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CURRENT POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Humanities (Tenure review in process)

*The Hamilton Center, University of Florida*

Gainesville, August 2024–

Senior Fellow

*Danube Institute, Batthyány Lajos Foundation*

Budapest, 2022–July 2024

Visiting Professor

*Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities*

Budapest, 2022–July 2024

PRIOR POSITIONS

Chair for Jewish–Christian Relations

*University of Antwerp, Institute of Jewish Studies and University Centre Saint-Ignatius*

Antwerp, 2022–2023

Visiting Professor

*Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Department of Philosophy*

Milan, Autumn 2022

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

*Center for the Study of Christianity, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Jerusalem, 2019–2021

Affiliate Professor

*Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Maryland*

Baltimore, Spring 2019

University Postdoctoral Fellow

*Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*

Leuven, 2017–2018

LECTIO Doctoral Fellow

*Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*

Leuven, 2014–2017

RESEARCH DEGREES

2017 PhD in Philosophy, 2017

*Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*

Thesis on Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*

Research director: Gerd Van Riel, Dean of the Institute of Philosophy

Examining committee: Mauro Bonazzi (Milan), Jan Opsomer (Leuven), Andrea

Robiglio (Leuven)

2012 MPhil in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, *Magna cum laude*

*Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*

Thesis on Plato's theory of legal change

- 2011 MPhil in Philosophy  
*University of Wales, Trinity Saint David*  
 Thesis on Augustine of Hippo's theory of time

#### FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 *Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Humanities*. Two years, 2019–2021  
 2017 *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Institute of Philosophy*. One year, 2017–2018  
 2016 *Harvard University, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library*. One month, 2016  
 2014 *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Institute of Philosophy*. Three-and-a-half years, 2014–17

#### RESIDENCIES

- 2021 *Eötvös Loránd University, Department of Comparative Literature*  
 Autumn 2021  
 2018 *Fondation Hardt pour l'étude de l'antiquité classique*  
 May 2018

#### SELECT PUBLICATIONS

##### BOOKS

- 2022 *I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus*.  
 New York: Oxford University Press – London: C. Hurst. (315 pp.)  
 2021 *Nemesius of Emesa on Human Nature: A Cosmopolitan Anthropology from Roman Syria*. (Oxford Early Christian Studies.)  
 Oxford: Oxford University Press. (205 + XXIV pp.)  
 2021 *The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History*.  
 New York: Oxford University Press – London: C. Hurst. (411 + XXVI pp.)  
 2017 *Platonic Legislations: An Essay on Legal Critique in Ancient Greece*. (Springer Briefs in Philosophy.)  
 Cham: Springer. (116 + XXIII pp.)  
 2014 *The Space of Time: A Sensualist Interpretation of Time in Augustine, Confessions X to XII*. (Supplements to the Study of Time.)  
 Leiden – Boston: Brill. (358 + XVI pp.)

##### FORTHCOMING BOOKS

- 2025 *After the Catastrophe: Jan Patočka and the Future of Europe*.  
 London: C. Hurst – New York: Oxford University Press. (Under contract.)

##### ARTICLES

- 2025 "The Strangeness of Jesus: Benedict de Spinoza and the Gospels."  
 Manuscript in preparation.

- 2021 "The Limits of Punishment: A Critique of (Human-to-Inhuman) Reincarnation in Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*." *Studia Patristica* 128, 373–90.
- 2021 "World City: Towards a New Reading of Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*." *Studia Patristica* 102, 45–62.
- 2020 "The Government of the Body: A Reconstruction of the Physiological Chapters in Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*." *Early Science and Medicine* 25, 480–506.
- 2018 "New Light on Time in Augustine's *Confessions*." *Studia Patristica* 98, 529–43.
- 2017 "The Judgment of Pontius Pilate: A Critique of Giorgio Agamben." *Journal of Law and Religion* 32, 340–65.
- 2017 "*Ait enim Lucretius*: An Affirmation of the Epicurean Concept of Time in Isidore of Seville's *Etymologiae*." *Antiquité Tardive* 25, 321–31.
- 2015 "Carl Schmitt on *Hostis* and *Inimicus*: A Veneer for Bloody-Mindedness." *Ratio Juris* 28, 431–39.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2025 "Data and Detection: Homage to Carlo Ginzburg." (With a reply by Carlo Ginzburg.) *Slow Reading and the Shock of Recognition*. Ed. A. A. Robiglio. Cordoba: University of Cordoba Press (in press).
- 2023 "'The Great Refusal': Pilate and Jesus in the Political Theologies of Dante, Valla, and Marsilius." *Marsilius of Padua between History, Politics and Philosophy*. (Disputatio 36.) Ed. A. Mulieri, S. Masolini, and J. Pelletier. Turnhout: Brepols (pp. 285–319).
- 2017 "Judaic Authority in Nemesius of Emesa's *De natura hominis* (390 CE)." *Light on Creation: Ancient Commentators in Dialogue and Debate on the Origin of the World*. (Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum 104.) Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck (pp. 127–56).

