

# Alexandre Lefebvre

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

School of Humanities  
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## ACADEMIC POSITION

**Professor of Politics and Philosophy**  
Discipline of Government and International Relations  
Discipline of Philosophy  
The University of Sydney  
Lecturer 2010-2012; Senior Lecturer 2013-2016; Associate Professor  
2017-2020; Full Professor, 2021-Present

## EDUCATION

**The Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, USA  
PhD, Humanities Center, Program in Intellectual History, 2003-2007  
Dissertation: The Image of Law: Deleuze, Bergson, Spinoza  
Committee: Paola Marrati and Hent de Vries (Chairs), William  
Connolly, Jennifer Culbert, Paul Patton (External Examiner)

**York University**, Toronto, Canada  
MA, Social and Political Thought, 2001-2003  
Thesis: Kant, Law and Critique  
Supervisor: John O'Neill

**The University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, Canada  
BA (honours), Geography, 1997-2001  
Thesis: Walter Benjamin and the Arcades Project  
Supervisor: Derek Gregory

## RESEARCH AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty, The School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University,  
June-July 2023, \$57 275 [all amounts in Australian Dollars]

Magnet Scholar, University of Connecticut, Research Program on  
Humanitarianism, 2022.

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, Center for Human Values,  
Princeton University, 2021-2022, \$158 848

Vital Politics: Rethinking Normativity in the Anthropocene, Chief Investigator, Lars Tønder (UCPH), Partner Investigators, Jane Bennett (Johns Hopkins), Bonnie Honig (Brown), Alexandre Lefebvre, Bodil Thomsen (Aarhus), Funded by the Independent Research Fund (DFF) of Denmark, 2021-2023, \$672 391.

Fellow, Humanities Research Centre, Australia National University, Canberra, July-August 2020 [cancelled due to Covid-19]

University of Copenhagen Partnership Collaboration Award, 2019, \$39 958

Fellow, WZB Research Institute, Berlin, November-December 2018, \$6000

Vice-Chancellor's Outstanding Research and Teaching Award, University of Sydney, 2017

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2008-2009, \$112 210

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, 2003-2007, \$107 055

#### TEACHING AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning, Australian Award for University Teaching (AAUT), 2019

Senior Fellow Higher Education Academy (SFHEA), 2019-

Vice-Chancellor's Outstanding Research and Teaching Award, University of Sydney, 2017

Australasian Association of Philosophy Inclusive Curriculum Prize, 2017

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Teaching Excellence Award, University of Sydney, 2015

#### AUTHORED BOOKS

*Liberalism as a Way of Life*. Princeton University Press, 2024.

*Human Rights and the Care of the Self*. Duke University Press, 2018.

Reviewed in *Contemporary Political Theory* (18.1), *The Journal of Human Rights Practice* (11.2), *International Social Science Review* (95.2), *Perspectives on Politics* (17.2), *The Review of Politics* (81.3), *Symploke* (28.1).

*Human Rights as a Way of Life: on Bergson's Political Philosophy.*

Stanford University Press, Cultural Memory in the Present series, 2013.

Spanish Edition: *Los derechos humanos como modo de vida. En torno a la filosofía política de Bergson.* Translated by Mariana Urquijo Reguera. Buenos Aires: Biblos, 2022.

Reviewed in *The Australian* (July 2013), *Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy* (July 2016), *Choice* (March 2013), *Contemporary Political Theory* (14.3), *Midwest Book Review* (July 2013), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (September 2013), *Political Studies Review* (13), *Political Theory* (43.4), *The Review of Politics* (76.4).

*The Image of Law: Deleuze, Bergson, Spinoza.* Stanford University Press, Cultural Memory in the Present series, 2008.

Korean edition: 법-이미지: 스피노자, 베르그송, 들뢰즈. Seoul: Chi Woo, 2012.

Reviewed in *Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy* (2011), *Continental Philosophy Review* (42.3), *Law and Literature* (21.3), *Law, Culture, and the Humanities* (5.3), *Theory and Event* (13.3).

