

Christopher Bertram: curriculum vitae

1 Personal details

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2 Employment

2.1 Present Appointment

University of Bristol

2006– Professor of Social and Political Philosophy

2004–2006. Reader in Social and Political Philosophy.

1998–2004. Senior Lecturer in Philosophy.

1988–98. Lecturer in Philosophy.

2.2 Previous Appointments

Magdalen College, Oxford. 1988-89. Lecturer in Political Theory.

University of Essex. 1985-86. Lecturer in Government.

Verso Editions/New Left Books. 1984–5. Sales Director.

3 Academic Qualifications

University College, London

1984. M.Phil, Philosophy. Dissertation title: *Exploitation and Game Theory*.

University of Oxford, Oriel College

1981. B.A., Philosophy, Politics and Economics. First Class Honours.

4 Teaching

My teaching at Bristol has been focused principally in political philosophy, both on contemporary theories of justice and the history of political thought (especially the social contract tradition). This emphasis in teaching closely tracks my research interests.

4.1 Units Most Recently Taught

Theories of Justice: Global Justice. Level 3 unit. Lectures and seminars. Assessed by examination.

Political Philosophy. Level 2 unit. Lectures and seminars. 30 students. Assessed by examination.

Introduction to Philosophy (B). Level 1 unit. Lectures on Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau. About 150 students.

Sustainable Development. Cross-university open unit. Contributed one lecture and formed part of the planning team. About 90 students.

Ideas. (French unit provided by the School of Modern Languages). Contributed a lecture on Rousseau.

Final Essay Unit. I've supervised a very large number of essays for this unit over past years. Most of the essays have been on a topics in moral and political philosophy (a very diverse range

4.2 Units taught in the past

In the course of my career at Bristol I have also taught final year units on Public Reason and on Rousseau, and have lectured on Mill's Utilitarianism, on the philosophy of social science, on Descartes' Meditations, on Ethics, and on Marx, Kant and Hegel. I have also contributed taught postgraduate units on the concept of equality. In previous employments I have also lectured on Machiavelli, Weber and Durkheim.

4.3 Research postgraduate supervision

Currently supervising three students registered for the M.Litt or Ph.D. Recent students to complete the PhD under my supervision included Tony Lamb (ethics of war) and Dean Machin (justice and democracy) who is now a Leverhulme Research Fellow at the University of Warwick (philosophy). Of the six students I have supervised who have been awarded the PhD, three currently hold positions at institutions of higher education in the UK or Canada.

4.4 Continuing education

I have contributed to a number of units over the years. Most recently I gave a lecture on Locke's political philosophy as part of a series to coincide with Locke's

tercentenary. In earlier years I have contributed talks on Rawls's theory of justice and on Rousseau. In 2004 I was a speaker at a conference on Locke aimed at school students and their teachers.

4.5 Innovatory units or teaching methods.

In my final year units in particular, I have tried to innovate by making extensive use of electronic resources, including the development of unit-specific weblogs. This enabled me to follow up on class discussion, to point students in the direction of interesting and relevant material in the media, and further to interact online with the students via their electronic comments. Much of this was financed at my own expense, since I despaired of getting proper support from the University and eventually paid to have the weblog sited on a third-party server.

5 Administration and management

5.1 2007–10. Head of the School of Arts (Philosophy, Archaeology, Music, Drama, [History of Art - to 2009])

The School of Arts is one of three sub-divisions of the Faculty of Arts. My responsibilities include playing a leading role in the formulation of academic strategy, policy and planning at School and Faculty level, academic leadership in the School, maintenance of academic standards, delivery of the University's research and education objectives, management development and support of staff, delivering the School budget and achieving value for money, health and safety and risk management. The most recent period has seen progress towards greater School integration with a move away from department offices and the development of a proper School administration following the School Review in 2008. I have also played a leading role as part of the Faculty of Arts management team during a difficult time of contraction and restructuring.

