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2021-2022 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Public International Law at Lund University,
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2022 Visiting Researcher, Centre for Biomedical Ethics, Yong Loo Lin School of
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BOOKS

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RECENT VISITING RESEARCH AND FELLOW POSITIONS

2022 Visiting Researcher, Centre for Biomedical Ethics, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore. Project: article titled “Evaluating Bioethical Regulation in a Non-Liberal State”

2021-2022 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Public International Law at Lund University, Sweden. Joint appointment with Law School and Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Project: book titled *The Human Rights Regulation of Human Genetic Engineering*

2019 Visiting Researcher, Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires, Université Paris 5 René Descartes, Paris, France

2019 Visiting Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark

2018 Visiting Researcher, Centre for Sami Studies, University of Tromsø, Norway

2018 Visiting Fellow, Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics and the Ethox Centre, Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford, UK

2016 Visiting Researcher, Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, Yale University, New Haven, CT

2016 Visiting Researcher, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY

2016 Fulbright Professor, Johannes-Kepler-Universität, Linz, Austria

INVITED PROFESSOR, INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE MASTER CLASSES

2019 Universidade Federal de Goiás [Federal University of Goiás], Programa de Pós-Graduação Interdisciplinar em Direito Humanos [Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Human Rights]. Goiânia, Brazil.

2019 University of Halle, Research Cluster “Gesellschaft und Kultur in Bewegung” [Society and Culture in Motion]. Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg [Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg]. Halle, Germany.

2016 University of Hokkaido, School of Law. Sapporo, Japan.

2015 University of Glasgow, Human Rights Network. Scotland, UK.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

“A Right to Privacy versus a Right to Health.” The Kerala Law Academy Law College in association with Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and Research, Trivandrum, India. December 2022.

“Moral and Legal Guidelines for the Genetic Editing of Individuals.” Cluster of Excellence CIBSS: Centre for Integrative Biological Signaling Studies, University of Freiburg, Germany. November 2022.

“How Artificial Intelligence May One Day Threaten the Political Capacity of Human Intelligence.” Faculty of Law, Kuala Lumpur, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia. August 2022.

“A Right to Privacy versus a Right to Health.” Centre for Legal Theory and Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. August 2022.

“A Human Right to Freedom from Genetic Disability.” Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Law, Kuala Lumpur, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia. August 2022.

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“Human Nature as Social Construct, Human Dignity as Decisional Autonomy: Moral and Legal Guidelines for the Genetic Editing of Our Species.” Department of Medical Ethics & Law, Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Teknolgi MARA, Sungai Buloh Campus, Selangor, Malaysia. August 2022.

“Genetic-Editing Regulation Guided by Human Dignity as Decisional Autonomy.” University of Granada, Spain. May 2022.

“How Artificial Intelligence May One Day Threaten the Political Capacity of Human Intelligence.” Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Istanbul Medipol University, Turkey. May 2022.

“Regulating Genetic Engineering Guided by Human Dignity, Not Genetic Essentialism.” Institut für Biomedizinische Ethik und Medizingeschichte [Institute of Biomedical Ethics and History of Medicine], Universität Zürich, Switzerland. May 2022.

“Human Nature as Social Construct, Human Dignity as Decisional Autonomy: Moral and Legal Guidelines for the Genetic Editing of Our Species.” Saints Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, North Macedonia. April 2022.

“Containing COVID-19: A Human Right to Privacy versus a Human Right to Health.” Saints Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, North Macedonia. April 2022.

“Against Essentialism in Conceptions of Human Rights and Human Nature.” Instituto de Filosofia da Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal. April 2022.

“Against Essentialism in Conceptions of Human Rights and Human Nature.” Centre for Research Ethics and Bioethics, Uppsala University; Department of Philosophy, Stockholm University; and Stockholm Centre for Health Care Ethics, Sweden. March 2022.

“How Artificial Intelligence May One Day Threaten the Political Capacity of Human Intelligence.” Institut für Information Systems Engineering, Technische Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria. March 2022.

“Genetic Engineering Where Severe Cognitive Disability is Indicated: Toward Enabling the Future Person’s Capacity for Participation in Political Community.” Department of Philosophy, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. March 2022.

“A Human Right to Freedom from Genetic Disability.” Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Department of Philosophy, University of Oxford, UK. March 2022.

“Genetic Engineering Where Severe Cognitive Disability is Indicated: Toward Enabling the Future Person’s Capacity for Participation in Political Community.” Ethox Centre and Wellcome Centre for Ethics and Humanities, University of Oxford, UK. February 2022.

“Genetic Engineering where Severe Cognitive Disability is Indicated: Toward Threshold Capacities for Political Participation in Liberal Democratic Communities.” Department of Political Science, Lund University, Sweden. February 2022.