#### EDITED BOOKS

with Nils Schott. *The Evolution of the Problem of Freedom: Lectures at the Collège de France 1904-1905* by Henri Bergson. Under contract with Bloomsbury, January 2023 submission.

with Nils Schott. *The History of the Idea of Time: Lectures at the Collège de France 1902-1903* by Henri Bergson. Under contract with Bloomsbury, December 2023 submission.

with Nils Schott. *The History of Theories of Memory: Lectures at the Collège de France 1903-1904* by Henri Bergson. Under contract with Bloomsbury, December 2024 submission.

with Danielle Celermajer. *The Subject of Human Rights*. Stanford University Press, 2020.

with Nils Schott. *Interpreting Bergson: Critical Essays*. Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Reviewed in *La Société des amis de Bergson* (April 2020), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (June 2020), *Metascience* (31).

with Nils F. Schott. *Vladimir Jankélévitch, Henri Bergson*. Duke University Press, 2015

Reviewed in *H-Net Reviews* (16.113), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (August 2016), *Symploke* (27, 1-2).

with Melanie White. *Bergson, Politics, and Religion*. Duke University Press, Cloth and Paperback, 2012.

Reviewed in *Choice* (February 2013), *Foro Interno* (14), *French Studies* (67.3), *H-France Review* (14), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (January 2013), *Political Studies Review* (12.2), *Symploke* (22, 1-2).

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES

*Liberalism and the Good Life*. *Journal of Social and Political Philosophy* 2 (1): 152-168, 2022.

with Abigail Taylor. *Three Reasons for Hospitality: Care for the Other, Care for the World, Care of the Self*. *Perspectives on Politics* 20 (1): 139-153, 2022.

*The Spiritual Exercises of John Rawls*. *Political Theory: an International Journal of Political Philosophy* 50 (3): 405-427, 2022.

*Bergson, Human Rights, and Joy*. *Continental Philosophy Review* 50 (2): 201-223, 2017.

*The End of a Line: Care of the Self in Modern Political Thought*. *Genealogy* 1 (1): 1-14, 2017.

*Bergson et les droits de l'homme: la conversion and le souci de soi*. *Dissertatio: Revista de Filosofia* 43 (2): 32-50, 2016.

*The Rights of Man and the Care of the Self*. *Political Theory: an International Journal of Political Philosophy* 44 (4): 518-540, 2016.

Mary Wollstonecraft, Human Rights, and the Care of the Self. *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* 7 (2): 179-200, 2016.

Human Rights and the Leap of Love. *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* 24 (2): 68-87, 2016.

Una nueva imagen de la Ley: Deleuze y la jurisprudencia. *Nuevo Itinerario: Revistade Filosofía* 11: 102-123, 2016.

with Paul Patton. Alexandre Lefebvre interviews Paul Patton. *Contemporary Political Theory* 12 (3): 206-214, 2013.

Human Rights in the Later Philosophy of Deleuze and Bergson. *Theory and Event* 14: 1-25, 2011.

Law and the Ordinary: Hart, Wittgenstein, Jurisprudence. *Telos* 154: 99-118, 2011.

with Melanie White. Bergson on Durkheim: Society *Sui Generis*. *Journal of Classical Sociology* 10 (4): 457-77, 2010.

with Melanie White. Mary Wollstonecraft's Civic Perfectionism. *Citizenship Studies* 14 (4): 461-471, 2010.

Critique of Teleology in Kant and Dworkin. *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 33 (2): 179-201, 2007.

Habermas and Deleuze on Law and Adjudication. *Law and Critique* 17 (3): 389-414, 2006.

We Do Not Yet Know What the Law Can Do. *Contemporary Political Theory* 5 (1): 52-67, 2006.

with Engin Isin. The Gift of Law: Greek Euergetism and Ottoman Waqf. *European Journal of Social Theory* 8 (1): 5-23, 2005.

The Political Given: Decisionism in Schmitt's Concept of the Political. *Telos* 132: 83-98, 2005.

A New Image of Law: Deleuze and Jurisprudence. *Telos* 130: 103-126, 2005.