5.2 1998–2001 and 2003–5. Head of Department

Line manager for the Department of Philosophy. Initially for a three-year term, I was asked and agreed to serve for a further two years from 2003 following the early retirement of my successor as HoD, Professor Keith Graham.

- Responsible for Research Assessment Exercise submission: score 5A. This marked a considerable improvement on the department's earlier score of 4B and considerably enhanced the department's national and international standing.
- Preparation for and leadership during QAA Subject Review: score 23/24.

- Financial management of the department under the University of Bristol's devolved budgeting system.
- Academic leadership of the department
- Member of Senate both *ex-officio* 1999–2000 and 2007–10 and as a non-Professorial representative from the Faculty of Arts 2003–5.

5.3 1989–. Previous responsibilities

Before becoming Head of Department I had served on all departmental committees at one time or another, as progress officer, computer officer and admissions tutor. I have also served on a wide variety of University committees including appointment and search committees for Chairs and a search committee for the Dean of Arts.

5.4 Service elsewhere in the University of Bristol

1999–2005. Member of the Ethics and Law Committee of the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (“Children of the 90s”.) ALSPAC is a major study of 14,000 children born in 1991 and 1992 in the Bristol and Avon area.

Member of grant awarding committee (2003), allocating funding for nearly all visiting lectureships at the university (Benjamin Meaker, Leverhulme and Colston Research fellowships).

1998–2002. Member of the University of Bristol Sustainability Group.

Service on Promotion and Progression panels for the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law (as external observer); membership of job evaluation panels.

Membership of appointment panels.

Membership of search committee for the the Chair in Ethics in Medicine.

6 Research

My research has been divided into two areas: contemporary political philosophy and the history of political thought. In the latter, my most significant contribution to date is my book, *Rousseau and the Social Contract* which makes a significant contribution to scholarship, especially in its treatment of the general will and the lawgiver. In contemporary political philosophy, my 1998 paper for *Ethics* and the 2005 contribution to the Brighthouse and Brock volumes are papers of which I am most proud. In its treatment of the issue of justification and legitimacy in the light of the cognitive limitations citizens face in a complex society, I believe the *Ethics* paper to be unique. It has also been influential, so, for example Glyn Morgan (Government, Harvard) draws on my argument extensively in his book *The Idea of a European Superstate*. I have come to see more recently that the two currents of my research are not as divided as I had once thought and that a single concern, that of thinking through the normative foundations of democratic community, underlies them both.

The major project that I'm currently involved with is a project on justice and territory for which I co-held an AHRC/IRCHSS grant with Dr Cara Nine of University College, Cork (see research grants below) and now (2011-12) hold a University Research Fellowship. Territory is at the center of the most important contemporary issues - war, poverty, climate change, immigration, human rights, secession, and border disputes. Territory determines citizenship, opportunities, rights, obligations, political power, and resource privilege. And yet there are very few philosophical investigations of territorial rights. The omission of theories of territory from current philosophical, political, and legal theoretical discourse is unfortunate, especially given the topic's immense importance to local and global events. Dr Nine and I are developing a bi-lateral network of Irish and UK researchers on the topic, "Theories of Territory: Resource Rights, Global Justice, and Self-Determination". Our objective is to establish Ireland and the UK as the global centre of excellence in research on this substantial and timely topic. Through initial networking opportunities for philosophers, including political, legal and social theorists, we aim to establish an innovative, state-of-the-art research program on theories of territory.

6.1 Publications

6.1.1 Authored Book

2003 *Rousseau and the Social Contract*. London: Routledge. 214pp.

6.1.2 Edited books

2013 *Rousseau's Republics*. Volume sponsored by the Rousseau Association of papers originating in the Association's 2011 Bristol conference.

2012 [in press] *Rousseau, The Social Contract and other Political Writings* trans Quintin Hoare. London: Penguin Classics. Introduction (10,000 words) and editorial apparatus. The volume contains *inter alia* the first English text of Rousseau's *Principles of the State of War* as reconstructed by Bruno Bernardi *et al.*

1994 *Has History Ended? Fukuyama, Marx, Modernity*. Co-edited with Andrew Chitty. Guildford: Ashgate. 180pp.

