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Academic Positions

Research Affiliate — **Centre for the Study of Existential Risk (CSER), University of Cambridge** (2025 -)

Senior Research Associate — **Centre for the Study of Existential Risk** (2023 - 25)

Intensively researching complex and systemic global risk; successfully developing a proposal for an MPhil in Global Risk and Resilience*; and writing a monograph on existential hope*

Visiting Researcher — **Conservation Evidence Group, University of Cambridge** (2024)

Working on the application of AI to conservation and the conceptualization of biosphere disintegration

Academic Programme Manager / Senior — **Centre for the Study of Existential Risk** (2019 - 23)

Leading two centre-wide projects: A Science of Global Ris*k and* Injustice and Global Catastrophic Risk*; researching the ethics of human extinction; developing transdisciplinary approaches to Existential Risk Studies; engaging with media and policy-makers; and coordinating communications, fundraising, events, and visitor programmes.*

Borysiewicz Interdisciplinary Fellow — **University of Cambridge** (2021-23)

1 of 12 Fellows, selected from a university-wide competition, for a collaborative interdisciplinary programme of "career enhancement to support outstanding researchers seeking to shape the future for the betterment of society".

Affiliated Researcher — **Institutet för framtidsstudier (IFFS)** (2018 - 23)

Regular visitor and collaborator on projects relating to the ethics of future generations and global change.

New Generation Thinker — **AHRC / BBC** (2017 –)

Media training fellowship for early-career researchers with high impact potential, leading to opportunities to present and appear on a range of BBC programmes as part of a network of emerging academic leaders.

Postdoctoral Research Associate — **Centre for the Study of Existential Risk** (2016 – 19)

One of the first group of postdoctoral researchers to start working at CSER, pioneering our work on both the scientific study and ethical evaluation of technological risk, and contributing to the Centre's early growth.

Visiting Researcher — **Centre for Philosophy of the Natural and Social Sciences, London School of Economics** (2018)

Engaging with researchers in the philosophy of science and the ethics of risk and uncertainty.

Research Fellow in Philosophy (Population Ethics: Theory and Practice) — **Future of Humanity Institute (FHI), University of Oxford** (2015 – 16)

Working with Hilary Greaves on foundational research in population ethics and global priorities.

Education

PhD Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method — **London School of Economics** (2011 – 16)

PGCE Higher Education (Full award) — **London School of Economics** (2012 – 14)

MSc Philosophy and Public Policy (Distinction) — **London School of Economics (**2009 – 11)

BA Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (1st class) — **University of Oxford** (2003 – 07)

Publications

Books and Special Issues

2025 *Existential Hope: Facing Our Future When the Signs Look Bad.* (Polity)

2024 *An Anthology of Global Risk*. Ed with Hobson, T. (Open Book)

2023 *The Era of Global Risk: An Introduction to Existential Risk Studies.* Ed with Rees, M., Richards, C., & Rios Rojas, C. (Open Book)

2021 *Double Debt Disaster: Law, Policy, and Social Justice in the wake of Japan's 2011 Tsunami.* With Weitzdörfer, J. (Iudicium / DIJ Tokyo)

2021 *Population and Ethics: Difficult Issues, Global Challenges.* Ed, with Dasgupta, P. & Jones, N. (Journal of Development Studies)

RESEARCH ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Existential Risk and Futures Studies:

2026 *Discovering catastrophic weather risks.* With Matthews, T. et al. (Nature Sustainability)

2026 *Guiding principles for modelling-based papers published in Futures*. With Derbyshire, J. et al. (Futures)

2026 *How Can Higher Education Survive Transformative AI?* With Connelly, M. (Degrees of Change: What AI Means for Education and the Next Generation. Ed J. Lavista Ferres - Wiley)

2025 *Systemic contributions to global catastrophic risk*. With Arnscheidt, C. et al. (Global Sustainability)

2024 *From Evaluation to Action: ethics, epistemology, and extreme technological risk. W*ith Sundaram, L. & Maas, M. (Managing Extreme Technological Risk. Ed C. Rhodes - World Scientific)

2024 *Ripples on the Great Sea of Life: a brief history of existential risk studies.* With Torres, E. (An Anthology of Global Risk. Ed S. Beard & T. Hobson – Open Book)

2024 *Enabling the Participatory Exploration of Alternative Futures with ParEvo.* With Davies, R., Hobson, T., & Mani, L. (An Anthology of Global Risk. Ed S. Beard & T. Hobson – Open Book)

2024 *Existential Change: lessons from climate change for existential risk.* With Kemp, L. (An Anthology of Global Risk. Ed S. Beard & T. Hobson – Open Book)

