

Marco Meyer

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Areas of Specialization: Political Philosophy, Social Epistemology, Normative Political Economy

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Economics, AI Ethics, Medieval Philosophy

Academic positions

April 2025–	University of Hamburg Interim Professorship (“Vertretungsprofessur”) Political Philosophy (W2)
2021–	University of Hamburg Junior Research Group Leader for the project “Culpable Ignorance – Moral Knowledge in Organizations”, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation (1 postdoc, 2 PhD students) (includes 6 months parental leave)
2017–2020	University of York Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow for the project “Where Credit is Due: The credit system from the perspective of global justice”
2013–2016	University of Cambridge Philosophy tutor for several colleges, Guest lecturer
2011–2013	University of Oxford Philosophy tutor for several colleges
2008–2010	University of Bayreuth Tutor

Education

2015–2018	University of Groningen Ph.D. Economics
2013–2017	University of Cambridge Ph.D. Philosophy
2015	Harvard University Visiting Scholar
2010–2013	University of Oxford B.Phil Philosophy (two-year Master’s)
2006–2010	University of Bayreuth B.A. Philosophy & Economics, and B.A. European History

Publications

Books under review

Marco Meyer, Daniel Halliday. *Beyond Interest: Justice and Credit*. Book manuscript under review with Cambridge University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Isabel De Bruin Cardoso, Marco Meyer, and Muel Kaptein. "Exploring the Dark Side of the NGO Halo: Relating NGO Mission, Morals, and People to NGO Unethical Behavior." *Journal of Philanthropy* 30 (1). 2025.

Marco Meyer, Adam Enders, Casey Klofstad, Justin Stoler, and Joseph Uscinski. "Using an AI-powered 'Street Epistemologist' Chatbot and Reflection Tasks to Diminish Conspiracy Theory Beliefs." *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*. 2024.

Elizabeth J. Krumrei-Mancuso, Philip Pärnamets, Steven Bland, Mandi Astola, Aleksandra Cichocka, Jeroen de Ridder, Hugo Mercier, Marco Meyer, Cailin O'Connor, Tenelle Porter, Alessandra Tanesini, Mark Alfano, Jay Van Bavel. "Toward an Understanding of Collective Intellectual Humility." *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*. 2024.

Nicolo Capuano, Marco Meyer, Francesco David Nota. "Analyzing the impact of conversation structure on predicting persuasive comments online." *Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing*. 2024.

Marco Meyer, Tong Li. "Can Good Information Prevent Misconduct? The Role of Organizational Epistemic Virtues for Ethical Behavior." *Journal of Business Ethics*. 2024.

Boudewijn de Bruin, Olha Cherednychenko, Niels Hermes, Marc Kramer, Marco Meyer. "Demand for financial advice: Evidence from a randomized choice experiment". *Journal of Banking & Finance*, 163, 2024.

Daniel Halliday, Marco Meyer. "Justice and Housing". *Philosophy Compass*, 19 (3), 2024.

Marco Meyer, Chun Wei Choo. "Harming by Deceit: Epistemic Malevolence and Organizational Wrongdoing". *Journal of Business Ethics*, 2024.

Marco Meyer. "The Epistemic Vices of Corporations". *Synthese*. 2023.

Chun Wei Choo, Marco Meyer. "Information misbehavior: How organizations use information to deceive". *Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology*. 2023.

Marco Meyer. "Die Rolle der Gerechtigkeit in der Regulierung von Märkten." *Zeitschrift für Politische Theorie*, 2021 (1), 2021.

Marco Meyer, Mark Alfano, Boudewijn de Bruin. "Epistemic vice predicts acceptance of Covid-19 misinformation", *Episteme*, 2021.

Marco Meyer, Mark Alfano, Boudewijn de Bruin. "The Development and Validation of the Epistemic Vice Scale", *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 2021.

Marco Meyer. "Dealing Fairly with Trade Imbalances in Monetary Unions", *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 2021.

Marco Meyer, Mathias Risse. "Tax Competition and Global Interdependence", *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 2019.

Marco Meyer. "The Ethics of Consumer Credit: Balancing Wrongful Inclusion and Wrongful Exclusion", *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, 2018.

Marco Meyer. "The Right to Credit", *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 2018.

Marco Meyer. "Die Rolle des Kreditsystems in einer gerechten Gesellschaft", *Zeitschrift für Wirtschafts- und Unternehmensethik*, 19(1), 2018.

Nien-hê Hsieh, Marco Meyer, David Rodin, Jens van 't Klooster. "The Social Purpose of Corporations", *Journal of the British Academy*, 6, supplementary issue 1, 2018.

Peer-Reviewed Chapters

Marco Meyer. "Integrity as an Epistemic Virtue." In: *Research Handbook on Organizational Integrity*, Muel Kaptein (Ed.). Routledge. 2024.

