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CURRENT POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Humanities
The Hamilton Center, University of Florida
Gainesville, August 2024–

PRIOR POSITIONS

Visiting Professor
Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities
Budapest, 2022–July 2024

Senior Fellow
Danube Institute, Batthyány Lajos Foundation
Budapest, 2022–July 2024

Chair for Jewish–Christian Relations
University of Antwerp, Institute of Jewish Studies and University Centre Saint-Ignatius
Antwerp, 2022–2023

Visiting Professor
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Department of Philosophy
Milan, Autumn 2022

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Center for the Study of Christianity, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Jerusalem, 2019–2021

Affiliate Professor
Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Maryland
Baltimore, Spring 2019

University Postdoctoral Fellow
Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Leuven, 2017–2018

LECTIO Doctoral Fellow
Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Leuven, 2014–2017

RESEARCH DEGREES

2017 PhD in Philosophy, 2017
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Thesis on Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*
Research director: Gerd Van Riel, Dean of the Institute of Philosophy
Examining committee: Mauro Bonazzi (Milan), Jan Opsomer (Leuven), Andrea Robiglio (Leuven)

2012 MPhil in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, *Magna cum laude*
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Thesis on Plato's theory of legal change

- 2011 MPhil in Philosophy
University of Wales, Trinity Saint David
 Thesis on Augustine of Hippo's theory of time

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 *Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Humanities*. Two years, 2019–2021
 2017 *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Institute of Philosophy*. One year, 2017–2018
 2016 *Harvard University, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library*. One month, 2016
 2014 *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Institute of Philosophy*. Three-and-a-half years, 2014–17

RESIDENCIES

- 2021 *Eötvös Loránd University, Department of Comparative Literature*
 Autumn 2021
 2018 *Fondation Hardt pour l'étude de l'antiquité classique*
 May 2018

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2022 *I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus*.
 New York: Oxford University Press – London: C. Hurst. (315 pp.)
 2021 *Nemesius of Emesa on Human Nature: A Cosmopolitan Anthropology from Roman Syria*. (Oxford Early Christian Studies.)
 Oxford: Oxford University Press. (205 + XXIV pp.)
 2021 *The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History*.
 New York: Oxford University Press – London: C. Hurst. (411 + XXVI pp.)
 2017 *Platonic Legislations: An Essay on Legal Critique in Ancient Greece*. (Springer Briefs in Philosophy.)
 Cham: Springer. (116 + XXIII pp.)
 2014 *The Space of Time: A Sensualist Interpretation of Time in Augustine, Confessions X to XII*. (Supplements to the Study of Time.)
 Leiden – Boston: Brill. (358 + XVI pp.)

FORTHCOMING BOOKS

- 2025 *After the Catastrophe: Jan Patočka and the Future of Europe*.
 London: C. Hurst – New York: Oxford University Press. (Under contract.)

ARTICLES

- 2025 "The Strangeness of Jesus: Benedict de Spinoza and the Gospels."
 Manuscript in preparation.
 2021 "The Limits of Punishment: A Critique of (Human-to-Inhuman) Reincarnation in Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*." *Studia Patristica* 128, 373–90.

- 2021 "World City: Towards a New Reading of Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*." *Studia Patristica* 102, 45–62.
- 2020 "The Government of the Body: A Reconstruction of the Physiological Chapters in Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*." *Early Science and Medicine* 25, 480–506.
- 2018 "New Light on Time in Augustine's *Confessions*." *Studia Patristica* 98, 529–43.
- 2017 "The Judgment of Pontius Pilate: A Critique of Giorgio Agamben." *Journal of Law and Religion* 32, 340–65.
- 2017 "*Ait enim Lucretius*: An Affirmation of the Epicurean Concept of Time in Isidore of Seville's *Etymologiae*." *Antiquité Tardive* 25, 321–31.
- 2015 "Carl Schmitt on *Hostis* and *Inimicus*: A Veneer for Bloody-Mindedness." *Ratio Juris* 28, 431–39.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2025 "Data and Detection: Homage to Carlo Ginzburg." (With a reply by Carlo Ginzburg.) *Slow Reading and the Shock of Recognition*. Ed. A. A. Robiglio. Cordoba: University of Cordoba Press (in press).
- 2023 "'The Great Refusal': Pilate and Jesus in the Political Theologies of Dante, Valla, and Marsilius." *Marsilius of Padua between History, Politics and Philosophy*. (Disputatio 36.) Ed. A. Mulieri, S. Masolini, and J. Pelletier. Turnhout: Brepols (pp. 285–319).
- 2017 "Judaic Authority in Nemesius of Emesa's *De natura hominis* (390 CE)." *Light on Creation: Ancient Commentators in Dialogue and Debate on the Origin of the World*. (Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum 104.) Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck (pp. 127–56).