2024 *Financing our Final Hour.* With Kemp, L. et al. (An Anthology of Global Risk. Ed S. Beard & T. Hobson – Open Book)

2024 *ParEvo: A methodology for the exploration and evaluation of alternative futures.* With Davis, R., Hobson, T., & Mani, L. (Evaluation)

2023 *We Have to Include Everyone: enabling humanity to reduce existential risk.* With Wells-Jensen, S. (The Era of Global Risk. Ed S. Beard et al. – Open Book)

2023 *A Brief History of Existential Risk and the People Who Worked to Mitigate It.* With Bronson, R. (The Era of Global Risk. Ed S. Beard et al. – Open Book)

2021 *Assessing Climate Change's Contribution to Global Catastrophic Risk*. With Holt, L. et al. (Futures)

2020 *Existential Risk Assessment: a reply to Baum*. with Rowe, T. & Fox, J. (Futures)

2020 *An Analysis and Evaluation of Methods Currently Used to Quantify Existential Hazards.* With Rowe, T. & Fox, J. (Futures)

2019 *Accumulating Evidence Using Crowdsourcing and Machine Learning: a living bibliography about existential risk and global catastrophic risk.* With Shackelford, G. et al. (Futures*)*

2019 *Law and Policy Response to Disaster Induced Financial Distress.* With Weitzdörfer, J. (Governance, Risk and Financial Impact of Mega Disasters. Ed A. Kamesaka & F. Waldenberger – Springer)

2018 *The Malicious Use of Artificial Intelligence: forecasting, prevention, and mitigation*. With Brundage, M. et al. (FHI, CSER, Centre for a New American Security, Electronic Frontier Foundation, & OpenAI)

2017 *Climate Change and the Worst-Case Scenario* (IPPR Progressive Review*)*

Philosophy:

2024 *Evaluating Extreme Technological Risk: a social contract based approach*. With Kaczmarek, P. (Managing Extreme Technological Risk. Ed C. Rhodes – World Scientific)

2024 *Existential Risk, Astronomical Waste, and the Reasonableness of a Pure Time Preference for Wellbeing.* With Kaczmarek, P. (The Monist)

2022 *On Theory X and What Matters Most*. With Kaczmarek, P. (Ethics and Existence: The Legacy of Derek Parfit. Ed: J. McMahan et al. – OUP)

2022 *Do We Owe the Past a Future: a reply to Finneron-Burns. W*ith Kaczmarek, P. (Studies in Climate Ethics and Future Generations 5. Ed T. Campbell & O. Torpman – IFFS)

2021 *Optimum Population and Environmental Constraints: a utilitarian perspective.* With *Dasgupta, P.* (Studies in Climate Ethics and Future Generations 4. Ed J. Roussos & P. Bowman - IFFS)

2020 *Human Extinction and Our Obligations to the Past.* With Kaczmarek, P. (Utilitas)

2020 *Perfectionism and the Repugnant Conclusion.* (Journal of Value Inquiry*)*

2020 *Book Review - Climate Justice: integrating economics and philosophy.* (Economics & Philosophy)

2019 *On the Wrongness of Human Extinction.* With Kaczmarek, P. (Argumenta)

2019 *What's unfair about unequal brute luck? an intergenerational puzzle.* (Philosophia)

2011 *The Dilemma of Discounting: the impossibility of setting a context independent Ramsey discount rate for human wellbeing.* (Rerum Causae)

Horizon Scans and Foresight Studies:

2026 *A horizon scan of AI and Higher Education: Fourteen Issues That May Transform the Sector.* With Connelly, M. et al. (SSRN)

2026 *Potential Pathways and Solutions to Acute Food System Crisis in the UK*. With Bridle, S. et al. (Sustainability)

2025 *Exploring Futures for the Science of Global Risk.* With Cooke, N. Dryhurst, S. et al. (Futures)

2023 *Scoping Potential Routes to UK Civil Unrest via the Food System: results of a structured expert elicitation.* With Jones, A. et al. (Sustainability)

2021 *Climate Change Risk Assessment 2021.* Quiggin, D. et al. (Chatham House)

2021 *What Near-Term Climate Impacts Should Worry Us Most?* Quggin, D. Townend, R., & Benton, T. (Chatham House)

2021 *A Solution Scan of Societal Options to Reduce Transmission and Spread of Respiratory Viruses: SARS-CoV-2 as a Case Study*. With Sutherland, W. et al. (Journal of Biosafety & Biosecurity*)*

POLICY REPORTS AND EVIDENCE SUBMISSIONS

2026 *Certainties, Uncertainties and the Future of AI in Education.* With Glenster, A. K. et al. (University of Cambridge)

