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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025–present	Lecturer in the Social Sciences, Centre for Open Learning, University of Edinburgh
2021–present	Associate Lecturer in the Social Sciences, The Open University
2020–2025	Teaching Fellow in the Social Sciences, Centre for Open Learning, University of Edinburgh
2023	Acting Head of Social Sciences, Centre for Open Learning
2022–2023	Associate Lecturer (Political Theory), University of Vienna
2019–2021	Tutor, School of Social and Political Sciences, Edinburgh University

EDUCATION

2016–2019	PhD Politics (Awarded 1/6/2019), School of Social and Political Science (SPS), University of Edinburgh, UK; Examiner: Prof Hartmut Rosa, Andrew Hom
2013–2015	MA Politics and International Relations (Political Theory) – Distinction, Durham University, UK
2009–2013	BA Political Science (Minor: Business & Economics), Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich, Germany

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Head of social sciences (2023)

Co-led redevelopment of international foundation programme in 2023.
Responsible for the line management of 12 staff and delivery of 35 courses across 5 programmes.

Programme Director CAHSS International Foundation Programme (2026-present)

Responsible for the delivery of the University of Edinburgh international foundation programme

Course Organiser (2022 - present)

Responsible for quality assurance processes and course delivery of up to 35 courses across part-time Access, international foundation, and Lifelong Learning short course programmes in social, political and legal studies, Centre for Open Learning, University of Edinburgh

Lecturer/teaching fellow (2020-present)

Design and delivery of virtual learning platform, lectures, tutorials, and assessments for social sciences courses across...

International Foundation Programme (SCQF 7), Centre for Open Learning (2020-2026)

Access Programme for Adult Returners to Education (SCQF 7), COL (2021-2025)

Lifelong Learning Short Course Programme (SCQF 7), COL (2021-2024)

Edinburgh University Summer School (SCQF 7 + 8), COL (2024-2026)

Tutor

Design and delivery of tutorials, marking of assignments in research design, sociology, political theory and International Relations at SCQF 8-11 at the University of Edinburgh (2018-2020), , Unicafe & University of East London (2021), University of Vienna (2022).

Moderator

Moderation of assessments on credit-bearing courses on international foundation and access programme, short courses, international summer school (across 7 courses, 2022–present) in interdisciplinary social sciences, politics, IR, social anthropology, and international law

PUBLICATIONS**Monograph**

(2024) *Judging Complicity: How to Respond to Injustice and Violence*. Edinburgh University Press. 185pages. eBook published under Creative Commons License.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (most recent)

(2024) Acting as if: The Utopian Political Thought and Actions of the US disability rights movement. *Contemporary Political Theory*. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-023-00675-9>

(2021) Bridging the Gap between Affect and Reason: On Thinking-feeling in Politics. *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory*. (online first, open access). Part of a special issue on reason and affect in politics.

(2021) A Critical Realist Contribution to Debates on Complicity in Systemic Injustice and Violence. *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*. (online first).

Other Publications

(2024) Responding to Failure: The Case of the US Disability Rights Movement. In: MM & AZ (eds.) *Revolutionary Hope in a Time of Crisis*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Interview with leading US Disability Activist Judy Heumann, *Exchanges*, 2020, Centre for Ethics and Critical Thought, University of Edinburgh (<https://critique.sps.ed.ac.uk/being-heumann/>)

Collaborative Research Project on De-colonising the Social Sciences Curriculum at the Centre for Open Learning, June 2021 – May 2022

TRAINING

Senior Fellow HEA (2025), Associate Fellow HEA (2020)

Edinburgh Leadership programme (2023-2024)

Other training include: on accessible and inclusive learning, designing out plagiarism, safeguarding, ChatGPT and AI in assessments, neurodiversity, co-creation, enhanced engagement with first-year students, the hidden curriculum and its impact on working class-students,

FUNDING AND AWARDS

2016-2018 ERC PhD Studentship, as part of ERC Project 'GREYZONE – Illuminating the "Grey Zone": Addressing Complex Complicity in Human Rights Violations'

Nominated for Edinburgh University's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Recognition Awards for 'Inspiring Colleague', 'Excellence in Teamwork' and 'The Rising Star' (2023, 2024, 2025)

Nominated for Edinburgh University Student Association's Teaching Awards for 'Outstanding Course' (2023, 2024) and 'Teacher of the Year' (2024, 2025)