6.1.3 Papers in refereed journals

2010 "Rousseau and morality: between naturalism and rationalism". *Studies in Voltaire and the 18th Century* 2010:12.

2007 "Exploitation and intergenerational justice", *Imprints: egalitarian theory and practice*, 10 (1), (pp. 69-92).

2004 "Language, music and the transparent society in Rousseau's *Essai sur l'origine des langues* and the *Contrat social*". *Studies in Voltaire and the 18th Century* 2004:08, 166-74.

2002 "Afghanistan: A Just Intervention". *Imprints*, 6 (2): 134-146.

- 1998 “Stumbling into Revolution: Analytical Marxism, Rationality and Collective Action”(with Alan Carling, University of Bradford – main body of text 100 per cent by Bertram; mathematical appendix 100 per cent by Carling). *Poznan Studies in the Philosophy of the Sciences and the Humanities*. 60: 277–297.
- 1997 “Political Justification, Theoretical Complexity and Democratic Community”. *Ethics*, 107: 563–583.
- 1997 “Theories of Public Reason”, *Imprints*, 2 (1): 73–86.
- 1996 “Rationalité et individualisme dans le marxisme analytique”. *Actuel Marx*, 19, “Philosophie et Politique”: 103-14.
- 1993 “Principles of Distributive Justice, Counterfactuals and History.” *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 1 (3): 213–228.
- 1992 “Would a Socialist Society be Able to Dispense with Law?” *Socialism and the Law*, *Archiv für Rechts und Sozialphilosophie*. Beiheft 49: 35–43. (
- 1990 “International Competition in Historical Materialism.” *New Left Review*, 183: 116-128.
- 1988 “A Critique of John Roemer’s Theory of Exploitation.” *Political Studies*, 36: 123-30.

6.1.4 Papers in journals (non-refereed)

- 2009 “Why Rousseau Still Matters”, *The Philosophers’ Magazine* (47). (Essentially a transcript of my inaugural lecture.)
- 2006 “Cosmopolitanism and inequality” (Survey/review article) *Res Publica* 12:1, pp.327–336.
- 1994 “Self-Effacing Hobbesianism”, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*. XXIV: 19-33.

6.1.5 Papers in edited volumes

- 2013 [forthcoming] “Rousseau and Geneva”, in Bertram ed. *Rousseau’s Republics* (see above). (7000 words)
- 2012 [in press] “Rousseau and Ethics”, in Roger Crisp ed., *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Ethics*. (5000 words)
- 2012 [in press] “Jean-Jacques Rousseau”, in Jerry Gaus and Fred d’Agostino eds, *The Routledge Companion to Political and Social Philosophy* (London: Routledge).(5000 words)
- 2010 “Jean-Jacques Rousseau”, in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/rousseau/>). [Note: this is the most authoritative online resource in philosophy and pieces are specially commissioned and then subject to refereeing.]
- 2010 “Analytical Marxism”, in Mark Bevir ed. *The Encyclopedia of Political Theory* (Newbury Park, CA: Sage), pp. 31-3.

- 2009 “The role of Rousseau’s civic religion”, in Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott eds. *Rousseau and l’Infâme* (Amsterdam: Rodopi Press), pp. 137–52.
- 2009 “Exploitation and intergenerational justice”, in Axel Gosseries and Lukas Meyer eds. *Justice between Generations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 146–66.
- 2008 “Globalisation, social justice and the politics of aid” in Gary Craig, David Gordon and Tania Burchardt eds. *Social Justice and Public Policy: seeking fairness in diverse societies* (Bristol: Policy Press).
- 2008 “Analytical Marxism” in *A Critical Companion to Contemporary Marxism*. (Boston and Leiden: Brill Academic Press, 2008). English edition of the Bidet and Kouvlakis volume below.
- 2006 “Social Justice” in David Alexander Clark ed. *The Elgar Companion to Development Studies* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar).
- 2005 “Global justice, moral development and democracy”, pp. 75-91 of Gillian Brock and Harry Brighouse eds., *The Political Philosophy of Cosmopolitanism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2005).
- 2003 “Analytical Marxism”, *Modern Philosophy*, 4 2003. 29-38 [Chinese translation of “Le Marxisme Analytique” [below].
- 2001 “Le Marxisme Analytique” in J. Bidet and E. Kouvelakis eds, *Dictionnaire Marx Contemporain*. Paris: PUF.
- 1994 “The End of History: One More Push!” In Bertram and Chitty eds (see above): 167–80.