#### ESSAYS

- 2024 "Jesus at the End of History." *Unherd* (30 March 2024).
- 2024 "The Salvation of Spinoza." *Engelsberg Ideas* (28 March 2024).
- 2020 "Socrate e Gesù di nuovo a processo." *La Lettura – Corriere della Sera* (19 July 2020), 8–9  
Italian translation by M. J. Stettler of "'A World like a Russian Novel'" (*TLS*, 10 April 2020)
- 2020 "'A World like a Russian Novel': The Trials of Socrates and Jesus." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (10 April 2020), 21
- 2019 "Machine Drama." *The Philosophical Salon – Los Angeles Review of Books* (20 May 2019)
- 2019 "Unfortunate Galilean: The Passion as Seen by Two Poetic Herberts." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (19 April 2019), 13–14
- 2019 "Postnatural Intelligence." *First Things* (February 2019), 15–17
- 2018 "Utopia's Borders." *American Affairs* (20 November 2018)

- 2018 "Trouble in Paradise: The Rise of Artificial Intelligence." *The Philosophical Salon – Los Angeles Review of Books* (2 July 2018)
- 2018 "Data! Data! Data!" *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (13 June 2018)  
Turkish translation by Janset Kiliñç archived online at <https://dusunbil.com/data-data-data/>
- 2016 "Pilate Schemes." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (25 March 2016), 15

#### REVIEWS

- 2023 "The Women Who Made Augustine." Review of Kate Cooper, *Queens of a Fallen World: The Lost Women of Augustine's Confessions* (New York 2023). *Engelsberg Ideas* (8 August 2023)
- 2022 "Touched by a Woman." Review of Eugene Rogers, *Blood Theology: Seeing Red in Body- and God-Talk* (Cambridge 2021). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (20 May 2022)
- 2022 "The Coming of Barbarism." Review of Stuart Jeffries, *Everything, All the Time, Everywhere: How We Became Postmodern* (London 2021). *The Spectator and The Spectator Australia* (15 January 2022), 42
- 2021 "A Choice, and Not a Law." Review of Michel Foucault, *Confessions of the Flesh: The History of Sexuality, Volume 4* (New York 2021). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (16 July 2021)
- 2018 "Dark and Beautiful." Review of Giorgio Agamben, *The Mystery of Evil: Benedict XVI and the End of Days* (Princeton 2017). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (20 April 2018), 26
- 2016 "Beware of Greeks." Review of Marc Van De Mieroop, *Philosophy before the Greeks: The Pursuit of Truth in Ancient Babylonia* (Princeton 2016). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (2 December 2016), 26
- 2015 Review of Mark F. M. Clavier, *Eloquent Wisdom: Rhetoric, Cosmology and Delight in the Theology of Augustine of Hippo* (Brepols 2014). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (30 October 2015), 30–31
- 2015 Review of Simona Cohen, *Transformations of Time and Temporality in Medieval and Renaissance Art* (Leiden 2014). *Aevum. Rassegna di Scienze storiche linguistiche e filologiche* 89, 454–56
- 2015 Review of Ward Blanton, *A Materialism for the Masses: Saint Paul and the Philosophy of Undying Life* (New York 2014). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (30 January 2015), 27
- 2014 "Red Cells and Grey." Review of Gil Anidjar, *Blood: A Critique of Christianity* (New York 2014). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (3 October 2014), 32
- 2014 "Pseudo-Simplicius." Review of 'Simplicius', *On Aristotle On the Soul 3.6–13*, trans. C. Steel with A. Ritups (London 2012). *The Classical Review* 64, 436–37
- 2014 Review of Michael Edwards, *Time and the Science of the Soul in Early Modern Philosophy* (Leiden 2013). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (15 August 2014), 27