ESSAYS

- 2024 "Jesus at the End of History." *Unherd* (30 March 2024).
- 2024 "The Salvation of Spinoza." *Engelsberg Ideas* (28 March 2024).
- 2020 "Socrate e Gesù di nuovo a processo." *La Lettura – Corriere della Sera* (19 July 2020), 8–9
Italian translation by M. J. Stettler of "'A World like a Russian Novel'" (TLS, 10 April 2020)
- 2020 "'A World like a Russian Novel': The Trials of Socrates and Jesus." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (10 April 2020), 21
- 2019 "Machine Drama." *The Philosophical Salon – Los Angeles Review of Books* (20 May 2019)
- 2019 "Unfortunate Galilean: The Passion as Seen by Two Poetic Herberts." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (19 April 2019), 13–14
- 2019 "Postnatural Intelligence." *First Things* (February 2019), 15–17
- 2018 "Utopia's Borders." *American Affairs* (20 November 2018)
- 2018 "Trouble in Paradise: The Rise of Artificial Intelligence." *The Philosophical Salon – Los Angeles Review of Books* (2 July 2018)

- 2018 "Data! Data! Data!" *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (13 June 2018)
Turkish translation by Janset Kiliñç archived online at <https://dusunbil.com/data-data-data/>
- 2016 "Pilate Schemes." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (25 March 2016), 15

REVIEWS

- 2023 "The Women Who Made Augustine." Review of Kate Cooper, *Queens of a Fallen World: The Lost Women of Augustine's Confessions* (New York 2023). *Engelsberg Ideas* (8 August 2023)
- 2022 "Touched by a Woman." Review of Eugene Rogers, *Blood Theology: Seeing Red in Body- and God-Talk* (Cambridge 2021). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (20 May 2022)
- 2022 "The Coming of Barbarism." Review of Stuart Jeffries, *Everything, All the Time, Everywhere: How We Became Postmodern* (London 2021). *The Spectator and The Spectator Australia* (15 January 2022), 42
- 2021 "A Choice, and Not a Law." Review of Michel Foucault, *Confessions of the Flesh: The History of Sexuality, Volume 4* (New York 2021). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (16 July 2021)
- 2018 "Dark and Beautiful." Review of Giorgio Agamben, *The Mystery of Evil: Benedict XVI and the End of Days* (Princeton 2017). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (20 April 2018), 26
- 2016 "Beware of Greeks." Review of Marc Van De Mieroop, *Philosophy before the Greeks: The Pursuit of Truth in Ancient Babylonia* (Princeton 2016). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (2 December 2016), 26
- 2015 Review of Mark F. M. Clavier, *Eloquent Wisdom: Rhetoric, Cosmology and Delight in the Theology of Augustine of Hippo* (Brepols 2014). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (30 October 2015), 30–31
- 2015 Review of Simona Cohen, *Transformations of Time and Temporality in Medieval and Renaissance Art* (Leiden 2014). *Aevum. Rassegna di Scienze storiche linguistiche e filologiche* 89, 454–56
- 2015 Review of Ward Blanton, *A Materialism for the Masses: Saint Paul and the Philosophy of Undying Life* (New York 2014). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (30 January 2015), 27
- 2014 "Red Cells and Grey." Review of Gil Anidjar, *Blood: A Critique of Christianity* (New York 2014). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (3 October 2014), 32
- 2014 "Pseudo-Simplicius." Review of 'Simplicius', *On Aristotle On the Soul 3.6–13*, trans. C. Steel with A. Ritups (London 2012). *The Classical Review* 64, 436–37
- 2014 Review of Michael Edwards, *Time and the Science of the Soul in Early Modern Philosophy* (Leiden 2013). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (15 August 2014), 27
- 2013 "Totum and Taboo." Review of Giacomo Marramao, *The Passage West: Philosophy After the Age of the Nation State*, trans. M. Mandarini (London 2012). *Radical Philosophy* 179: 43–46