6.1.6 Other publications (audio)

Democracy, capability and the sufficiency threshold.

Challenges to sufficiency.

Both papers given as public lectures at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in November 2005 and made available on the web by the Havens Center for the Study of Social Structure and Social Change at Madison. See http://www.havenscenter.org/vsp/chris_bertram

6.1.7 Papers presented and in development – selection

“Defending the Humanities in a Liberal Society”, Paper presented at the October 2011 Spencer Foundation conference on “Values in Higher Education” at Northwestern University. The paper will form part of a volume of philosophical reflections on higher education to be edited by Michael McPherson and Harry Brighouse. The Foundation is currently in discussion with the University of Chicago Press about the volume.

“Competing methods of territorial control, membership and access to resources”, paper presented at symposia at the University of Newport in February 2011 and at the University of Oslo in April 2011. The symposium is being sub-

- mitted in toto to the *Journal of Moral Philosophy* with the aim of being a special issue edited by Sune Laegaard (University of Roskilde, Denmark).
- “Liberalism, Coercion and the Right to Exclude” presented at a conference on migration rights at the University of Copenhagen in September 2011. Supersedes “Insiders and Outsiders” and “Coercion of Foreigners” below.
- “Rousseau and Geneva”, paper presented at the Rousseau Association biennial colloquium in Bristol, July 2011, and to be included in an edited (by me) volume on *Rousseau’s Republics*.
- “Justice, Territory and Property: On the institutional thesis concerning property”, paper presented at the July 2010 conference of my AHRC-funded territory network; again in modified form at the 18th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology in Bochum, Germany (August 2010); further modified at University of Paris (Descartes) in February 2011. Available at http://eis.bris.ac.uk/~plcdib/territory/papers/bertram_justice.pdf
- “Natural rights to migration.” Paper presented at Croatia workshop of my AHRC-funded territory network in 2009. Available at http://eis.bris.ac.uk/~plcdib/territory/papers/Bertram_Natural.pdf
- “Spectators versus Citizens: Participation and Republican Solidarity in the *Letter to d’Alembert*.” Paper to be presented to the 2008 (Portland) meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies.
- “Insiders and Outsiders: Public Reason and Immigration”. Paper presented at a workshop on “public reason” at the University of Arizona, November 2007.
- “Coercion of Foreigners, Territory and Compensation”. Paper presented at the 2007 conference of the Association for Legal and Social Philosophy. Available at <http://eis.bris.ac.uk/%7Eplcdib/territoriality.pdf>
- “Institutions and the Limits of Procedural Justice”. Paper presented at the 2006 conference of the Association for Legal and Social Philosophy.
- “A problem of criteria in implementing the difference principle.” (Appendix to the paper above but separately publishable).
- “Implementing the Difference Principle”, 23pp. Available as a preprint from the Equality Exchange at <ftp://194.167.156.192/EE/bertram1.pdf>.
- “Democracy, sufficiency and global regulation”, paper presented at an invited workshop at the University of Bremen, 2005.
- “Rousseau and Marx”, paper presented at a conference in honour of Norman Geras, University of Manchester, 2004.
- “The will of the people, Rousseau’s divided Legacy”, paper presented to the 2004 (Boston) meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies and then in rewritten form to the Rousseau Association at UCLA 2009.
- “Rousseau and the Lisbon Earthquake”, paper presented at a workshop on the Lisbon earthquake, Bristol 2005.