2026 *Capacity-Building for Innovative UK AI Education Policy.* With Ennion, M. L. et al. (LOGOS)

2025 *Background Briefing and Five Scenarios for Higher Education in the Age of Transformative AI.* With Connelly, M. (SSRN)

2024 *Diversity and Inclusion in Existential Risk Studies.* With Levy, S. (CSER)

2023 *Report of a Workshop on Managing the Contribution of Solar Radiation Modification and Climate Change to Global Catastrophic Risk.* With Futerman, G. (CSER)

2022 *Submission of Evidence to the White House Office of Science & Technology Request for Input to a Five-Year Plan for Research on Climate Intervention.* With Futerman, G. & Gibbons, G.

2021 *Foresight for unknown, long-term and emerging risks, Approaches and Recommendations: evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on Risk Assessment and Risk Planning.* With Rios Rojas, C. et al.

2020 *Intrinsic Values of Ecosystems: essay contributed to the Dasgupta Review of the Economics of Biodiversity.*

2020 *AI and data governance issues in responding to COVID-19.* With Bellchamber, J. (ALDES)

2020 *Public Mental Health and COVID-19: a compassion based approach to recovery and resilience.* With Brierton, K., Gilbert, P., and Huppert, F. (ALDES)

2020 *Identifying and Assessing Drivers of Global Catastrophic Risk.* With Torres, E. (Global Challenges Foundation)

2017 *Climate Ethics and Climate Economics: Risk, Uncertainty and Catastrophe Scenarios.* With Spiekerman, K. (CSER)

2017 *Written Evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence.* With Avin S. et al.

2016 *Personal Identity and Public Policy.* With Campbell, T. (CSER/IFFS)

ACADEMIC TEACHING AND MENTORING

I have an extensive and interdisciplinary teaching record, working with graduate and undergraduate students across multiple disciplines with consistently high student satisfaction scores. Students I have mentored have gone on to high impact careers with UK AISI, ALLFED, the Federal Communications Commission, & Bedrock Philanthropy and research positions at the University of Oxford, LSE, and Schmidt Sciences among others.

2026 Co-author, Global Catastrophic and Existential Risk to Humanity: Course Syllabus, University of Hagen

2026 Mentor, Cambridge High Impact Research Project Fellowship

2025 - 26 Marking and admissions for MPhil in Global Risk and Resilience, Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge

2023 - 25 Supervision, marking, and admissions for MPhil in the Ethics of AI, Data, and Algorithms, Centre for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge

2023 - 25 Marking for the MSt in AI, Ethics, and Society, Centre for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge

2023 - 24 Developing and delivering a series of seminars on Ethics, UKRI Centre for Doctoral Training in the Application of Artificial Intelligence to the study of Environmental Risks, University of Cambridge

2023 - MSt Dissertation supervisor and marker, Sustainability Leadership, University of Cambridge

2023 Mentor, CHERI Summer Fellowship

2022 - Mentor, Magnify Mentoring

2022 Mentor, CERI/ERA Summer Fellowship

2021 MPhil Dissertation supervisor, Politics and International Relations, University of Cambridge

2021 - Guest Lecturer on "Risk", UKRI Centre for Doctoral Training in the Application of Artificial Intelligence to the study of Environmental Risks, University of Cambridge

2019 - BA Dissertation supervision, Philosophy, University of Cambridge

2019 Guest Lecturer "bioethics and biotechnology", MPhill Biotechnology, University of Cambridge

2018 - Coach, Effective Thesis Project

2018 - 19 MA Dissertation supervisor, Philosophy, University of Groningen

2017 - 18 BA Dissertation supervisor, Philosophy, University of New Hampshire

2017 Guest Lecturer "Existential Risk", BA Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, VU Amsterdam - Student Satisfaction 4.5/5

2017 Associate Lecturer, "Political Obligation", BA Philosophy, University of Cambridge – student satisfaction 4.7/5

2012 - 15 Graduate Teaching Assistant, BA Philosophy, London School of Economics – "Global Justice" student satisfaction 5/5; "Reason Knowledge and Values" student satisfaction 4.4/5; and "Philosophy and Public Policy" – student satisfaction 4.1/5

OUTREACH AND IMPACT

MEDIA

I am a versatile media creator who can work to short deadlines and provide thoughtful commentary on topical issues as well as in-depth and long-form perspectives and explainers. I have also advised producers and journalists interested in working on existential risk and have used this to create media opportunities for other CSER researchers.