- 2012 Review of Gerard O'Daly, *Days Linked by Song: Prudentius' Cathemerinon* (Oxford 2012). *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 88, 516–18
- 2010 "Susceptibility." Review of Jean-François Lyotard, *Enthusiasm: The Kantian Critique of History*, tr. G. Van Den Abbeele (Stanford 2009). *Radical Philosophy* 162: 57–59

TEACHING

- 2024 Romanticism: The Storm of Feeling
Hamilton Center, University of Florida
- 2024 The Political Life of Jesus
Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University
- 2023 Cultures of Desire in Hellenistic Rome and Early Christianity: Michel Foucault's *History of Sexuality* volumes III and IV
Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University
- 2023 The Pagan Verses: Mediterranean Wisdom in Christian Scripture
Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University
- 2022 Jesus as Philosopher, Philosophy in the Gospels
Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University
- 2019 Philosophical Perspectives: The Project of Modernity
Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Maryland
- 2017 Political Philosophy: Advanced Course
Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2017 Open Research Seminar: Augustine's *Confessions*
Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

SHARED COURSES

- 2020 When Christians Were Jews: The First Generation
Department of Comparative Religion, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2016 Philosophy of Law: Advanced Course
Institute of Philosophy & Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2015 Philosophy of Law: Advanced Course
Institute of Philosophy & Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

COLLABORATIVE COURSES

- 2016 Ancient, Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2015 Political Thought in Medieval and Early Modern Europe
Faculty of Arts, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2015 Themes in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

SELECT TALKS

CHAIR LECTURES

- 2023 *University Centre Saint-Ignatius Antwerp – Institute of Jewish Studies, Joint Chair 2022–2023*
 University of Antwerp, 20–24 February 2023 (Belgium)
Chair lecture: “The Strangeness of Jesus: Benedict de Spinoza and the Gospels.”
Chair seminar: “The Politics of Jesus’ Death: Jewish–Christian Notes on the Gospels’ Passion Narratives.”

LECTURE SERIES

- 2021 *Exploring the Underground Writings of Jan Patočka: Six Lectures on the Heretical Essays*
 Danube Institute, Budapest, Autumn 2021 (Hungary)

INVITED LECTURES

- 2024 “Decadence and Technology: Revisiting Jan Patočka’s *Heretical Essays* (Prague, 1975).”
 The University of Hong Kong, 16 April 2024 (Hong Kong)
- 2024 “The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History.”
 Campion College, Sydney, 10 April 2024 (Australia)
- 2024 “‘I Judge No One’: A Political Life of Jesus.”
 Australian Catholic University – The Ramsay Centre, Sydney, 9 April 2024 (Australia)
 A contribution to Australian Catholic University’s *Aletheia* series
- 2024 “Freedom and Sexuality in the First Christian Anthropology.”
 Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, 4 April 2024 (Australia)
 A contribution to the *Biblical and Early Christian Studies* series
- 2024 “*Deus sive Machina*: Machines and the Desire for God.”
 Exeter College, University of Oxford, 7–8 February 2024 (United Kingdom)
 A contribution to *Intelligences: The Making and Unmaking of Humans*, a two-day colloquium
- 2023 “‘I Judge No One’: A Political Life of Jesus.”
 Department of Modern Languages and Classics, University of Alabama, 5 December 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “‘I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus.”
 Department of Religion, Princeton University, 28 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “‘The Innocence of Pontius Pilate’: Early Modern Readings of the Roman Trial of Jesus.”
 Yale Law School, Yale University, 27 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “Life and Death in the Worlds of Law: A Foray into Aquinas (*ST I-II 90-97*).”
 Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, 13 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “‘The Innocence of Pontius Pilate’: Early Modern Readings of the Roman Trial of Jesus.”

