

AKSEL STERRI

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Applied Ethics (including Digital Ethics, Bioethics, and Animal Ethics), Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Normative Ethics, Philosophy of Social Science, Public Philosophy, Social Epistemology

POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher in Philosophy, Faculty of Health Sciences, Oslo Metropolitan University	2023-
Department of Government, Harvard University	2022-2023
Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford	2021-2022
Instructor in Digital Ethics, Embedded EthiCS, Harvard University	2023
Tutor in Practical Ethics, Balliol College, University of Oxford	2022
Junior Research Fellow, Linacre College, University of Oxford	2021-2022
Digital Ethics Lead, HON2200, University of Oslo	2021-

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, University of Oslo	2020
Thesis: <i>Delicate Deals: Moral Choice on the Margins</i> Supervisor: Ole Martin Moen Committee: Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen and Vida Panitch	
Visiting Fellow, Department of Government, Harvard University	2019-2020
Supervisor: Michael Sandel	
Visiting graduate student, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford	2017, 2019
MA in Political Science, University of Oslo	2012
Thesis: <i>The Welfare State and Happiness in 23 OECD countries 1972–2002</i> , grade: A	
Visiting graduate student, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota	2010
BA in Political Science (minor in Economics), University of Oslo	2009

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Young Academy Norway, member (40 seats in total)	2022-
Principal Investigator (FRIPRO project), “Ethics of Contagion: How We Should Respond to the Spread of Infectious Diseases,” funded by the Norwegian Research Council (\$450,000)	2021-2024
Basic Competence in University Pedagogy, University of Oslo	2020
Harvard Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard’s Office of Undergraduate Teaching	2020
Fulbright Flagship grant (Harvard University) (\$6,000)	2019

PUBLICATIONS IN ENGLISH

- “What’s Your Price? Three Cheers for Data Markets,” *AI Morality* (ed. D. Edmonds), Oxford University Press, forthcoming
- “Corporal Punishment” (w. O. M. Moen), *Oxford Handbook of Punishment Theory and Philosophy* (ed. J. Ryberg), forthcoming
- “Animals: Ending Cruelty Through Markets,” *Routledge Handbook of Commodification* (ed. V. Panitch and E. Bertrand), Routledge, 390-401, 2023
- “The Ethics of Sex Robots” (w. B. Earp), *Oxford Handbook of Digital Ethics* (ed. C. Véliz), Oxford University Press, 241-257, 2023
- “Ethical Solutions to the Problem of Organ Shortage” (w. S. Regmi & J. Harris), *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 31(3): 297-309, 2022
- “Vaccine Boosters, Vaccine Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism” (w. J. Pugh et al.), *Rapid Ethics Review*, UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator, March 24: 1-12, 2022
- “The Ethics of Emergencies” (w. O. M. Moen), *Philosophical Studies*, 178: 2621–2634, 2021
- “Why States Should Buy Kidneys,” *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 38(5): 844-856, 2021
- “Racial Justice Requires Drug Policy Overhaul” (w. B. Earp et al.), *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 21(4): 4-19, 2021
- “Prize, Not Price: Reframing Rewards for Kidney Donors,” *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 47: e57, 2020
- “Sex Selection in India: Why a ban is not justified,” *Developing World Bioethics*, 20(3): 150-156, 2020
- “Pedophilia and Computer-Generated Child Pornography” (w. O. M. Moen), *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy* (ed. D. Boonin), Palgrave Macmillan, 369-381, 2018
- Global Citizen: Challenges and Responsibility in an Interconnected World* (editor), Sense Publishers, 2014

PUBLICATIONS IN NORWEGIAN

- “Dødshjelp og tvangsfilosofi” (w. O. M. Moen), *Omsorg: Nordisk tidsskrift for Palliativ Medisin*, 3: 52-58, 2023
- “Ruspolitikkens etikk,” *Nytt Norsk Tidsskrift*, 40(1): 56-68, 2023
- “Heller velferdsstat enn borgerlønn,” *Norsk filosofisk tidsskrift*, 2-3: 126-140, 2020
- Aktiv dødshjelp – etikk ved livets slutt* (w. O. M. Moen), Cappelen Damm Akademisk, 130 p., 2019
- “Provokativ offentlig filosofi,” *Etikk i praksis*, 12(2): 105-128, 2018
- “Anmeldelse av Raino Malnes og Knut Midgaard: Politisk filosofi,” *Tidsskrift for samfunnsforskning*, 59(1): 116-119, 2018
- Tilbake til politikken - Hvordan Arbeiderpartiet igjen skal bli folkets parti*, Kagge forlag, 250 p., 2014

UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

- “Against AGI” · “The AI Transition Problem” · “An Insurance Theory of Our Pandemic Obligations” · “War, Opportunity Costs, and Emergencies” (w. F. Hjørthen) · “Vaccination, Beneficence, and Risk” · “A Global Redistributive Auction for Vaccine Allocation” (w. P. Skjelbred) · “Health Priority, Discrimination, and the All-Inclusive View” (w. A. Didriksen) · “Fair Vaccine Prioritisation” · “Tax Animal Suffering to Reduce It” (w. A. Soryl) · “Valuation of Animals” (w. R. B. Holmen) · “Validating the Oxford Utilitarianism Scale” (w. M. Stenmarck et al.) · “The Bulldozing Fallacy” (w. O. M. Moen) ·

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

100+ media appearances in *Financial Times*, the BBC Radio 4 series *The Global Philosopher*, *Samtiden*, *Aftenposten*, *Dagbladet*, *Morgenbladet*, *VG*, *NRK Verdibørsen*, *NRK Ekko*, *NRK Dagsnytt 18*, *NRK Debatten*.

10+ opinion pieces on the ethics and regulation of AI. I have interviewed Onora O'Neill and written obituaries on Derek Parfit, Anthony Atkinson, and Kenneth Arrow.

I was the lead author submitting written evidence to the UK Parliament's Science and Technology Committee on 'Reproducibility and research integrity' (the replication crisis) with colleagues from the University of Oxford.

PRIZES AND GRANTS

Three-year FRIPRO Researcher Project, Research Council of Norway, \$400,000	2021-2024
NFFO Writing grant, book project on the ethics of AI, \$30,000	2023
Norway Fulbright prize for best article by young researcher for "The Ethics of Emergencies," \$4,000	2021
Harvard Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard's Office of Undergraduate Teaching	2020
Christian Sandsdalen Memorial Prize for <i>Aktiv dødshjelp – etikk ved livets slutt</i> , \$1,000	2020
Professor Morgenstiernes Fond, travel stipend to Harvard, \$6,000	2020
Research Council of Norway, travel stipend to Harvard, \$10,000	2020
Fulbright Flagship Grant (Harvard), \$6,000	2019
Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowships Fund, travel stipend to Oxford, \$5,000	2019
Research Council of Norway, travel stipend to Oxford, \$10,000	2019
Fritt Ord Foundation, Writing grant, <i>Aktiv dødshjelp – etikk ved livets slutt</i> , \$10,000	2017
Fritt Ord Foundation, Writing grant, <i>Tilbake til politikken</i> , \$10,000	2014

TEACHING

Embedded EthiCS (CS 1, CS 96, and CS 178), Harvard University, Ethics Instructor	2023
Data Analysis and Machine Learning (HON2200), University of Oslo, Ethics Lead	2021-2023
Practical Ethics, Balliol College, University of Oxford, Tutor	2022
Bioethics, Oxford Study Abroad Programme, Tutor	2022
AI Ethics, MSt in Practical Ethics, University of Oxford, Lecturer	2022
Applied Ethics (FIL2302), University of Oslo, Course Co-Lead	2020
Examen Philosophicum, University of Oslo, Seminar leader	2020, 2021
Meritocracy and Its Critics (Gen Ed 1181), Harvard College, Seminar leader (instructor: Michael Sandel)	2022
Justice, Harvard Extension School, Seminar leader (instructor: Michael Sandel)	2022
Political Epistemology (Gen Ed 1023), Harvard College, Seminar leader (instructor: Chris Robichaud)	2020
Tech Ethics (Gen Ed 1058), Harvard College, Seminar leader (instructor: Michael Sandel)	2019

SUPERVISION

Master's Theses

Charis Li, Science, Technology, and Society, Colby College, 2022-2023 (outside reader)

Albert Didriksen, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, 2020-2021 (primary), PhD student at CEU

Brage Vilhelm Bull-Hansen, Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo, 2018-2019 (co-supervisor)

Undergraduate Thesis

Charis Li, Wadham College, University of Oxford (primary)