- 2013 "Totum and Taboo." Review of Giacomo Marramao, *The Passage West: Philosophy After the Age of the Nation State*, trans. M. Mandarini (London 2012). *Radical Philosophy* 179: 43–46
- 2012 Review of Gerard O'Daly, *Days Linked by Song: Prudentius' Cathemerinon* (Oxford 2012). *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 88, 516–18
- 2010 "Susceptibility." Review of Jean-François Lyotard, *Enthusiasm: The Kantian Critique of History*, tr. G. Van Den Abbeele (Stanford 2009). *Radical Philosophy* 162: 57–59

#### TEACHING

- 2024 The Political Life of Jesus  
*Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University*
- 2023 Cultures of Desire in Hellenistic Rome and Early Christianity: Michel Foucault's *History of Sexuality* volumes III and IV  
*Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University*
- 2023 The Pagan Verses: Mediterranean Wisdom in Christian Scripture  
*Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University*
- 2022 Jesus as Philosopher, Philosophy in the Gospels  
*Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University*
- 2019 Philosophical Perspectives: The Project of Modernity  
*Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Maryland*
- 2017 Political Philosophy: Advanced Course  
*Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*
- 2017 Open Research Seminar: Augustine's *Confessions*  
*Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*

#### SHARED COURSES

- 2020 When Christians Were Jews: The First Generation  
*Department of Comparative Religion, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*
- 2016 Philosophy of Law: Advanced Course  
*Institute of Philosophy & Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*
- 2015 Philosophy of Law: Advanced Course  
*Institute of Philosophy & Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*

#### COLLABORATIVE COURSES

- 2016 Ancient, Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy  
*Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*
- 2015 Political Thought in Medieval and Early Modern Europe  
*Faculty of Arts, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*
- 2015 Themes in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy  
*Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*

## SELECT TALKS

## CHAIR LECTURES

- 2023 *University Centre Saint-Ignatius Antwerp – Institute of Jewish Studies, Joint Chair 2022–2023*  
 University of Antwerp, 20–24 February 2023 (Belgium)  
*Chair lecture: “The Strangeness of Jesus: Benedict de Spinoza and the Gospels.”*  
*Chair seminar: “The Politics of Jesus’ Death: Jewish–Christian Notes on the Gospels’ Passion Narratives.”*

## LECTURE SERIES

- 2021 *Exploring the Underground Writings of Jan Patočka: Six Lectures on the Heretical Essays*  
 Danube Institute, Budapest, Autumn 2021 (Hungary)

## INVITED LECTURES

- 2024 “Decadence and Technology: Revisiting Jan Patočka’s *Heretical Essays* (Prague, 1975).”  
 The University of Hong Kong, 16 April 2024 (Hong Kong)
- 2024 “The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History.”  
 Champion College, Sydney, 10 April 2024 (Australia)
- 2024 “‘I Judge No One’: A Political Life of Jesus.”  
 Australian Catholic University – The Ramsay Centre, Sydney, 9 April 2024 (Australia)  
 A contribution to Australian Catholic University’s *Aletheia* series
- 2024 “Freedom and Sexuality in the First Christian Anthropology.”  
 Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, 4 April 2024 (Australia)  
 A contribution to the *Biblical and Early Christian Studies* series
- 2024 “*Deus sive Machina*: Machines and the Desire for God.”  
 Exeter College, University of Oxford, 7–8 February 2024 (United Kingdom)  
 A contribution to *Intelligences: The Making and Unmaking of Humans*, a two-day colloquium
- 2023 “‘I Judge No One’: A Political Life of Jesus.”  
 Department of Modern Languages and Classics, University of Alabama, 5 December 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “‘I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus.”  
 Department of Religion, Princeton University, 28 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “‘The Innocence of Pontius Pilate’: Early Modern Readings of the Roman Trial of Jesus.”  
 Yale Law School, Yale University, 27 November 2023 (United States)