- Duke University, 9 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “Existential Jerusalem: Notes on Tertullian’s ‘Jerusalem’ in Hamann, Kierkegaard, Shestov, and Fondane.”
Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1 November 2023 (Israel)
A contribution to the *Jerusalem in Christianity, Christianity in Jerusalem* conference (Cancelled due to 7 October 2023)
- 2023 “The Limits of Punishment: A Critique of (Human-to-Inhuman) Reincarnation in Nemesius of Emesa’s *De Natura Hominis*.”
- (i) Hungarian Patristic Society, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, 26 November 2021 (Hungary)
 - (ii) Department of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, 5 October 2023 (Serbia). A contribution to the *Science, Faith, and Superstition* project at the University of Belgrade, in coordination with the *New Horizons for Science and Religion in Central and Eastern Europe* project at the University of Oxford
 - (iii) Faculty of Philosophy, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, 20 October 2023 (Italy). A contribution to a two-day conference on *Nemesius of Emesa: A Crossroad of Late Antique Philosophy and Early Christian Theology*
- 2023 “Data and Detection: From Sherlock Holmes to Observant Machines.”
- (i) Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, 18 March 2019 (United States)
 - (ii) Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, 11 October 2023 (Hungary)
- 2023 “Questions about the Crucified: From Celsus to Nietzsche.”
Faculty of Theology, University of Leuven, 22 February 2023 (Belgium)
- 2023 “‘Pilate Defended’: Early Enlightenment Readings of the Roman Trial of Jesus and the Rise of Secularization.”
Faculty of Law, University of Leuven, 21 February 2023 (Belgium)
A contribution to the *Leuven Legal History Talks* series
- 2022 “Fate, Freedom, and the Logic of Law in Nemesius of Emesa’s *De Natura Hominis*.”
Late Antique Religions and Societies Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, 15 November 2022 (United States)
- 2022 “How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History: From Ancient Africa to Early Modern Europe.”
California State University, Bakersfield, 18 November 2022 (United States)
A contribution to the *Philosophy and Religious Studies Colloquium*
- 2022 “World City: Towards a New Reading of Nemesius of Emesa’s *De Natura Hominis*.”
Hungarian Patristic Society, St. Maurice Monastery, Bakonybél, 24 June 2022 (Hungary)
- 2022 “War and the Fate of Europe in Patočka’s *Heretical Essays*.”
- (i) Institute of European Studies – Institut za evropske studije, Belgrade, 28 April 2022 (Serbia)
 - (ii) Institute for Human Sciences – Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, 1 June 2022 (Austria)

- 2022 “The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: Notes on an Unnoticed Theme in Judaic and Islamic Traditions.”
Institute of Ancient and Classical Studies, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, 2 May 2022 (Hungary)
- 2021 “‘I Obstruct Not Your Dominion’: Augustine’s World-Historical Sermons on the Roman Trial of Jesus.”
Faculty of Theology, Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, 7 December 2021 (Hungary)
- 2021 “The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History.”
Faculty of Law, Lund University, 21 September 2021 (Sweden. By video link, due to the coronavirus)
A contribution to Lund University’s *Law, Theology and Culture* series
- 2021 “Nemesius of Emesa on Human Nature: A Cosmopolitan Anthropology from Roman Syria.”
Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 13 June 2021 (Israel)
- 2020 “Nemesius of Emesa: A Secret Master-Thinker of Byzantium and Europe.”
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring 2020 (Israel. Cancelled due to the coronavirus)
- 2016 “The Judgement of Pontius Pilate: A Critique of Giorgio Agamben.”
(i) School of Law, The University of Edinburgh, 7 October 2016 (United Kingdom)
(ii) Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 20 October 2016 (Belgium)