Marco Meyer. "Credit and Distributive Justice", In: *The Philosophy of Money and Finance*, Joakim Sandberg, Lisa Warenski (Eds.). Oxford University Press. 2024.

Marco Meyer. "Measuring social intellectual virtues". In *Social Virtue Epistemology*, Alfano, M., Klein, C., & de Ridder, J. (Eds.). Routledge. 2022.

Marco Meyer, Mark Alfano. "Fake news, conspiracy theorizing, and intellectual vice". In *Social Virtue Epistemology*, Alfano, M., Klein, C., & de Ridder, J. (Eds.). Routledge. 2022.

Marco Meyer. "The Leeriness Objection to the Responsibility to Protect", In: *Challenges for Humanitarian Intervention?*, Coady, T., Dobos, N., Sanyal, S. (Eds.). Oxford University Press, 2018.

Marco Meyer. "A Virtue Ethical Approach to Organizational Culture in Finance", In: *Handbook of Virtue Ethics in Business and Management*, Sison, A. J. G. et al. (Ed.). Springer, 2016.

Other Publications

Marco Meyer, Theodore Lechterman, Wessel Reijers, Linda Eggert, Emily Elstub. *Digital Ethics for Tech Professionals*, Open Access GitBook, <http://www.ethics-for-tech.org/>. 2022.

Carsten Jung, Marco Meyer. "Remaking audit: A plan for culture change and regulatory reform." Policy Report for the Institute for Public Policy Research, <https://www.ippr.org/research/publications/remaking-audit>. 2021.

Marco Meyer. Review: "The Ethics of Capitalism: An Introduction. Daniel Halliday and John Thrasher", *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2021.

Marco Meyer. "On Skipper's Humility Heuristic." *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 9. 2020.

Marco Meyer. "Fake News, Conspiracy, and Intellectual Vice." *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 2019.

Jens van 't Klooster, Marco Meyer. "Ethical Banking: The Key Concepts", Judge Business School Working Paper, <https://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/insight/2015/return-of-ethical-banking/>. 2016.

Marco Meyer. "How to Deal with Persistent Trade Imbalances in the Eurozone", In: *Twelve Stars: Philosophers Chart a Course for Europe*. Ed. Twelve Stars Initiative and Bertelsmann Foundation. Verlag Bertelsmann Stiftung. 2019.

Marco Meyer, Mathias Risse. Review: "Catching Capital: The Ethics of Tax Competition. Peter Dietsch", *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2019.

Marco Meyer. "Entscheidungsprinzipien für Computeralgorithmen", In: *Wenn ich mir etwas wünschen dürfte: Intellektuelle zur Bundestagswahl 2017*, Ed. Joachim Helfer, Marco Meyer, Klaus Wettig. Steidl Verlag. 2017.

Edited Volumes

Twelve Stars Initiative and Bertelsmann Foundation. *Twelve Stars: Philosophers Chart a Course for Europe*, Verlag Bertelsmann Stiftung. 2019.

Joachim Helfer, Marco Meyer and Klaus Wettig (Eds.). *Wenn ich mir etwas wünschen dürfte: Intellektuelle zur Bundestagswahl 2017*, Steidl. 2017.

Funding

External third-party funding ≈ €1.2m; Institutional = €63.000

External competitive funding

- ◇ Volkswagen Foundation — Freigeist Fellowship (PI), 2021–2027: €920,000 — *Culpable Ignorance – Moral Knowledge in Organizations*.
- ◇ DFG — Scientific Network (PI), 2024–2027: €95,000 — *Just Housing in Europe Network*.
- ◇ Leverhulme Trust — Early Career Research Fellowship (PI), 2017–2020: £120,000 (salary match + research funding).
- ◇ York–Maastricht Partnership — Ethical Debt Network (Co-I), 2019–2022: £16,000 (with Janosch Prinz).
- ◇ British Academy — Future of the Corporation (Co-I), 2018: £30,000 (with Nien-hê Hsieh & David Rodin).
- ◇ INET — Conference grant (Organizer-PI), 2016: \$5,000 — *Finance and Social Justice Conference at the University of Bayreuth*.

Institutional competitive funding

- ◇ University of Hamburg — IRF Ideas & Risk Fund (Organizer-PI), 2023: €29,000 — *Just Housing in Europe Conference (international conference)*.
 - ◇ University of Hamburg — Visiting researcher support (Host), 2023: €2,000 — *Two international research stays (May–June 2023)*.
 - ◇ Groningen Law Department — Research grant (PI), 2016: €20,000 — *Intellectual Virtue Scale (data collection)*.
 - ◇ University of Bayreuth — Conference grant (Organizer-PI), 2023: €12,000 — *Finance and Social Justice Conference at the University of Bayreuth*.
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Scholarships and Awards

Best Practical Solutions Award 2025, Society for Business Ethics, for the paper “How Business Ethics Consultants Drive Ethical Change”, with Tong Li.

