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APPOINTMENTS

2020-	Stockholm University Reader (Docent) in Practical Philosophy (2025-) Senior Lecturer in Practical Philosophy (2024-2025) Associate Senior Lecturer in Practical Philosophy (2020-2024)
2019-2020	The Alan Turing Institute, London Research Fellow, Defence & Security Programme
2017-2018	University of Colorado Boulder Scholar in Residence, The Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy
2015-2017	Goethe University Frankfurt Postdoctoral Fellow, The Kassel Foundation (2016-2017) Postdoctoral Fellow, The Centre for Advanced Studies "Justitia Amplificata" (2015-2016)

EDUCATION

2010-2015	DPhil in Politics, University of Oxford
2008-2009	MA in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, University of York
2005-2008	BA in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, University of York

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS	Applied Ethics Social & Political Philosophy
AOC	Ethics History of Political Thought Philosophy of Law

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

1. Taylor, Isaac. *The Ethics of Counterterrorism* (New York: Routledge, 2018).
2. Taylor, Isaac. *Distributive Justice and Global Public Goods* (University of Oxford, DPhil thesis, 2015).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Taylor, Isaac. 'Representative Robots: Can AI Systems Act in Our Name?' *Free & Equal: A Journal of Ethics and Public Affairs* 1(1), 2025, pp.298-322.
2. Taylor, Isaac. 'Is Explainable AI Responsible AI?' *AI & Society* 40 (3), 2025, pp.1695-1704.
3. Taylor, Isaac. 'Collective Responsibility and Artificial Intelligence.' *Philosophy & Technology* 37: 27, 2024, pp.1-18.
4. Taylor, Isaac. 'Security as a Political Concept.' *Inquiry*, 2024, advance online article.
5. Taylor, Isaac. 'Justice by Algorithm: The Limits of AI in Criminal Sentencing.' *Criminal Justice Ethics* 42 (3), 2023, pp.193-213.
6. Forster, Elisabeth & Taylor, Isaac. 'Making Peace with the Devil: The Problem of Ending Just Wars.' *Journal of Social & Political Philosophy* 2 (2), 2023, pp.121-137.
7. Forster, Elisabeth & Taylor, Isaac. 'Asking the Fox to Guard the Chicken Coop: In Defense of Minimalism in the Ethics of War and Peace.' *Journal of International Political Theory* 18 (1), 2022, pp.91-109.
8. Taylor, Isaac. 'The Responsibility to Protect from Terror: The Ethics of Foreign Counter-Terrorist Interventions.' *Global Responsibility to Protect* 14 (2), 2022, pp.155-177.
- reprinted in Shannon Zimmerman (Ed.) *The Responsibility to Protect and Counter-Terrorism: Contradictions and Congruences* (Leiden: Brill Nijhoff, 2023).
9. Taylor, Isaac. 'Who is Responsible for Killer Robots? Autonomous Weapons, Group Agency, and the Military-Industrial Complex.' *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 38 (2), 2021, pp.320-334.
10. Taylor, Isaac. 'Political Obligations and Public Goods', *Res Publica* 27 (4), 2021, pp.559-575.
11. Taylor, Isaac. 'Privatising War: Assessing the Decision to Hire Private Military Contractors.' *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 21 (2), 2018, pp.148-168.
12. Taylor, Isaac. 'Robust Harms.' *Moral Philosophy & Politics* 5 (1), 2018, pp.69-86.
13. Taylor, Isaac. 'Data Collection, Counterterrorism and the Right to Privacy.' *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 16 (3), 2017, pp.326-346.

14. Taylor, Isaac. 'Just War Theory and the Military Response to Terrorism.' *Social Theory & Practice* 43 (4), 2017, pp.717-740.
15. Taylor, Isaac. 'State Responsibility and Counterterrorism.' *Ethics & Global Politics* 9 (1), 2016, pp.1-19.
16. Taylor, Isaac. 'Communication, Efficiency, and Fairness in the European Union.' *Public Affairs Quarterly* 30 (2), 2016, pp.129-147.
17. Taylor, Isaac. 'Language as a Global Public Good.' *Res Publica* 20 (4), 2014, pp.377-394.
18. Taylor, Isaac. 'Practices, Institutions, and Global Public Good Regimes.' *Raisons Politiques* 51, pp.121-135.

