English interpreter Ukrainian Aid Initiative, Montreal, Canada

2005 – 2013 Translator Press and Information Office of the President of the Russian Federation, Internet Department, <http://en.kremlin.ru/>

2007 – 2022 Occasional translator Stichting Justice Initiative

2005 – 2007 Occasional translator Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

2005 Public Affairs Officer, Cultural Relations Department, Embassy of Canada, Moscow, Russia

2005 Translator & editor for NTV Plus channel, Moscow, Russia

2004 – 2005 Consultant, Tweedsmuir Group, Ottawa, Canada

LANGUAGES

English (native) | French, German, Italian, Russian (fluent)

NATIONALITIES

Canadian | Swiss | British