Best Dissertation Award 2017, Society for Business Ethics, for my dissertation on the “Right to Credit”.

Scholarship for the philosophy and economics Ph.D. dissertations in “The Trusting Banks Project”, financed by the NWO (Dutch Research Organisation), 2013–2017.

Sloane Robinson Award, Lincoln College, Oxford, 2012–2013.

Scholarship of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), 2011–2012.

Scholarship from the German National Academic Foundation, 2007–2012.

Recent Presentations

49 presentations since 2015, full list available on request

(*) *Invited*

“How Business Ethics Consultants Drive Ethical Change”, Society for Business Ethics Annual Conference, July 2025 (with Tong Li).

“How Should Lenders Explain Credit Decisions?”, PPE Society Conference King’s College London, July 2025.

(*) “AI’s Impact on Belief Revision and Human Epistemic Agency”, Institute for Ethics in Technology, Technical University Hamburg, June 2025.

(*) “Organisational integrity as an epistemic virtue”, AG Gerechtigkeitsvorstellungen der Akademie der Wissenschaften in Hamburg, January 2025.

“Incumbency Bias in Housing Policy”, PPE Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans, November 2024.

(*) “Epistemische Tugenden und Laster in der Organisationsethik”, Universität Bremen, November 2024.

(*) “Der Markt und das Laster”, „Tagung Der Markt und die Tugenden“, Kiel Center for Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Kiel, October 2024.

(*) “Institutional Epistemic Virtue in the Technological Age: Lessons from the IMF and World Bank's Forecasting Practices”, Workshop on Political Virtues in the Age of Technology at Technion University, June 2024.

“The Epistemic Vices of Corporations”, Institutional Epistemology Conference 2023, University of Helsinki, June 2023.

(*) “Do Organizations have Epistemic Duties?”, University of Hamburg, Conference on The Role of Knowledge for Responsible Decision Making in Organizations, May 2023.

(*) “Epistemic vice and culpable ignorance in organizations”, 2023 Intellectual Humility Conference in Florence, Macquarie and NYC, May 2023.

Teaching and Supervision

PhD Supervision

2022 – ongoing	Lily Tappe (primary supervisor), University of Hamburg. Working title of the Dissertation: Collective Culpable Ignorance. An Interdisciplinary Analysis of Blameworthiness and Responsibility for Epistemic Vice and Doxastic Failings in Organisations
2025 – ongoing	Till Micke (primary supervisor). Working title: “Epistemology for Organisations - on the Role of Knowledge and Information in Organisations”
2021 – 2023	Braden Campbell (Member of dissertation committee), The City University of New York. Title: Epistemic Virtue and Receptivity to Science in Policing

Teaching

University of Hamburg

Winter 2025 Lecture: Introduction to Political Philosophy (DE)

Winter 2025 Lecture: The Ethics and Epistemology of Artificial Intelligence (EN)

Winter 2025	Seminar: Issues in the Ethics and Epistemology of Artificial Intelligence (EN)
Winter 2025	Seminar: Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals (DE)
Summer 2025	Lecture: Introduction to Ethics (DE)
Summer 2025	Seminar: Interdisciplinary Seminar in Philosophy and Economics: Capital (EN)
Summer 2025	Seminar: Adam Smith's Theory of Moral Sentiments (DE)
Summer 2025	Seminar: Epistemic Bubbles and Echo Chambers: The Ethics of Polarized Knowledge Environments (EN)

Supervision: First supervisor of one MA thesis and 2 BA theses, second supervisor of 3 BA theses.

University of Bayreuth

Seminars for undergraduate and master students (two lecture hours/week delivered as 'block seminars' for advanced BA and MA students in Philosophy & Economics as well as BA Economics students), most seminars jointly taught with a co-teacher:

Winter 2022	Paradigms, policies and power (EN)
Summer 2022	Epistemic Virtue for Organizations (EN)
Winter 2021	The Philosophy, Sociology and Economics of Class (EN)
Summer 2021	The Ethics of Capitalism (EN)
Winter 2020	Debt, inflation and employment after the pandemic (EN)
Summer 2020	Designing policies for a just climate transition (EN)
Winter 2019	The Future of Capitalism (EN)
Summer 2019	Big Corporations and Social Justice (EN)
Winter 2018	The Political Economy of the Eurozone (EN)
Summer 2018	Capital, Finance, and Justice: Political Philosophy after Piketty (EN)
Winter 2017	What to Believe Now? Applied Epistemology, Information Markets, Networks (EN)
Summer 2017	The Ethics and Governance of Algorithmic Decision Making (EN)
Winter 2016	Finance and Social Justice (EN)
Summer 2016	The Efficient Market Hypothesis (EN)
Winter 2015	The Complexity Science Approach to the Financial System (EN)
Summer 2015	Debt and Democracy (EN)
Winter 2014	Achieving Financial Stability (EN)
Winter 2013	Risk in Finance (EN)
Summer 2012	The Philosophy and Economics of Sovereign Debt Crises (EN)

Supervision: Primary supervisor of one MA thesis.