Other Publications

1. Taylor, Isaac. 'Responsibility for What? Reply to Wood.' *Philosophy & Technology* 37: 36, 2024, pp.1-3.
2. Taylor, Isaac. 'Ethics of Counterterrorism.' *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Routledge, 2022).
3. Miller, David & Taylor, Isaac. 'Public Goods.' in Serena Olsaretti (Ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).
4. Sari, Yasmin & Taylor, Isaac. (Ed., with introduction) 'Debating Asylum and Refuge.' Special issue of *Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric* 11(1), 2018.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Forster, Elisabeth & Taylor, Isaac. *Reconsidering the Just War: Lessons from China*, book manuscript in progress

Taylor, Isaac. *The Responsibility Gap: Maintaining Control in an AI Society*, book manuscript in progress

Taylor, Isaac. 'Ethics for Combatants, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Pacifism.'

Taylor, Isaac. 'The Speech Act Gap and Counter-speech.'

GRANTS RECEIVED

2025	'Reconsidering Just War: Lessons from Modern Chinese History.' British Academy/Leverhulme Small Project Grant (£8,758), co-principal investigator (SRG24\241176)
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TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Courses Taught

Stockholm University

Argumentation Analysis, Semantics, and Logic (spring 2023)
Bachelor Thesis Course (spring 2021 (co-taught))
Critical Thinking (spring 2025 (co-taught))
Global Ethics (summer 2021; summer 2022; summer 2023; summer 2024; summer 2025)
History of Practical Philosophy (fall 2022 (co-taught))
Master Thesis Course (2024-2025 (co-taught))
Moral Philosophy (fall 2024 (co-taught); spring 2025 (co-taught))
Moral and Political Philosophy of AI (spring 2022)
Normative Ethics (fall 2020; spring 2021; evening 2020-21; fall 2021; evening 2021-22; spring 2023; evening 2022-23; fall 2023; spring 2024)
Political Philosophy (seminars) (fall 2020)

Regular guest lectures on 'Marxism' and 'Nationalism' – Political Philosophy I

Guest lectures on AI and Ethics – Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence (summer 2024)

University of Colorado Boulder

Philosophy and Law (spring 2018)
The Western Tradition (fall 2017)

University of Oxford

Marx and Marxism (spring 2015)
Political Thought: Bentham to Weber (fall 2014)

The Knowledge Project, Oxford

Moral Philosophy (co-taught) (2014) – introductory course for members of the public

PhD Supervision

Ellen Svensson, 'In AI We Trust? An Ethical Inquiry into AI Paternalism in Healthcare' (2024-present) (co-supervisor)

PhD Dissertation: Internal Reviewer

'Self-Defense Without Deontology: An Essay on Consequentialism and the Ethics of Harm' (2024)

'In Search of a Unified Account of Complicity' (2025)

Mentorship

Mentor for a PhD student in Computer Science (2024)

Pedagogical Qualifications

Stockholm University

Professional Development 1: Teaching and Learning (7,5 ECTS)
Professional Development 2: Teaching and Learning in the Human Sciences (7,5 ECTS)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“‘With Great Power...’: The First Taiwan Strait Crisis and the Problem of Selective Intervention’

- 15th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy (2025) (with Elisabeth Forster)

‘The Speech Act Gap and Counter-Speech’

- The Paris Conference on AI and Digital Ethics, Sorbonne University (2025)

‘Bridging the Responsibility Gap’

- Department of Medical Ethics and the History of Medicine, University of Göttingen (2025)

‘Better the Devil You Know: The Xi’an Incident and Language Games of War’

- ‘Empirical Research and Normative Theory’ Workshop, University of Southampton (2025) (with Elisabeth Forster)

‘Representative Algorithms’

- MINT-Yale Workshop on the Normative Philosophy of Computing, Yale University (2024)

‘Ethics for Combatants, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Pacifism’

- Invited Talk, Summer School on the Ethics of War, University of Minho (2024)
- 2024 Swedish Congress of Philosophy, University of Gothenburg (2024)
- Invited Talk, Uppsala Association of Foreign Affairs (2024)
- Higher Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Stockholm University (2024)

‘AI by the People: Democratic Control of Algorithmic Decision-Making’

- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York (2024)

‘Making Peace with the Devil: The Problem of Ending Just Wars’

- University of Oxford China Center (2023) (with Elisabeth Forster)
- Nordic Association of Chinese Studies Annual Conference (2025) (with Elisabeth Forster)

‘Is Explainable AI Responsible AI?’