INVITED SEMINARS

- 2024 “What Is This *Sophia*? Jesus, the Gospels, and the History of Philosophy.”
University of Helsinki, 17 May 2024 (Finland)
A contribution to the *History of Philosophy Research Seminar* series
- 2024 “The Politics of Jesus.”
Oriental College, University of Oxford, 7 May 2024 (United Kingdom)
Organized by the Centre for Theology, Law, and Culture at Pusey House, Oxford
- 2024 “Leibniz, *I Ching*, and Bio-Computers.”
NYU Shanghai, 19 April 2024 (China)
Organized by the AI&Culture Center
- 2023 “A Metaphysically Rich Physiology of Consent in Nemesius of Emesa’s *De Natura Hominis*.”
Department of Modern Languages and Classics, University of Alabama, 5 December 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “Nemesius of Emesa on Human Nature: A Cosmopolitan Anthropology from Roman Syria.”
Dumbarton Oaks Research Library, Harvard University, 17 November 2023 (United States. Cancelled due to illness)
- 2023 “I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus.”

- School of Law, New York University, 15 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 "I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus."
Loeb Institute for Religious Freedom, George Washington University, 14 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 "I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus."
All Souls College, University of Oxford, 3 March 2023 (United Kingdom)
- 2023 "The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History."
Oriell College, University of Oxford, 2 March 2023 (United Kingdom)
- 2022 "Fate, Freedom, and the Logic of Law in Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*."
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, 12 December 2022 (Italy)
- 2022 "The Innocence of Pontius Pilate."
Department of Literary Studies, Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, 19 May 2022 (Hungary)
- 2021 "Nemesius of Emesa on Human Freedom."
Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 8 June 2021 (Israel)
- 2020 "World City: Towards a New Reading of Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*."
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring 2020 (Israel. Cancelled due to the coronavirus)
- 2016 "Giorgio Agamben and the Judgement of Pontius Pilate."
Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University, 27 October 2016 (Netherlands)
- 2016 "Philosophy before the Greeks."
Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 12 October 2016 (Belgium)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2024 "Divine and Human Wills in the World City: Nemesius of Emesa as a Precursor to Maximus the Confessor."
The Will in Maximus the Confessor: Fifth International Colloquium on Maximus the Confessor, Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, 1–3 February 2024 (Hungary)
- 2023 "The Passion and the Secular: Notes on Dante and Marsilius."
Dante and the Secularisation of Politics, Centre for Theology, Law, and Culture, Pusey House, St Cross College, University of Oxford, 15 June 2023 (United Kingdom)
- 2022 "Augustine, Rousseau, and *Religio*: A New Genealogy of Secularity."
Augustine: Frontiers of Pluralism, Augustinian Institute, Villanova University, 15–16 June 2022 (United States)
- 2018/9 "The World City: A Reconstruction of Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*."
(i) *Seventh British Patristics Conference*, Centre for Late Antique Religion and Culture, Cardiff University, 5–7 September 2018. (United Kingdom. Read *in absentia*)
(ii) *XVIII. International Conference on Patristic Studies*, University of Oxford, 19–24 August 2019 (United Kingdom)

- 2018 “‘Transgressors in this World’: Law, Coercive Power, and the Roman Trial of Jesus in Marsilius of Padua.”
Marsilius of Padua between History, Philosophy and Politics, Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 6–7 September 2018 (Belgium)
- 2015 “New Light on Time in Augustine, *Confessions* XI.”
XVII. International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, 10–14 August 2015 (United Kingdom)
- 2015 “The Time of Things, the Substance of Time – from Homer’s *Iliad* to Hobbes and Gassendi.”
Le temps des choses, la substance du temps, Université Paris VIII, 21–22 May 2015 (France)
- 2012 “Juridical Ignorance and the Metaphysics of Torture in Augustine.”
Between Heaven and Earth: Law, Ideology, and the Social Order in Late Antiquity, University of Manchester and The John Rylands Library, 13–15 September 2012 (United Kingdom)