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge

12 Supervisions (weekly one-on-one tutorials for the duration of a trimester) for various Oxford and Cambridge colleges on ethics, political philosophy, medieval philosophy, and early modern philosophy (all years).

2 lecture sessions on moral philosophy for the MBA and the EMBA programme at Judge Business School, Cambridge

Teaching Certificate for Higher Education for the UK (according to UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education). Modules on teaching practice, student learning, course evaluation, assessment and feedback, lecturing, and course design.

Academic Service and Administration

2023 – ongoing	Representative of Mid-Level Academic Staff in the philosophy faculty of the University of Hamburg
2023 – ongoing	Reviewer for proposals of the Ideas and Risk Fund (IRF) at the University of Hamburg
2014 – 2022	Designed and led the Finance & Philosophy module at the University of Bayreuth, including curriculum design, as well as organization of two lecture series with external speakers from economics and philosophy on “Achieving Financial Stability” and “Debt and Democracy”
2021	Developed course material for a three-day course on tech ethics for Logical Operations, a courseware provider, for participants to earn the Certified Ethical Emerging Technologist Certificate – the first comprehensive certificate on tech ethics for practitioners, launched May 2021 (with Linda Eggert, Wessel Reijers, and Ted Lechterman)
2018	Administered two workstreams in British Academy programme “The Future of the Corporation”. Project lead researchers Nien-hê Hsieh and David Rodin

Conferences and Workshops Organized

November 2023	Organized an international interdisciplinary conference on “Just Housing in Europe” at the Centre Marc Bloch, https://sites.google.com/view/justhousingineurope/
May 2023	Organized the international interdisciplinary conference “The Role of Knowledge for Responsible Decision Making in Organizations” at the University of Hamburg
2020 – 2021	Organized three remote interdisciplinary workshops on the “Ethics of Debt” for the Ethics of Debt Network, May 2020, February 2021, July 2021 (with Janosch Prinz)
October 2019	Organized an interdisciplinary one-day workshop on “The Future of Capitalism”, European University Institute, October 2019
December 2018	Organized an interdisciplinary one-day workshop on “Normative and Conceptual Issues in the Economy”, University of York
May 2018	Organized British Academy Research Conference on “Social Purpose and Culture of Corporations” (one day international conference at the British Academy).
November 2016	Organized the Finance and Social Justice Conference at the University of Bayreuth, November 2016 (two day international conference)

May 2015

Organized a graduate workshop on the ethics of sovereign debt, University of Cambridge (with Jens van't Klooster).

Editorial and Peer Review Roles

2023 – ongoing Member of the editorial team for the Journal *Topoi*

Referee for the Journal of Political Philosophy, Political Philosophy, American Political Science Review, Journal of Business Ethics, Business Ethics Quarterly, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Politics, Philosophy and Economics, Political Review Quarterly, Social Epistemology, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, AI and Ethics, Res Publica, Review of Social Economy, Political Research Quarterly, Philosophy & Technology, Ethics and Information Technology, Ergo, Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy, Business and Professional Ethics Journal, Journal of Social Ontology, Journal of Value Inquiry, International Theory, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Springer.

Media and Outreach

My research has been featured in international media including Financial Times, Die Zeit, Tagesschau24, The Telegraph, Die Presse, Svenska Dagbladet, El Confidencial, Die Welt, BILD, TAZ.

I co-developed the “Conspiracy Generator” with Maarten Boudry, an educational tool using AI to demonstrate how conspiracy theories can be generated based on any piece of news, and how (<https://conspiracy-generation.streamlit.app>).

I advise various companies, including Google, on organizational ethics and responsible innovation. I advise the Police Academy North Rhine Westphalia (HSPV NRW) in a four-year project on knowledge culture.

I advise for and have presented my research to policymakers and NGOs such as De Nederlandsche Bank, New Economics Foundation, The New Institute, Bundesverband der Versicherungsberater, GLS Bank, Financial Planning Standards Board Deutschland e.V.

I initiated and led the project “Twelve Stars”, starting a debate between citizens and 27 practical philosophers from all over Europe to discuss proposals for the future of the European Union, issuing in an edited volume with accessible essays by philosophers in English and German published in March 2019. Sold more than 2,000 copies. www.twelvestars.eu.

Languages

German, English, French (B2), Latin, Greek.

References

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