TV, Radio, and Podcast Appearances:

2026 "How your personal moral compass helps you build a better world" The Existential Hope Podcast (February 19th)

2025 "There's no hope for humanity" Saving The World from Bad Ideas Podcast (October 23rd)

2025 "Existential Hope vs Existential Fear" ABC: Future Tense (September 4th)

2025 "Social Work Meets Existential Risk" Social Work Now Podcast (August 8th)

2025 "Why the Future Matters: Philosophical Tools for Existential Risk" ReEducated Podcast (April 29th)

2025 "What is the Doomsday Clock", *Newstalk Radio* (January 28th)

2024 "Declining Birth Rates in South Korea", *BBC World News* (March 18th)

2024 "Doomsday Clock" *Breakfast show, Newstalk Radio (January 23rd)*

2024 "90 Seconds to global annihilation" *Indo Daily Podcast, Irish Independent (January* 17th)

2023 "Dystopias" *Free Thinking, BBC Radio 3* (June 30th)

2022 "Existential Risk Roundtable" *Doomer Optimism Podcast* (August 15th)

2022 "Exiting the Bunker" *Sideways, BBC Radio 4* (August 18th)

2022 "Existential Risk" *Free Thinking, BBC Radio 3* (February 10th)

2022 "The Heart of Effective Altruism" 21st Talks Podcast (February 6th)

2020 "Simon Beard on Parfit, Climate Change and Existential Risk" *Hear This Idea Podcast* (October 1st)

2020 "The Post Covid World" *The Seventh Generation Podcast* (May 17th)

2020 "The Cathedral Thinkers" *BBC Radio 4* (March 24 – my contribution was featured on BBC Radio's Pick of the Week)

2019 "Climate Change is an Existential Threat" *Future of Life Institute Podcast* (August 2nd)

2019 "Will Humans Survive the Next Century" Analysis, *BBC Radio 4* (March 11th)

2019 "Self Knowledge, Global Catastrophe and Simulated Worlds" *Free Thinking, BBC Radio 3* (February 7th)

2019 "P3 Dystopia: unknown unknowns" *Sverieges Radio*

2019 "Becoming Human" *Channel News Asia*

2018 "Was I wrong to have kids?" *BBC Radio 3 (November 4th)*

2018 "Why we're heading for a climate catastrophe" *NewsNight, BBC Two (October 8th*)

2018 "What do you do if you are a Manically Depressed Robot?" *The Essay, BBC Radio 3* (March 23rd – featured in The Times' Pick of the Day)

2017 "The Countdown to Artificial Intelligence" *The Naked Scientists, BBC 5 Live* (October 17th)

2017 "Postcard of Mortality and Existential Risk" *Free Thinking, BBC Radio 3 (June 22nd)*

Articles published:

2026 "Agency is not a natural kind (and why that might matter for alignment) *LessWrong* (June 30th)

2022 "How to Read the Doomsday Clock" *BBC Future* (January 20th)

2020 "(When) are you going to have kids?" *Cambridge University Horizons* (December 2nd)

2019 "The Problem with the Trolley Problem" *Quartz* (September 27th)

2019 "Deep Ethics: the long-term quest to decide right from wrong" *BBC Future* (June 18th)

2019 "Catastrophic failure of Earth's global systems led to the extinction of the dinosaurs – we may yet go the same way" *The Conversation, also reprinted by NewsWeek, the World Economic Forum and The Sun and translated into French* (March 29th)

2019 "What are the Biggest Threats to Humanity?" *BBC News On-line (*February 15th)

2018 "Consequentialism and Ethics? Bridging the Normative Gap" *Practical Ethics in the News* (March 25th)

2018 "Should We Stop Having Children?" *BBC On-line* (March 9th)

2018 "Geoengineering is a very, very bad idea: but here's why we may have to do it anyway" *Huffington Post* (January 25th)

2017 "Should We be Worried about GMOs?" *Quillette* (November 27th)

2017 "Will AI Help Build a Fairer World? the answer is in our hands" *Huffington Post* (November 21st)

2017 "Should We Care About the Worst-Case Scenario When it Comes to Climate Change?" *Huffington Post* (September 28th)

2017 "When the World Didn't End" *BBC History Magazine* (September 15th)

2017 "Why Philosophers Fail to Influence Public Debate – and How They Can Do Better" *Quillette* (August 2nd)

2016 "Scientists aren't always the best people to evaluate the risks of scientific research" *Practical Ethics in the News* (April 19th)

2016 "Using birth control to combat Zika virus could affect future generations" *The Conversation* (February 19th)

2015 "If abolishing China's one child policy leads to more children, would it be so bad?" *The Conversation* (December 7th)

Articles featuring me and my work:

