

AKSEL STERRI

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Applied Ethics (including AI Ethics, Bioethics, and Animal Ethics), Normative Ethics, Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Social Science, Public Philosophy, Social Epistemology

PRIMARY POSITIONS

Research Director , Langsikt Policy Centre, Oslo	2023-
Postdoctoral Researcher in Philosophy Faculty of Health Sciences, Oslo Metropolitan University	2023-2024
Department of Government, Harvard University	2022-2023
Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford	2021-2022

CONCURRENT ROLES

Affiliated Researcher , Department of Physics, University of Oslo,	2025-
Honorary Research Associate , Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford,	2024-
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
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	2021-2024

EDUCATION

PhD Fellowship in Philosophy , University of Oslo Thesis: <i>Delicate Deals: Moral Choice on the Margins</i> Supervisor: Ole Martin Moen Committee: Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen and Vida Panitch	2017-2021
Visiting Fellow , Department of Government, Harvard University Supervisor: Michael Sandel	2019-2020
Visiting graduate student , Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford	2017, 2019
MA in Political Science , University of Oslo Thesis: <i>The Welfare State and Happiness in 23 OECD countries 1972–2002</i> , grade: A	2012
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-
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

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "A Global Redistributive Auction for Vaccine Allocation" (with P. Skjelbred), *Journal of Medical Ethics*, doi:10.1136/jme-2023-109342, 2024
- "Ethical Solutions to the Problem of Organ Shortage" (with S. Regmi & J. Harris), *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 31(3): 297-309, 2022
- "The Ethics of Emergencies" (with 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" (with 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

BOOK CHAPTERS & REPORTS

- "What's Your Price? Three Cheers for Data Markets," *AI Morality* (ed. D. Edmonds), Oxford University Press, 2024
- "Corporal Punishment" (with O. M. Moen), *Oxford Handbook of Punishment Theory and Philosophy* (ed. J. Ryberg), 2024
- "Animals: Ending Cruelty Through Markets," *Routledge Handbook of Commodification* (ed. V. Panitch and E. Bertrand), Routledge, 390-401, 2023
- "The Ethics of Sex Robots" (with B. Earp), *Oxford Handbook of Digital Ethics* (ed. C. Véliz), Oxford University Press, 241-257, 2023
- "Vaccine Boosters, Vaccine Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism" (with J. Pugh et al.), *Rapid Ethics Review*, UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator, March 24: 1-12, 2022
- "Pedophilia and Computer-Generated Child Pornography" (with O. M. Moen), *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy* (ed. D. Boonin), Palgrave Macmillan, 369-381, 2018

BOOKS

- Aktiv dødshjelp – etikk ved livets slutt* [Euthanasia: Ethics at the End of Life] (with O. M. Moen), Cappelen Damm Akademisk, 130 p., 2019
- Global Citizen: Challenges and Responsibility in an Interconnected World* (editor), Sense Publishers, 2014
- Tilbake til politikken - Hvordan Arbeiderpartiet igjen skal bli folkets parti* [Back to Politics], Kagge forlag, 250 p., 2014

JOURNAL ARTICLES IN NORWEGIAN

- "Dødshjelp og tvangsfilosofi" (with 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
- "Provokativ offentlig filosofi," *Etikk i praksis*, 12(2): 105-128, 2018

UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

“Against AI Alignment” · “The AI Transition Problem” · “Bodily Justice” · “An Insurance Theory of Our Pandemic Obligations” · “War, Opportunity Costs, and Emergencies” (with F. Hjorthen) · “Vaccination, Beneficence, and Risk” · “Health Priority, Discrimination, and the All-Inclusive View” (with A. Didriksen) · “Fair Vaccine Prioritisation” · “Tax Animal Suffering to Reduce It” (with A. Soryl) · “Validating the Oxford Utilitarianism Scale” (with M. Stenmarck et al.) · “The Bulldozing Fallacy” (with 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 dødsbistand – 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

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	2021-2024
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

Theoria · 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 tidsskrift (Norwegian Journal of Philosophy) · Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

Against AI Alignment

AI Ethics seminar, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden Oct 8, 2024

ISUS Conference 2024, UCL, UK June 18, 2024

Existential Threats and Other Disasters, Buvda, organised by Yale, Oxford, CSB May 30, 2024

Bodily Justice

Annual workshop of the Norwegian Network of Practical Philosophy, University of Oslo Apr 26, 2024

The Moral Limits of the Markets Conference, Aarhus University, Denmark Jan 24, 2024

The AI Transition Problem

MANCEPT, Employment, Justice, and the Future of Work, University of 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
Practical Philosophy Annual Workshop, University of Oslo, Norway
Methods in Applied Ethics Conference, NTNU, Norway

Nov 24, 2021
Oct 11, 2018
Apr 20, 2018

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), Langsikt Policy Centre, Oslo	2023-
Monthly columnist, <i>Dagsavisen</i>	2024-
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

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Norwegian (speaking, reading, and writing) · Basic competence in German (reading)

REFERENCES

Professor Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen

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Professor Roger Crisp

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Professor Michael Sandel

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