6.1.8 Other projects in development

I intend my current research on territory and migration to form the basis of a monograph which I would aim to place with a university press. I also intend this research to have “impact” and to this end I have been in discussions with Matt Cavanagh of IPPR, Sunder Katwala (former head of the Fabian Society) and Anita Hurrell (Policy Network). I’m developing a proposal under the British Academy’s policy forum scheme to bring together academics, journalists and civil servants.

6.2 Research grants

2011–12 University of Bristol, University Research Fellowship.

2008–10 IRCHSS/AHRC Bilateral Networking Grant on “Theories of Territory: Resource Rights, Global Justice and Self-Determination” (with Dr Cara Nine, UC Cork), 40,000 euros. (Three workshops organized so far: London and Croatia 2009, and Dublin 2010.)

British Academy Senior Research Fellowship 20056 to the value of £29,797

6.3 Research grants applied for

AHRC Research Fellowship. Still awaiting final decision.

FP7 Application on justice and borders (PI is Ann Singleton, Social Policy at Bristol, my contribution was to assemble a Working Group involving researchers from the UK, Italy, Denmark, Germany, Slovenia and Ireland). Applied for 6.38 million euros of which 2.39 million for Bristol. Still awaiting determination.

An application to HERA for 1,000,000 on a similar theme with the same collaborators plus Nenad Miscevic (Maribor, Slovenai and CEU, Budapest).

6.4 Awards, fellowships, and other indicators of esteem

Invitation to present a paper to the *Spencer Foundation* as part of their Initiative for Philosophy in Educational Policy in Practice (at Northwestern University, October 2011). The only invitee from the UK.

President of the Rousseau Association (2007–9). I previously served as Vice-President, 2005–7.

Havens Center for the Study of Social Structure and Social Change, University of Wisconsin – Madison November 2005. Visiting Fellow.

British Academy Senior Research Fellowship 2005–6. Working on questions of global justice, capability and sufficiency.

Associate of the Institute for Advanced Study, University of Bristol. 2002–3.

Hoover Fellow at Université Catholique de Louvain. 2002.

7 Professional activities outside the University

7.1 Consultancy, external examining etc.

London School of Economic 2008–10, External examiner in Philosophy.

Open University 2007–10. External examiner in Philosophy.

University of Oxford 2005–7. External examiner for the M.Phil (Political Theory).

University of Reading 2005. I served as an external member on a panel reviewing the Department of Philosophy as part of the University's internal review process.

I have examined PhD/D.Phil and M.Phil theses as external at the Universities of Oxford, London (UCL and LSE) and Swansea.

I have refereed papers and book proposals for a large number of publishers and journals, including OUP, CUP, Verso, Continuum, *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Ethics*, *Politics*, *Philosophy & Economics*, *Utilitas*, *Res Publica*, *Mind*, and *Political Studies*.

7.2 Editorships of journals etc.

Crooked Timber. Co-founder and participant in this interdisciplinary blog since 2003. Has featured symposia including many distinguished figures such as Nobel-prize winning economist Paul Krugman.

Imprints 1996–2010. Founded the journal in 1996 with Alan Carling (University of Bradford). Editor until 2001. Member of editorial board thereafter.

New Left Review. 1990–93 Member of the editorial committee.

7.3 Conference organisation

Organised the 2011 biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association on the theme of *Rousseau's Republics* at Clifton Hill House, Bristol.

8 Other relevant skills and competences

I speak, read and write French to a good standard of fluency and can speak and read German to a fair standard.

I am a competent user of computers and new technology. Skills include html, LaTeX, Word, Powerpoint, Excel as well as weblog and content-management software. I have made extensive use of technology in my teaching, being one of the first teachers at Bristol to make extensive use of on-line resources and having experimented with weblogs as part of a final-year unit.