2026 "Is humanity doomed? Doomsday Clock will be updated TOMORROW to determine our fate – here's how scientists think the hands will move" *Daily Mail* (January 26th)

2026 "Is humanity facing its final hour? Doomsday Clock update raises existential fears" *The News International* (January 26th)

2026 "Doomsday Clock will update on Tuesday — and experts have some scary predictions about it" *New York Post* (January 26th)

2025 "Does humanity have the courage it needs" *Church Times* (December 19th)

2025 "New book by Cambridge author SJ Beard explores existential hope" *Cambridge Independent* (November 27th)

2025 "What WILL lead to humanity's demise?" *Daily Mail* (October 29th)

2025 "Was Busted right about the year 3000?" *Daily Mail* (October 26th)

2025 "How To Stop Worrying About The End Of The World" *Mr Porter* (April 17th)

2025 "Is Humanity Doomed?" *Daily Mail* (January 6th)

2024 "Whose declared existential risk is a bigger threat, Biden's or Trump's?" *Washington Post (*March 18th)

2020 "Climate Change is a Catastrophe. But is it an Existential Threat?" *grist.com* (March 4)

2020 "Why Air Travel Makes a Global Pandemic the Biggest Threat to Humankind" *Daily Telegraph* (January 24)

2019 "This Guy Studies the 'Global System Death Spiral' That Might End Humanity" VICE (November 14)

2019 "Mass Extinction: can we stop it?" *BBC Science Focus* (October 2nd)

2017 "Is it Dangerous to Recreate Flawed Human Morality in AI?" *WIRED* (July 13th)

POLICY ENGAGEMENTS

I have a broad range of policy experience, having worked in policy organizations and stood for political office. I leverage this to create opportunities for impact from my research and others, by informing and persuading policy-makers, including via evidence submissions (listed above) and direct engagement.

2026 Participated in the policy roundtable "AI and Education: Certainties Unknowns and Futures" organized by LOGOS, University of Cambridge (June 12th)

2025 Participated in the policy roundtable "Capacity-Building for Innovative UK AI Education Policy Policy Roundtable" organized by the AI and Education Community and the Glenlead Centre King's College, University of Cambridge (November 18th)

2025 Published an article for the Fairness Foundation on *Fairness and Hope* (September 22nd)

2024 Advised the Fairness Foundation on their UK Wealth Gap Risk Register (May - September)

2024 Participated in a policy roundtable on the geopolitics of climate change and implications for UK foreign policy organized by the Centre for Science and Policy and Cambridge Zero (March 27th)

2024 Cambridge X UN Innovation workshop on climate modelling (February 10th)

2024 Planning for a Cambridge Zero Policy Forum report on the costs, risks and opportunities of the UK's potential pathways to net zero (January 15th)

2022 Co-led training for the UK Civil Service Reform Champions on Exploring Long Term Resilience, in partnership with the Centre for Long Term Resilience (March 7th)

2021 Drafting a Welfare of Future Generations Bill for the UK parliament (March - April)

2021 Presented to senior UK civil servants on "extreme risks" in partnership with the Centre for Long Term Resilience (February 1st)

2021 Provided oral evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on Risk Assessment and Risk Planning. My testimony on futures and foresight tools and the importance of diversity was cited by the committee in their final report and the relevant recommendations resulting from it were accepted by the government. (January 13th)

2020 Spoke on a COVID-19 panel for the Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists and the Young Liberals (May 26th)

2020 Met with civil servants at the UK Treasury working on the Dasgupta Review of the Economics of Biodiversity (February 12th)

2019 Participated in a workshop organized by the Grantham Institute that brought together climate

researchers and activists to discuss the climate crisis and social change (November 21st)

2019 Co-organized a policy workshop on "Responding to Catastrophic Climate Change and Environmental Collapse" with leading UK think tanks IPPR and Demos (May 30th)

2019 Co-organized a policy seminar on "Local Government Climate Futures" with Carbon Neutral Cambridge, Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire district councils, and the Greater Cambridge Planning Service (May 21st)

2019 Co-wrote a response to the IPBES 2019 Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (May 7th)

2018 Spoke at a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Future Generations on "Black Sky Events and Infrastructure Resilience" (July 6th)

2017 Co-organized the inaugural meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Future Generations (November 2nd)

2017 Met with a range of civil servants at the Department for Business, Enterprise, and Industrial Strategy to discuss the regulation of emerging technologies (October 16th)

2017 Met with civil servants at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport to discuss technology policy (October 12th)

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

FUNDING AND AWARDS

Awarded (over £3.1 million in total)