“Marx’s Challenge to China Today: For a Free Press and Democratic Political Participation, Against Ideological Distortions and Authoritarian Governance.” School of Marxism, Xiamen University, China. December 2021.

“Human Nature as Social Construct, Human Dignity as Decisional Autonomy: Moral and Legal Guidelines for the Genetic Editing of Our Species.” Fulbright Distinguished Chair Inaugural Address, School of Law, University of Lund, Sweden. December 2021

“Gene-Editing for Cognitive Disability.” Health Law Research Centre of the Faculty of Law, University of Lund, Sweden. September 2021.

“Human Rights as a Politics of Imagination: Morality Beyond Tradition, Solidarity Without Nationalism, Justice Authored by Its Addressees,” Globalizing Education Faculty Learning Community, a collaboration between Hemispheres Consortium at UT Austin and International Programs at Austin Community College (virtual). October 2020.

Keynote Address. “How to Oppose Authoritarian Democracy in Brazil: A Guide for Citizens.” Direitos Humanos em tempos neoliberais e antihumanistas [Human Rights in Neoliberal and Antihumanist Times]. Universidade Federal de Goiás [Federal University of Goiás]. Goiânia, Brazil. September 2019.

“Political Challenges of Regulating Human Genetic Engineering.” Centre de recherches interdisciplinaires [Center for Interdisciplinary Research], Université de Paris. Paris, France. July 2019.

“The Coming Political Challenges of Artificial Intelligence.” Information Technology University of Copenhagen, Denmark. June 2019.

“Beyond Due Diligence: The Human Rights Corporation.” Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark. June 2019.

“Political Bioethics: Deciding Difficult Bioethical Issues Under Conditions of Value Pluralism and Deep Disagreement.” Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg. [Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg]. Halle, Germany. May 2019.

“The Coming Political Challenges of Artificial Intelligence.” Institut für Geschichte und Ethik der Medizin, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg [Institute for History and Ethics of Medicine, Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg]. Halle, Germany. May 2019.

“Deploying Epigenetics to Identify Genetically Influenced Social Inequalities.” Nuffield Department of Population Health, Ethox Centre, University of Oxford, UK. December 2018.

“Political Bioethics.” St. Cross Lecture in Ethics, Department of Philosophy, University of Oxford, UK. November 2018.

“Can Corporate Profit-Seeking Accord with Human Rights-Promotion?” Adam Smith School of Business, University of Glasgow, Scotland. September 2018.

“Human Rights Advocacy as Bottom-Up Politics that Deploys the Rule of Law, Democracy, Cosmopolitan Declarations and International Law.” Bayerische Amerika-Akademie, Stiftung Bayerisches Amerikahaus [Bavarian American Academy, Bavarian Center for Transatlantic Relations]. Munich, Germany. July 2018.

“Therapie und Enhancement der Human-Intelligenz: Was leisten die Menschenrechte?” [Genetic Therapy and Genetic Enhancement of Human Intelligence: What Regulatory Guidance Might Human Rights Provide?] Katholische Hochschule für Sozialwesen [Catholic University of Social Services]. Berlin, Germany. April 2018.

“Why the Difference Between Two Forms of Engineered Intelligence Matters: AI and Genetically Manipulated Humans.” School of Psychology, National University of Ireland, Galway. February 2018.

“Can Biological Science Advance Social Justice?” School of Psychology, Psi Chi Honours Society, National University of Ireland, Galway. February 2018.

“Social Theory at the Margins of the Social: Epigenetics, Artificial Intelligence, and the Anthropocene.” Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. October 2017.

“Social and Political Challenges of Human Genetic Engineering.” Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. October 2017.

“Self-Authored Human Rights.” IESB Centro Universitário [Higher Education Institute of Brasília]. Brasília, Brazil. August 2017.

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“On The Human Rights State and Latin America.” Universidade de Brasília [University of Brasília]. Brasília, Brazil. August 2017.

“The Role of Organized Civil Society in Constructing a Human Rights State in Brazil.” OAB-DF [Order of Attorneys of Brazil-Distrito Federal (Brazilian Bar Association, Federal District)]. Brasília, Brazil. August 2017.

“Genetically Informed Personalized Education: Promises and Perils for Social Justice.” The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY. August 2016.

“A Human Rights Framework for Evaluating the Genetic Engineering of Intelligence.” The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY. July 2016.

“Human Rights as Social Construction: In Dialogue with the Jesuit Tradition.” Human Rights Institute, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain. June 2016.

“The Human Rights Challenges Posed by Human Genetic Engineering.” Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway. June 2016.