- 2023 “Life and Death in the Worlds of Law: A Foray into Aquinas (*ST I-II 90-97*).”  
Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, 13 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “‘The Innocence of Pontius Pilate’: Early Modern Readings of the Roman Trial of Jesus.”  
Duke University, 9 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 “Existential Jerusalem: Notes on Tertullian’s ‘Jerusalem’ in Hamann, Kierkegaard, Shestov, and Fondane.”  
Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1 November 2023 (Israel)  
A contribution to the *Jerusalem in Christianity, Christianity in Jerusalem* conference (Cancelled due to 7 October 2023)
- 2023 “The Limits of Punishment: A Critique of (Human-to-Inhuman) Reincarnation in Nemesius of Emesa’s *De Natura Hominis*.”
- (i) Hungarian Patristic Society, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, 26 November 2021 (Hungary)
  - (ii) Department of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, 5 October 2023 (Serbia). A contribution to the *Science, Faith, and Superstition* project at the University of Belgrade, in coordination with the *New Horizons for Science and Religion in Central and Eastern Europe* project at the University of Oxford
  - (iii) Faculty of Philosophy, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, 20 October 2023 (Italy). A contribution to a two-day conference on *Nemesius of Emesa: A Crossroad of Late Antique Philosophy and Early Christian Theology*
- 2023 “Data and Detection: From Sherlock Holmes to Observant Machines.”
- (i) Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, 18 March 2019 (United States)
  - (ii) Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, 11 October 2023 (Hungary)
- 2023 “Questions about the Crucified: From Celsus to Nietzsche.”  
Faculty of Theology, University of Leuven, 22 February 2023 (Belgium)
- 2023 “‘Pilate Defended’: Early Enlightenment Readings of the Roman Trial of Jesus and the Rise of Secularization.”  
Faculty of Law, University of Leuven, 21 February 2023 (Belgium)  
A contribution to the *Leuven Legal History Talks* series
- 2022 “Fate, Freedom, and the Logic of Law in Nemesius of Emesa’s *De Natura Hominis*.”  
Late Antique Religions and Societies Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, 15 November 2022 (United States)
- 2022 “How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History: From Ancient Africa to Early Modern Europe.”  
California State University, Bakersfield, 18 November 2022 (United States)  
A contribution to the *Philosophy and Religious Studies Colloquium*
- 2022 “World City: Towards a New Reading of Nemesius of Emesa’s *De Natura Hominis*.”  
Hungarian Patristic Society, St. Maurice Monastery, Bakonybél, 24 June 2022 (Hungary)
- 2022 “War and the Fate of Europe in Patočka’s *Heretical Essays*.”

- (i) Institute of European Studies – Institut za evropske studije, Belgrade, 28 April 2022 (Serbia)
- (ii) Institute for Human Sciences – Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, 1 June 2022 (Austria)
- 2022 “The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: Notes on an Unnoticed Theme in Judaic and Islamic Traditions.”  
Institute of Ancient and Classical Studies, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, 2 May 2022 (Hungary)
- 2021 “‘I Obstruct Not Your Dominion’: Augustine’s World-Historical Sermons on the Roman Trial of Jesus.”  
Faculty of Theology, Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, 7 December 2021 (Hungary)
- 2021 “The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History.”  
Faculty of Law, Lund University, 21 September 2021 (Sweden. By video link, due to the coronavirus)  
A contribution to Lund University’s *Law, Theology and Culture* series
- 2021 “Nemesius of Emesa on Human Nature: A Cosmopolitan Anthropology from Roman Syria.”  
Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 13 June 2021 (Israel)
- 2020 “Nemesius of Emesa: A Secret Master-Thinker of Byzantium and Europe.”  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring 2020 (Israel. Cancelled due to the coronavirus)
- 2016 “The Judgement of Pontius Pilate: A Critique of Giorgio Agamben.”
  - (i) School of Law, The University of Edinburgh, 7 October 2016 (United Kingdom)
  - (ii) Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 20 October 2016 (Belgium)