2025 Freiraum 2026 grant, *Foundation for Innovation in Higher Education* (Germany) to pilot an innovative course on Existential Risk that could be taught across Open European Universities Network (I was co-author of this €350k application)

2025 Transformative AI in Higher Education, *Microsoft AI Economy Institute* (I was co-author of this $85k application)

2019 A Science of Global Risk, Templeton World Charity Foundation (I was co-lead author on this successful £1.2m funding application and oversaw managing the project and our relationship with the funder)

2018 Population, Health, and the Global Environment, *Grantham Foundation* (I was a contributing author for this successful £500k funding application, was a chief point of contact with the funder, and led at the review meeting where they agreed renewed funding of an additional £400k in 2023)

2018 Strategic Grant, *Isaac Newton Trust* (I was a contributing author for this successful £910k grant application)

2016 Cumberland Colloquium, *Cumberland Lodge* (I was selected to run a high-profile public workshop on Population Ethics). I also raised over £10k in additional support from external organisations including the Royal Economic Society, British Society for Population Studies, and Society for Applied Philosophy

2015 Class Teacher Award, *Department of Philosophy, London School of Economics*

2011 Research Studentship, *AHRC* (full funding for PhD research)

2009 Research Development Studentship, *AHRC* (full funding for MSc study)

2008 Small Grant, *Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust* (£5k to research concepts of sustainability in UK politics)

2006 Exhibitionership, Merton College, University of Oxford (college scholarship)

Applied

2026 Proposal for A multi-principal testbed for agent-network evaluation, *Schmidt Sciences* (I was a core team member for this $300k application)

2025 Proposal for Quaker engagement with the challenges posed by the race to AGI, *Future of Life Institute* (I was co-author of this £40k application)

2025 Freedom and Fairness Grant, to study inequality as a driver of technological induced societal collapse, *Survive and Flourish Foundation* (I was lead author of this $800k application)

2024 Course development grant, to support the creation of an MPhil in Global Risk and Resilience, *OpenPhilanthropy* (I was author of this $30k application)

2024 EMERGENT: A Systems Approach to Removing Barriers to Adoption of Emerging Energy

Technologies for a Net Zero Future, *UKRI funding bid on systemic approaches to achieving net zero* (I was a contributing author and Co-I for this £1.5m application)

2024 BERI-CSER Collaboration, *Survive and Flourish Fund* (I was contributing author and PI of this $50k application)

2023 Developing Inclusive and Systemic Approaches to Strengthening Existential Risk Studies (DISASTERS), *ERC Consolidator* (I was author and PI of this €2m application)

2023 Protest in the Climate Emergency, *AHRC* (I was a contributing author and Co-PI for this £300k funding application)

ACADEMIC EVENTS

2025 Organizer: CSER seminar *Conversations on Existential Hope* (October 24th)

2023 Co-organizer (with Pablo Suarez): workshop on existential risk and mental health (September 7th)

2023 Co-organizer (with Gideon Futerman): workshop on SRM and GCR (September 7th)

2023 Co-organizer (with Gideon Futerman and Anders Sandberg): Wytham Abbey workshop on Pluralisms in Existential Risk Studies

2023 Co-organizer (with Gideon Futerman): CSER workshop on *Managing the Contribution of Solar Radiation Modification and Climate Change to Global Catastrophic Risk*

2022 Lead organizer: *Cambridge Conference on Catastrophic Risk*

2020 Co-organizer (with Lara Mani): *Cambridge Conference on Catastrophic Risk*

2019 Organizer: CSER workshop on *Evaluating Extreme Technological Risk*

2018 Co-organizer (with Catherine Rhodes): *Cambridge Conference on Catastrophic Risk*

2017 Co-organizer (with Kai Spiekerman): ESRC workshop on *Climate Ethics and Climate Economics: Risk, Uncertainty and Catastrophe Scenarios*

2017 Organizer: CSER workshop on *Solar Geoengineering*

2016 Co-organizer (with Tim Campbell): CSER / University of Oxford workshop on *Personal Identity and Public Policy*

2016 Organizer: Cumberland Lodge Colloquium on *Population and Ethics*

2015 Organizer: MANCEPT workshop on *New Work in Population Ethics*

2015 Paper selector and panel chair: *LSE Graduate Political Theory Conference*

JOURNAL ADMINISTRATION AND REVIEW

Editorial Board Member	Futures
Referee	AI & Society AMA Journal of Ethics Bioethics Conservation Biology Climate Change Economics and Philosophy Ergo Futures Foresight Global Policy Governance Humanities and Social Sciences Communications Inquiry Journal of Applied Philosophy Journal of Moral Philosophy Journal of Risk Research Journal of Value Inquiry Philosophers Imprint Philosophical Quarterly Philosophical Studies Science and Engineering Ethics Scientific Reports Theoria Utilitas

PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, AND PANELS

2026 "Are Children Still Part of the Plan? Leeds International Festival of Ideas (October 10th)

2026 "A Horizon Scan of Ai in Higher Education" University of Cambridge Faculty of Education (June 18th)

2026 "Existential Hope" Compassion in Action Conference (May 14th)

2026 "The Deep Future of AI and the Academy" ESRC training session on AI in Education (April 30th)

2026 "The Assistant Axis" How Do We Solve Alignment club (February 23rd)

2025 "A Horizon Scan of AI in Higher Education" Cambridge Generative AI in Education Conference (October 29th)

2025 "Monstrous Conclusions: Formative Thinking about Human Extinction in the 18th and 19th centuries" University of Southampton (May 21st)

2025 "Tigers Above, Tigers below: a human cantered framework for classifying existential hopes" CSER WIP (January 14th)

2024 "Exploring Global Risk Scenarios for Biosphere Integrity and Conservation" Conservation Evidence Group, University of Cambridge (July 3rd)

2024 "Beyond Risk? Understanding the Threats of the Anthropocene" Leiden University (May 31st)

2024 "Finding Existential Hope in Humanity" Kairos Club (May 9th)

2024 "Introduction to Existential Risk" Trans in STEM symposium at Imperial College (April 24th)

2024 "Seven Questions for Existential Risk Studies" Institute for Futures Studies (February 20th)

2024 "Does the Future Matter?" CERI Future Fellows (February 7th)

2024 "Tackling the Overpopulation Myth" Cambridge Reproduction SRI (January 29th)

2024 "Existential Hope" CSER WIP (January 22nd)

2023 "Equality and Diversity in Existential Risk" Wytham Abbey workshop on Pluralisms in Existential Risk Studies (May 14th)

2023 Panel "The Era of Global Risk: Book Launch." Cambridge Festival (March 21st)

2023 "The World You Can Save: a brief introduction to Existential Risk Studies." Oxford University Effective Altruism Society (January 20th)

2023 "8 years and counting: lessons from the recent history of the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk." Future of Humanity Institute (January 20th)

2022 Panel "Do look up: What can circus artists teach us about risk?" Understanding Risk Forum 2022 (November 29th)

2022 "Fireside Chat on Existential Risk." Cambridge University Effective Altruism Society (16th November)

2022 Panel "Calamitous Futures." Futures in Question Research Network (October 25th)

2022 "Disability and Existential Risk." Transgender Philosophy Summer School (July 11th)

2022 "How to Think About the End of the World." Open University Philosophy seminar (7th June)

2022 "Opening address." Brunel University conference Extinction: the social, ecological, political, and cultural implications of extinction from the microbial to the planetary (21st March)

2022 "Real Catastrophes." Cambridge Conference on Catastrophic Risk (April 20th)

2022 "On Climate Change: rights for future generations." Cambridge Union (24th January)

2021 Panel "Doom and Doubt: uncertain futures and open questions about existential risk." (1st July)

2021 Panel "Our Duty to the Past and Our Past Selves." Marc Sanders Foundation (10th June)

2020 "The Moral Standing of Ecosystems." Institute for Futures Studies workshop on animals and climate change (December 4th)

2018 "AI and the Future of Communities." Ditchley Park Festival of Ideas (July 14th)

2018 "Fairness Based Arguments for the Pure Time Preference for Wellbeing." Climate Ethics and Climate Economics: Discounting, what have we learned? University of Nottingham *(June 12th)*

2018 "Optimum Population and Global Inequality" Institute for Futures Studies (May 23rd)

2018 "Quality of Life and the Repugnant Conclusion" Oxford Conference in Memory of Derek Parfit (May 20th)

2018 "Risk, Relevance, and the Aggregation of Competing Claims." LSE Choice Group (May 2nd)

2018 "Probability, Evidence, and Existential Risk Claims." Cambridge Conference on Catastrophic Risk (April 16th)

2017 "How Do Effective Altruism Organizations Account for Uncertainty?" CRUISSE workshop on decision making under extreme uncertainty, University of London (September 17th)

2017 "Fairness, Equity, Precaution and Disaster law: the case of the Great East Japan Earthquake." Fairness in Law Making conference, University of Belfast (May 18th)

2016 "Personal Identity and the Quality of Life." Workshop on Personal Identity and Public Policy, University of Oxford (November 2nd)

2016 "Fat tails and Fairness." Climate Ethics and Economics conference, LSE (September 15th)