- Stockholm Early Career Workshop in Political Philosophy (2023)

‘Collective Responsibility and Killer Robots’

- 13th Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Braga (2023)

‘Collective Responsibility and Artificial Intelligence’

- Higher Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Stockholm University (2022)

‘Justice by Algorithm: The Ethics of Automated Criminal Sentencing’

- Political Theory Seminar, Stockholm University (2021)
- ‘Ethics of AI in the Public Sector’ Workshop, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm (2021)
- Higher Seminar in Philosophy of Law, Uppsala University (2021)

‘Security as a Political Concept’

- Joint Stockholm-Uppsala Seminar in Practical Philosophy (2020)

‘Ethical Challenges of AI in Defence and Security’

- Defence Science & Technology Laboratory (2020)
- ‘Legitimacy and Security Policy’
- 9th Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Braga (2018)
 - APSA Annual Division Meeting, San Francisco (2017)
 - Keynote Talk, Consulting Akademie Unternehmensethik's Summer School, Wuppertal (2017)
 - Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (2017)
- ‘Talking with Terrorists’
- Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (2018)
 - 8th Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Braga (2017)
 - Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg (2017)
- ‘Political Obligations and Public Goods’
- The Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (2018)
 - 7th Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Braga (2016)
- ‘Refugees and a Right to Place’
- APA Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle (2017) (with Yasmin Sari)
 - 3rd Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Global Justice, University of Birmingham (2017)
- ‘Data Collection, Counterterrorism, and the Right to Privacy’
- 33rd International Social Philosophy Conference, Carleton University, Ottawa (2016)
 - Political Theory Colloquium, Goethe University Frankfurt (2016)
 - Colloquium in Practical Philosophy, Freie University Berlin (2016)
- ‘Just War Theory and the Military Response to Terrorism’
- Justitia Amplificata Annual Conference, Goethe University Frankfurt (2016)
- ‘Robust Harms: A Comment on Philip Pettit's *The Robust Demands of The Good*’
- Workshop on *The Robust Demands of The Good*, Freie University Berlin (2016)
- ‘National Responsibility and Counterterrorism’
- Justitia Amplificata Workshop, Goethe University Frankfurt (2016)
 - ‘Collective Responsibility for the Future’ Conference, University College Dublin (2015)
- ‘Communicating in Europe: Should the Most Efficient Means be Chosen?’
- Council of European Studies' 22nd International Conference, Sciences Po, Paris (2015)
- ‘Coercion, Egalitarianism, and Global Public Goods’
- Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, University of Pavia (2013)
- ‘Public Goods and Distributive Justice’
- Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, University of Oxford (2013)
- ‘Reciprocity and Global Public Goods’
- Graduate Political Theory Workshop, University of Oxford (2012)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Administrative Offices Held

Substitute member of the Board, Department of Philosophy, Stockholm University (2025-)

Editorial Work

Associate Editor, *Philosophy & Technology* (2025-)

Reviewer

AI & Society (2025[2]); *British Journal of Political Science* (2020; 2021); *Criminal Law & Philosophy* (2024); *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (2015); *Digital Society* (2022; 2025); *Economics & Philosophy* (2023); Edward Elgar Publishing (2020); *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* (2023); *Ethics & International Affairs* (2021; 2022); *Filozofija i društvo* (2023); *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2022; 2023); *Journal of International Political Theory* (2021); *Journal of Social Philosophy* (2023); *Journal of Social & Political Philosophy* (2024); *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2023); MIT Press (2022); *Moral Philosophy & Politics* (2019[2]); *Philosophies* (2022); *Philosophy & Social Criticism* (2023); *Philosophy & Technology* (2020; 2024[2], 2025); *Political Studies* (2016); *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* (2017); Polity Press (2019); *Public Affairs Quarterly* (2016, 2021); *Res Publica* (2015); *Theoria* (2022; 2023; 2024)

Reviewer of Grant Proposal

Czech Science Foundation (2025)
Leverhulme Trust, UK (2024)

Convener

Panel on ‘New Directions in the Ethics of War and Peace.’ Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy (2025)

‘Empirical Research and Normative Theory’ workshop, University of Southampton (2025)

Higher Seminar in Practical Philosophy (2022-), Stockholm University

‘Responsibilities to Refugees’ public event (2018), CU Boulder

‘Europe Today: Normative Challenges’ conference (2016), Goethe University Frankfurt

Media Appearances and Public Outreach

Interviewed for the magazine *Smarter Worklife* about the impact of AI on society (2023)

Podcast participant, ‘The Ethics of Counterterrorism’ (2020), book launch of Patti Tamara Lenard’s *How Should Democracies Fight Terrorism?*, Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa

Blogger, *Philosophers' Strike* blog (<http://philosophersstrike.home.blog>)

REFEREES

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