PASTORAL COMMITMENTS

Adviser to two graduate students, Linacre College, University of Oxford 2021-2022

Mentor to the first cohort of PPE students (15 students), University of Oslo 2020-2021

PEER REVIEW

Analysis · Journal of Applied Philosophy · Journal of Ethics and Social Policy · Journal of Medical Ethics · Medical Law Review · Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics · Journal of Controversial Ideas · Food Ethics · Filosofisk tidskrift (Norwegian Journal of Philosophy) · Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

The AI Transition Problem

MANCEPT, Employment, Justice, and the Future of Work, Manchester Sept 11, 2023

Practical Philosophy Seminar, University of Oslo, Norway Sept 7, 2023

Inaugural Conference of the Technology Ethics eXchange NorthEast, Harvard, Cambridge, US May 18, 2023

MIT/Harvard Tech Ethics seminar, Online May 4, 2023

Fair Vaccine Prioritisation

Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference, University of Oxford, UK June 27, 2023

The 13th International Society for Priorities in Health Conference, University of Bergen, Norway Apr 28, 2022

Fair Priority Setting Workshop, Nyborg, Denmark Nov 15-16, 2021

An Insurance Theory of Epidemic Obligations

Society of Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, Edinburgh, UK July 3, 2022

The Oxford Uehiro Centre Workshop, University of Oxford, UK March 2, 2022

Uehiro-CEPDISC workshop, Aarhus University, Copenhagen, Denmark Nov 24-25, 2021

The Oxford Uehiro Centre seminar, University of Oxford, UK Oct 27, 2021

Health Priority, Discrimination, and the All-Inclusive View

Discrimination and Healthcare Workshop, Aarhus University, DK Dec 5-6, 2023

The Oxford Uehiro Centre seminar, University of Oxford, UK May 25, 2022

Taxing Animal Suffering to Reduce It

Sheffield Animal Studies Research Centre's Ethics and Policy Seminar, Sheffield University, UK Nov 8, 2023

The Ethics of Emergencies

Norway Fulbright Alumni Association's Prize Lecture, Oslo, Norway Nov 24, 2021

Practical Philosophy Annual Workshop, University of Oslo, Norway Oct 11, 2018

Methods in Applied Ethics Conference, NTNU, Norway Apr 20, 2018

Vaccination, Risk, and Beneficence

Nordic Network for Political Theory, Aarhus, Denmark Nov 4-6, 2021

A Global Redistributive Auction for Vaccine Allocation

The Oxford Uehiro Centre Workshop, University of Oxford, UK Oct 27, 2021

Why States Should Buy Kidneys

Harvard Political Theory Workshop, Cambridge, US Feb 9, 2020

The Bulldozing Fallacy

Oxford PPE Society, University of Oxford, UK
Justice and Markets conference, Aarhus University, Denmark

May 30, 2019
Jan 8-10, 2018

Sex Selection in India: Why a Ban is not Justified

Bioethics and Political Philosophy: Nordic Perspectives, Stockholm University, Sweden
Postgraduate Bioethics Conference, King's College London, UK

May 17, 2019
July 24, 2018

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Research Director (and Co-Founder), Senter for langsiktig politikk, Oslo	2023-
Monthly columnist, <i>Dagbladet</i>	2017-2021
Opinion page editor (substitute), <i>Dagbladet</i>	2016
Full-time columnist and editorial writer, <i>Dagbladet</i>	2015-2017
Political advisor and editor, Store Norske Leksikon (Great Norwegian Encyclopedia)	2013-2015
Analyst, The Norwegian Labour Party	2012-2013

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Head of think tank, Progressiv	2012-2013
Head of Board of Culture, Foundation for Student Life in Oslo and Akershus	2011-2012
Head of the Students' Representative Council (Studenparlamentet), University of Oslo	2010-2011
Head of the Student Union at the Social Science Faculty, University of Oslo	2008-2009

BOARD EXPERIENCE

Norway's Natural History Museum · Forum for University History · Uniforum/Apollon · Norwegian Agency for Digital Learning in Higher Education · Norwegian Student Union · The Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Oslo

REFERENCES

Professor Michael Sandel

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Professor Roger Crisp

Professor of Moral Philosophy in the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, and the Director of the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Littlegate House, St Ebbe's Street, Oxford OX1 1PT, roger.crisp@st-annes.ox.ac.uk

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