2015 "Perfectionism and the Repugnant Conclusion." and "What is bad about bad brute luck? An Intergenerational Puzzle." OZSW Conference, VU Amsterdam (December 11th and 12th)

2015 "Perfectionism and the Repugnant Conclusion." Theoretical Population Ethics Conference, University of Oxford (November 21st)

2015 "The Reductionist Criteria of Personal Identity and the Repugnant Conclusion." Workshop on personal identity and ethics, St Anne's College, University of Oxford (November 20th)

2015 "Is the lifetime well-being of persons all that matters in population axiology?" Workshop on well-being and population ethics, Institute for Future Studies (October 20th)

2015 "What is bad about brute bad luck? An Intergenerational Puzzle." Pavia Graduate Political Philosophy Conference, University of Pavia (September 9th)

2015 "So, just how complex is Equality Anyway?" *MANCEPT Workshops: New Work in Population Ethics, University of Manchester (September 3rd*)

2015 "Personal Identity and Population Ethics: Beyond the Non-Identity Problem." Institute for Future Studies (May 18th)

2015 "Perfectionism and the Repugnant Conclusion." Intercollegiate Graduate Philosophy Conference, Institute of Philosophy (February 27th)

2014 "What is the source of intransitivity in the mere addition paradox?" The London Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop, University College London (November 7th)

2012 "Why is the Repugnant Conclusion repugnant?" Brave New World, University of Manchester (June 29th)

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

2024 Member of Athena SWAN Self-Assessment Team for the University of Cambridge

2022 - 25 Member of the EDI forum for the School of Arts and Humanities

2022 - 25 Reverse mentor for managers dealing with issues relating to disability and neurodiversity, Disabled Staff Network, University of Cambridge

2018 - 25 Member of EDI/WIDE group for CSER/CFI/ITH

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2026 Technical AI Safety (BlueDot Impact)

2025 Researcher to Innovator and Entrepreneur (Cambridge University/EdX)

2024 Intensive writing week (CRASSH)

2024 Introduction to Research Integrity (Pilot UKRIO Course)

2023 Grant Writing Intensive Programme (School of Arts and Humanities)

2023 Managing Change (Cambridge University, PPD)

2022 Mental Health First Aid (MHFA England)

2022 How to be an Active Bystander at Work (Cambridge University PPD)

2021 Inclusive Leadership Programme (Cambridge University, PPD)

2020 Demonstrating Mutual Respect (Cambridge University, PPD)

2016 – 17 Becoming a Research Leader (CRASSH)

NON ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026 Research Manager, Safe AI Forum

2026 PIBBSS Fellow, Principles of Intelligence
2026 Application evaluator, MATS programme
2026 - Course Facilitator, BlueDot Impact
2025 - 26 Senior Fellow, Microsoft AI Economy Institute
2017 – 23 Advisor, All Party Parliamentary Group on Future Generations (2017 -)
2014 – 15 Educational Development Advisor, Insight Education
2009 – 12 Private Tutor in Economics and Philosophy, Holland Park Tuition
2010 – 11 Research Associate, ResPublica (Think Tank)
2008 – 11 Freelance Researcher and Political Consultant, UK House of Lords
2009 – 10 Parliament and Policy Officer, Dignity in Dying (Campaigning Organization)
2009 – 10 Researcher, Ekklesia (Think Tank)
2008 Research Assistant, SCOPE (Charity)
2007 - 08 Intern, CentreForum (Think Tank) and Social Market Foundation (Think Tank)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2023 *The Hope of Knowing Love: research poems.* Contributor (University of Cambridge)
2012 *It's not what you see it's how you see it.* (Journal of Inclusive Practice in Higher Education)
2010 *Book Review - What is the Point of Management Education?* (Journal of General Management)
2010 *End of life care and decision making – a review of party policies.* (Dignity in Dying)
2009 *Examining, Evaluating, and Exploring Spiritual Capital.* (Ekklesia)
2009 *A law out of step.* (Dignity in Dying)
2008 *Dods New Constituency Guide.* Contributor (Dods parliamentary communications)
2005 *Guide to an Unknown University.* Contributor (Oxford Muse Foundation)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2026 - Director, ReAnglia CIC
2015, 2017 Parliamentary Candidate for Dartford (Liberal Democrat)
2011 - 14 School Governor, Dunton Green Primary School
2010 - 16 Mentor for Insight Education (Oxbridge applicants from minority backgrounds)
2009 - 11 Member of Liberal Democrat Federal Policy Working Group on Quality of Life
2005 – 06 Community researcher, Oxford Muse Foundation

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Professor Matthew Connelly - Department of History, University of Columbia mjc96@columbia.edu
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