“Die menschliche Natur als Technologieprodukt: Träume und Albträume der Genmanipulation” [Human Nature as a Product of Technology: Promises and Perils of Human Genetic Manipulation]. University of Linz, Austria. June 2016.

“The Human Rights Challenges of Human Genetic Engineering.” Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, Helsinki, Finland. May 2016.

“The Human Rights State: Political Community Beyond the Nation State.” Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague. May 2016.

“Human Genetic Engineering: Pressing Issues of Law, Medicine, and Ethics.” DeCode Genetics (biopharmaceutical company known for its discoveries in human genetics). Reykjavik, Iceland. April 2016.

“Genetically Informed Personalized Education: Promises and Perils for Social Justice.” Higher Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Lund University, Sweden. April 2016.

“The Human Rights Challenge of Genetic Engineering.” Raul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University, Sweden. April 2016.

“The Relationship between Human Rights and Democracy.” Department of Political Science, University of Missouri. Columbia. September 2015.

“Human Rights as Constructs: Without Religion or Metaphysics.” Centre for Contemporary Aristotelian Studies in Ethics and Politics, London Metropolitan University, UK. May 2015.

“Fundamental Questions for Political Community Posed by Genetic Manipulation.” University of the West of Scotland, Paisely, UK. May 2015.

Keynote Address. “Challenges to Human Rights Theory and Practice.” Glasgow Human Rights Network, University of Glasgow, Scotland. May 2015.

“Do Human Rights Require Democracy and the Rule of Law?” International Political Science Association World Congress, Montréal, Québec, July 2014.

Keynote Address. “Advancing Human Rights by Bringing Them Down to Earth.” Student World Assembly. Norwalk, CT. November 2014.

“The Pathology of the Surveillance State: On Reading My Stasi File.” British Studies Seminar, University of Texas at Austin. October 2013.

“Self-Granted Human Rights.” University of Nebraska, Lincoln. January 2011.

“Aufgeklärte Eugenik oder Eugenik wider Gleichheit?” [Enlightened Eugenics or Eugenics Undermining Equality?] Société suisse de Sociologie [Swiss Sociological Association]. Bern, Switzerland. September 2010.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

PARTICIPATION IN ROUNDTABLES ON AUTHOR’S BOOKS

“Roundtable on B. Gregg’s, *The Human Rights State*.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Austin, TX. January 2019.

“Roundtable on B. Gregg’s *The Human Rights State*.” Faculty of Law, Lund University, Sweden. April 2016

“Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable on B. Gregg’s, *Human Rights as Social Construction*.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Technologies that Make Themselves Independent of Political Will: The Future Danger of Artificial Intelligence, Anticipated Already in Marx’s Late Theory.” Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Rome, Italy (virtual). June 2022.

“The Human Rights State as a Means to Global Justice beyond Nation States.” Manchester Centre for Political Theory, University of Manchester, UK (virtual). September 2021.

“Containing COVID-19: A Human Right to Privacy versus a Human Right to Health.” European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference. Colchester, UK (virtual). September 2021.

“Containing COVID-19: A Human Right to Privacy versus a Human Right to Health.” International Conference on the “Ethics of the Covid-19 Pandemic.” Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway (virtual). June 2021.

“Against Self-Isolation as a Human Right of Indigenous Peoples.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico. January 2020.

“Indigeneity as Social Construct and Political Tool.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico. January 2020.

“Against Self-Isolation as a Human Right of Indigenous Peoples.” Philosophy, Politics, Anthropology & Allied Disciplines Conference. University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. May 2019.

“Epigenetics as a Political Theory of Genetically Influenced Social Inequalities.” 24th World Congress of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Beijing University, China. August 2018.

“Epigenetics as a Political Theory of Genetically Influenced Social Inequalities.” International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Study of Biology, Institute of Biosciences, University of São Paulo, Brazil. July 2017.

“Genetic Engineering of Human Intelligence: Moral, Legal, and Political Issues.” Humanities Research Award Symposium, University of Texas at Austin. March 2017.

“Vom Nutzen und Nachteil der Biotechnik: Zur normativen Einschätzung der Humangenmanipulation” [“On the Use and Abuse of Biotechnology: The Normative Evaluation of Human Genetic Manipulation”]. Fifth Annual International Hartheim Conference on “Genetische Optimierung: Gentechnik und Fortpflanzungsmedizin” [Genetic Perfection: Gene Technology and Reproductive Medicine]. Alkoven, Austria. November 2016.

(Accepted but Declined.) “Genetic Justice: A Political Framework for Regulating Human Genetic Enhancement.” European Consortium for Political Research General Conference. Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. September 2016.

“Fetus Ex Machina: The Political Challenge of Genetic Engineering.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences. University of Wisconsin, Madison. October 2015.