#### INVITED SEMINARS

- 2024 “What Is This *Sophia*? Jesus, the Gospels, and the History of Philosophy.”  
University of Helsinki, 17 May 2024 (Finland)  
A contribution to the *History of Philosophy Research Seminar* series
- 2024 “The Politics of Jesus.”  
Oriel College, University of Oxford, 7 May 2024 (United Kingdom)  
Organized by the Centre for Theology, Law, and Culture at Pusey House, Oxford
- 2024 “Leibniz, *I Ching*, and Bio-Computers.”  
NYU Shanghai, 19 April 2024 (China)  
Organized by the AI&Culture Center
- 2023 “A Metaphysically Rich Physiology of Consent in Nemesius of Emesa’s *De Natura Hominis*.”  
Department of Modern Languages and Classics, University of Alabama, 5 December 2023 (United States)



- 2023 "Nemesius of Emesa on Human Nature: A Cosmopolitan Anthropology from Roman Syria."  
Dumbarton Oaks Research Library, Harvard University, 17 November 2023 (United States. Cancelled due to illness)
- 2023 "I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus."  
School of Law, New York University, 15 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 "I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus."  
Loeb Institute for Religious Freedom, George Washington University, 14 November 2023 (United States)
- 2023 "I Judge No One: A Political Life of Jesus."  
All Souls College, University of Oxford, 3 March 2023 (United Kingdom)
- 2023 "The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History."  
Oriental College, University of Oxford, 2 March 2023 (United Kingdom)
- 2022 "Fate, Freedom, and the Logic of Law in Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*."  
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, 12 December 2022 (Italy)
- 2022 "The Innocence of Pontius Pilate."  
Department of Literary Studies, Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, 19 May 2022 (Hungary)
- 2021 "Nemesius of Emesa on Human Freedom."  
Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 8 June 2021 (Israel)
- 2020 "World City: Towards a New Reading of Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*."  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring 2020 (Israel. Cancelled due to the coronavirus)
- 2016 "Giorgio Agamben and the Judgement of Pontius Pilate."  
Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University, 27 October 2016 (Netherlands)
- 2016 "Philosophy before the Greeks."  
Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 12 October 2016 (Belgium)

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2024 "Divine and Human Wills in the World City: Nemesius of Emesa as a Precursor to Maximus the Confessor."  
*The Will in Maximus the Confessor: Fifth International Colloquium on Maximus the Confessor*, Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, 1–3 February 2024 (Hungary)
- 2023 "The Passion and the Secular: Notes on Dante and Marsilius."  
*Dante and the Secularisation of Politics*, Centre for Theology, Law, and Culture, Pusey House, St Cross College, University of Oxford, 15 June 2023 (United Kingdom)
- 2022 "Augustine, Rousseau, and *Religio*: A New Genealogy of Secularity."  
*Augustine: Frontiers of Pluralism*, Augustinian Institute, Villanova University, 15–16 June 2022 (United States)
- 2018/9 "The World City: A Reconstruction of Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*."

- (i) *Seventh British Patristics Conference*, Centre for Late Antique Religion and Culture, Cardiff University, 5–7 September 2018. (United Kingdom. Read *in absentia*)
  - (ii) *XVIII. International Conference on Patristic Studies*, University of Oxford, 19–24 August 2019 (United Kingdom)
- 2018 “‘Transgressors in this World’: Law, Coercive Power, and the Roman Trial of Jesus in Marsilius of Padua.”  
*Marsilius of Padua between History, Philosophy and Politics*, Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 6–7 September 2018 (Belgium)
- 2015 “New Light on Time in Augustine, *Confessions* XI.”  
*XVII. International Conference on Patristic Studies*, University of Oxford, 10–14 August 2015 (United Kingdom)
- 2015 “The Time of Things, the Substance of Time – from Homer’s *Iliad* to Hobbes and Gassendi.”  
*Le temps des choses, la substance du temps*, Université Paris VIII, 21–22 May 2015 (France)
- 2012 “Juridical Ignorance and the Metaphysics of Torture in Augustine.”  
*Between Heaven and Earth: Law, Ideology, and the Social Order in Late Antiquity*, University of Manchester and The John Rylands Library, 13–15 September 2012 (United Kingdom)