Things Temporal Exposé, Passages from Benjamin. *Journal for Cultural Research* 7 (1): 47-60, 2003.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

**Liberal Conceptions of the Self.** In *The Elgar Research Handbook on Liberalism*, edited by Duncan Ivison, Edward Elgar, 2024.

**Spiritual Exercises in Political Theory: John Rawls with Hent de Vries.** In *Religion in Reason: Metaphysics, Ethics, and Politics in Hent de Vries*, edited by Martin Shuster and Tarek Dika, 215-232. Routledge, 2023.

**Cavell and Rawls: Modern Political Thought.** In *Understanding Cavell, Understanding Modernism*, edited by Paola Marrati. Bloomsbury, 2023.

with Nils Schott. **Closed and Open Societies.** In *The Bergsonian Mind*, edited by Mark Sinclair and Yaron Wolf, 251-263. Routledge, 2021.

with Danielle Celermajer. **Introduction: Bringing the Subject of Human Rights into Focus.** In *The Subject of Human Rights*, edited by Danielle Celermajer and Alexandre Lefebvre, 1-25. Stanford University Press, 2020.

**Human Rights as Spiritual Exercises.** In *The Subject of Human Rights*, edited by Danielle Celermajer and Alexandre Lefebvre, 193-210. Stanford University Press, 2020.

with Samuel Moyn. **The Subject of Human Rights: an Interview with Samuel Moyn.** In *The Subject of Human Rights*, edited by Danielle Celermajer and Alexandre Lefebvre, 246-256. Stanford University Press, 2020.

with Nils Schott. **Introduction.** In *Interpreting Bergson: Critical Essays*, edited by Alexandre Lefebvre and Nils Schott, 1-12. Cambridge University Press, 2019.

with Melanie White. **Bergson and Social Thought.** In *Interpreting Bergson: Critical Essays*, edited by Alexandre Lefebvre and Nils Schott, 139-154. Cambridge University Press, 2019.

**Human Rights.** In *The Wollstonecraftian Mind*, edited by Sandrine Bergès, Eileen Hunt Botting and Alan Coffee, 449-470. Routledge, 2019.

**Bergson et les droits de l'homme: la conversion et le souci de soi.** In *Mécanique et mystique: Sur le quatrième chapitre des Deux sources de la morale et de la religion de Bergson*, edited by Shin Abiko, Hishashi Fujita and Yasuhiko Sugimura, 11-34. Olms-Weidmann, 2018.

**Jankélévitch on Bergson: Living in Time.** In *Henri Bergson*, edited by Alexandre Lefebvre and Nils Schott, xi-xxvii. Duke University Press, 2015.

**Bergson and Human Rights.** In *Bergson, Politics, and Religion*, edited by Alexandre Lefebvre and Melanie White, 193-214. Duke University Press, 2012.

with Melanie White. **Introduction.** In *Bergson, Politics, and Religion*, edited by Alexandre Lefebvre and Melanie White, 1-24. Duke University Press, 2012.

**Human Rights in Deleuze and Bergson's Later Philosophy.** In *Deleuze and Law*, edited by Laurent de Sutter and Kyle J. McGee, 66-99. Edinburgh University Press, 2012.

with Melanie White. **Religion within the Bounds of Mere Emotion: Bergson and Kant.** In *Emotions Matter*, edited by Alan Hunt, Dale Spencer and Kevin Walby, 102-123. University of Toronto Press, 2012.

**Jurisprudence.** In *Sage Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, edited by Mark Brevir, 732-733. Sage, 2010.

**The Time of Law: Evolution in Bergson and Holmes.** In *Law and Life After Deleuze*, edited by Rosi Braidotti, Claire Colebrook and Patrick Hanafin, 24-46. Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

Adriana Alfaro Altamirano, *The Belief in Intuition: Individuality and Authority in Henri Bergson and Max Scheler*. Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, 1302-1303, 2021.

Helena Rosenblatt, *The Lost History of Liberalism: from Ancient Rome to the Twenty-First Century*. Reviewed in *Times Higher Education*, 2018.