“Social Inequalities in the Enhancement of Health through Genetic Manipulation.” European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Standing Group on Political Theory. Université de Montréal, Canada. August 2015.

“Genetic Diversity Among Humans: A Human Rights Issue?” International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Study of Biology. Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada. July 2015.

“A Human Right Not to Democracy but to the Rule of Law.” Annual Conference of the Association for Social and Political Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. June 2015.

“The Body as Human Rights Boundary.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco. August 2014.

“Human Rights and ‘Humanitarian’ Military Intervention.” Critical Sociology Conference. San Francisco. August 2014.

“The Local Construction of a Human Right to Democracy.” XVIII International Sociological Association World Congress, Yokohama, Japan. July 2014.

“What Cognitive Sociology Can Contribute to Human Rights Diffusion” XVIII International Sociological Association World Congress, Yokohama, Japan. July 2014.

“Human Rights Patriotism.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago. September 2013.

(Accepted but Declined.) “Translating Human Rights into Local Muslim Vernaculars.” European Sociological Association Annual Conference. Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy. August 2013.

“International Relations in a Community of Human Rights States.” American Sociological Association, Conference on Re-Imagining Human Rights. New York, NY. August 2013.

“Developing Human Rights Commitment in Post-Communist Societies through Education.” Russian Political Science Association and International Political Science Association Research Committee. St. Petersburg, Russia. June 2013.

“The Human Rights State: Nongeographic ‘Borders’ Embedded in the Citizen.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 2013.

“Human Rights Patriotism.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago. September 2013.

“International Relations in a Community of Human Rights States.” American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August 2013.

“The Human Rights State: Nongeographic ‘Borders’ Embedded in the Citizen.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2013.

“Abstracting from Human Bodies and National Boundaries via Electronically Mediated Communication: The Internet as Human Rights Resource.” Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans. March 2012.

“Für die Bildung einer kritischen Internet-Öffentlichkeit gegen politische Alltagsentfremdung und–asymmetrie” [Against Alienation and Asymmetry in Daily Life: Toward a Critical Public Sphere in the Internet]. Dritter gemeinsamer Kongress für Soziologie der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, der Österreichischen Gesellschaft

für Soziologie und der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Soziologie [Third Joint Congress for Sociology of the German Sociological Association, the Austrian Sociological Association, and the Swiss Sociological Association]. Innsbruck, Austria. October 2011.

“Menschenrechtsnormen als Subjekte des Strukturwandels der Weltöffentlichkeit: Auf dem Wege zu einem Pluralismus” [Human Rights Norms in the Structural Transformation of the Global Public Sphere: The Path to Human Rights Pluralism]. Dritter gemeinsamer Kongress für Soziologie der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Soziologie und der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Soziologie [Third Joint Congress for Sociology of the German Sociological Association, the Austrian Sociological Association, and the Swiss Sociological Association]. Innsbruck, Austria. October 2011.

“The Genetic Self-Enhancement of the Human Species: Human Nature as Cultural Choice.” Political Studies Association. London, UK. April 2011.

“Rendering Human Rights Cosmopolitan Absent Universally Valid Norms.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. September 2010.

“Community, Security and Universalism: Conflicting Priorities in Early Modern Thought on International Relations.” With graduate student Peter Mohanty. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Toronto, Canada. September 2009.

“Not only Addressees: Individuals as Authors of Human Rights.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 2009.

“Deploying Cognitive Sociology to Advance Human Rights.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 2009.

“Human Rights: Political not Theological.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 2008.

“Coping with Cultural Relativism in the Application of Human Rights.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago. September 2007.

“Carl Schmitt and Constitutional Failure in Weimar Germany.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. September 2005.

“Citizen Rights and Obligations Beyond State Borders: Lessons from the European Union.” Biennial Conference of the European Union Studies Association. Austin, TX. April 2005.

“Responding to Globalization and Political Fragmentation by Softening Identities in State and Society.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia. August 2003.

“Decoupling Political Culture from Majority Culture in the Normatively Thin State.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia. August 2003.

CURRENT RESEARCH

My current research agenda proceeds along several (at points, intersecting) tracks: **(1)** political bioethics (which addresses questions that can only be answered in terms of the particular value-commitments of the deciders, where answers ideally would be generated through critical discussions not only among experts but among members of the general public); **(2)** human rights as social science (rather than theology or metaphysics); **(3)** the specifically political dangers for liberal democratic communities of artificial intelligence, with respect to four theses: (a) the social need for complexity reduction makes political community vulnerable to AI, (b) human intelligence is a social phenomenon where consciousness is in exchange with its environments, (c) unlike AI, human intelligence possesses a political capacity for mutual attribution of responsibility, and (d) algorithms cannot meet the political challenges of liberal democracy.