Eileen Hunt Botting, *Wollstonecraft, Mill, and Women's Human Rights*. Reviewed in *Hypatia: a Journal of Feminist Philosophy*. 2018

Michael R. Kelly. *Bergson and Phenomenology*. Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2011.

#### COURSES TAUGHT

The University of Sydney: PHIL4107. *Social and Political Philosophy*, 2020; GOVT2112. *Introduction to Political Theory*, 2012-present; PHIL3613. *The Philosophy of Human Rights*, 2013-present; FASS3100. *Directed Research*, Faculty Scholars Program, 2016, 2018; FASS3000. *Internship for Credit*, 2016; FASS2200. *Transformative Texts 2*, Faculty Scholars Program, 2015, 2016; PHIL2635. *Political Philosophy*, 2011, 2012,

2015; GOVT4104. *Honours Seminar in Political Theory*, 2011;  
HRDT69011. *Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms*, 2010, 2011.

University of New South Wales: PHIL2206. *Philosophy of Law*, 2010;  
PHIL3005 with Simon Lumsden. *Contemporary European  
Philosophy*, 2010 .

McGill University: CMPL501. *Jurisprudence*, 2009.

The Johns Hopkins University HUM350. *Moral Perfectionism*, 2007.

## SUPERVISIONS

### PhD

Alisa Yuko Bernhard, Conservatorium (associate supervisor), 2022-  
John Brady, Discipline of Philosophy (supervisor), 2022-  
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Abigail Taylor, Department of Government and International  
Relations (supervisor), 2014-2019.  
Harriet Johnson, Department of Philosophy (supervisor), 2012-2017.  
Matthew Joseph, Department of Philosophy (associate supervisor),  
2015-2020.  
Christine Winter, Department of Government and International  
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Denise Thwaites, Department of Philosophy, UNSW and Université  
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Sarah Drews Lucas, Department of Philosophy (associate supervisor),  
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### MA and MPHIL

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2015-2017.  
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### Honours

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Juliette Marchant, Honours in Government and International Relations, 2021. University Medallist.  
 Zoe Robertson, Honours in Government and International Relations, 2021.  
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 Stephanie Johnstone, Honours in Philosophy, 2016.  
 Tess Lyon, Honours in Philosophy, 2016.  
 Abigail Taylor, Honours in Government and International Relations, 2014. University Medallist.  
 Francesca Nelly, Honours in Philosophy, 2014.  
 Daniel Hickie, Honours in Philosophy (co-supervisor), 2013.  
 Kiri Flutter, Honours in Philosophy, 2013.  
 Peter Cameron, Honours in Government and International Relations, 2012.

#### GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

Vice Chancellor's Culture Strategy, Team Member for Respect and Integrity Stream, 2020.  
  
 Associate Dean, Student Affairs, FASS, 2019.  
  
 Lead Dalyell Coordinator, FASS, 2017-2018.  
  
 Acting Associate Dean, Education, FASS, July-September 2017.  
  
 Teacher Development Program, FASS Teaching and Learning, 2017.  
  
 Editorial Board, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2014-  
  
 Associate Editor, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2010-2014.  
  
 Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney, 2016.  
  
 Acting Director, Faculty Scholars Program, University of Sydney, July-December 2015.

Deputy Director, Faculty Scholars Program, University of Sydney,  
July 2014-July 2015, January 2016-2017.

Dissertation Coordinator for Masters of Human Rights Program,  
SSPS, University of Sydney, 2011-2012.

Dissertation Coordinator for the Masters of Human Rights and  
Democratization Program, SSPS, University of Sydney, 2011-2012.

Reviewer for: Duke University Press, Stanford University Press,  
Cambridge University Press, University of Chicago Press; University  
of Pennsylvania Press, Routledge, Lexington Books, Palgrave  
MacMillan, Bloomsbury, Anthem Press.

## REFERENCES

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Stephen Macedo

Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Politics at Princeton University

Samuel Moyn

Chancellor Kent Professor of Law and History, Yale University

Hent de Vries

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Rick Benitez (teaching reference)

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, The University of Sydney