

DR CHARLES L. J. DEVELLENES

Experience

Senior Lecturer in Political and Social Thought, University of Kent; October 2011 - present

Responsibilities include: convening modules, giving lectures and seminars, devising and marking coursework and exams, curriculum development and module creation, supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations, PhD supervision, administrative duties (outreach officer, director of BiDiplôme Programme (2014-2022), director of Year Abroad with a Language Programme, deputy director of the Centre for Critical Thought), Director of the Liberal Arts Programme (2016-9), Director of Post-Graduate Studies (Research), 2022-present.

Visiting Professor, Institut d'Études Politiques, Lille; January – February 2020

MA module: 'Atheism, Secularism, and Toleration'

Sessional Lecturer, Canterbury Christ Church University; January 2009 - June 2010

Responsibilities included: giving lectures, setting weekly assignments, conducting seminars, pastoral care for students, devising and marking coursework and exams.

Assistant Lecturer, University of Kent — September 2006 - June 2010

Responsibilities included: assisting lectures, conducting seminars, providing support for students and marking their essays.

Education

PhD in Politics "The emergence of self-avowed atheism: the political philosophies of Meslier and Holbach", University of Kent, July 2011. Received full maintenance scholarship from the University of Kent (value £49,000).

PGCHE Teaching qualification, University of Kent, July 2013.

MSc in Political Theory London School of Economics, Merit, September 2005.

BA (Honours) in Politics and International Relations University of Kent, First, July 2004. Received the Departmental Special Achievement Prize (2004) and the Maurice Vile Prize (2003).

Publications

Monographs:

The Macron Régime. The ideology of the new right in France. Bristol University Press, 2022.

The *Gilets Jaunes* and the New Social Contract. Bristol: Bristol University Press, 2021.

Positive Atheism. Bayle, Meslier, d'Holbach, Diderot. Edinburgh University Press, 2021.

Articles:

"The Tolerance of the Despised: Atheists, the Non-Religions, and the Value of Pluralism", with Matthew Loveless, *International Political Science Review*, OnlineFirst, 25 February 2022.

"A Complete Atheist Jean Meslier's political philosophy", *Journal of Interdisciplinary History of Ideas*, Vol. 10, No. 19, 2021.

“Questioning New Materialisms: An Introduction” with Benoît Dillet, *Theory, Culture & Society*, Vol. 35, No.7-8, 2018.

“Radical atheism: Jean Meslier in Context” in Ducheyne, Steffen, ed. *Reassessing the Radical Enlightenment*. London: Routledge, 2017.

“Naturalism and Unbelief in France, 1650-1729” (review) *Global Intellectual History*, Vol.2, Issue 3, pp.422-424.

“D’Holbach radical: contrat social et éthocratie dans la pensée politique du baron” in García-Alonso, Marta, ed. *Les Lumières radicales*, Honoré Champion, 2017.

“Atheism, secularism and toleration – towards a political atheology”, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 16 (2), 2017.

“The Heart of Human Rights. By Buchanan Allen. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. 336p. \$47.95.” (review), *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 14, Issue 4, pp.1187-1188.

“Marx and atheism” in Sayers, Sean and MacKenzie, Iain and Bates, David, eds. *Marxism, Religion and Ideology: Themes from David McLellan*. Routledge, 2016.

“A Dialectic Atheology – Understanding the Past, Present and Future of Atheism” *Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network blog*. Available at: <http://blog.nsrn.net/2014/09/02/a-dialectic-atheology-understanding-the-past-present-and-future-of-atheism/>.

“Choice, blind spots and free will : an autopoietic critique of Isaiah Berlin’s liberalism”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Vol.40, No.4, 2014.

“Utility contra Utilitarianism : Holbach’s International Ethics”. *Journal of International Political Theory*, Vol.10, No.2, 2014.

“A theory of atheology. Reason, critique, and beyond”. *Telos*, Vol. 166, 2014.

“A fourth musketeer of social contract theory. The political thought of the baron d’Holbach”. *History of Political Thought*, XXXIV (3), 2013.

Teaching experience

Roots of transformation (2017-18,): 1st year undergraduate module for Liberal Arts students, providing an introduction to the modern world, across disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. 10 students.

Connections (2017-22): 2nd year undergraduate module for Liberal Arts students, acting as a ‘great books’ programme, reading texts from ancient Greece to today that help understand relations between various intellectual disciplines.

Landscapes of the Future (2017-22): 3rd year undergraduate module for Liberal Arts students, that looks at cutting edge theories that shape the future of the humanities and social sciences and beyond, from historical thinking about the future (utopia and dystopia) to understanding contemporary advances in genetics.

Introduction to Political Thought (2012-16): 1st year undergraduate course covering key concepts in political theory, from justice and democracy to freedom and equality. 200+ students on average.

Modern Political Thought (2011-17; 2022): 2nd year undergraduate course covering key political thinkers from Machiavelli to Nietzsche. 100 students on average.

Politics in the Classroom (2015-17): 3rd year undergraduate course where students are sent to teach politics in a local high school, provided with academic guidance and teaching experience. Limited to 12 students.

Conservatism, the Politics and International Relations of the Right (2014): 3rd year undergraduate course dealing with the right of conservatism in political thought from Edmund Burke to Sarah Palin.

Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations (2012-13): Masters-level course introducing students to the philosophical foundations of social science research. Team-taught.

European Integration (2011): 1st year undergraduate course introducing the history of the creation of the European Union.

European Union Politics and Policy (2011): 2nd year undergraduate course providing in-depth analysis of European Union institutions, practices and developments, as well as a significant policy component.

Right, Freedom, and Individualism: contemporary Liberalism in question (2011): 3rd year undergraduate course dealing with liberal political thought, from John Rawls to Richard Rorty.

Key Political Thinkers (2009-2010, Canterbury Christ Church University): 1st year undergraduate course introducing students to the classics of political theory, from Plato to Nietzsche.

As teaching assistant: Ethics in International Relations (2006 to 2008); International Relations Theory (2007); Introduction to Political Thought (2008); US Foreign Policy (2010); Introduction to International Politics (2010).

Successful PhD Students:

Dr Robert Wilson, 'From the Borders of Normativity to the Normativity of Borders: Outline of the Conditions for a Realist Case for Free Movement', completed 2022 (no corrections).

Dr Olga Ntalaka, 'Arendt and Foucault: The Problem of Violence', completed 2022 (minor corrections).

Dr Lewis Bloodworth, 'The Loving Aporia: Revolutionary Subjectivity and Praxis', completed 2022 (major corrections).

Dr Stavroula Soukara, 'Love as a Political Concept: Hannah Arendt, Martha Nussbaum and Hegel's Affective Recognition', completed 2021 (no corrections).

Dr Connor Heaney, 'Rhythmic Ecology: Mindscaping the Rhythms of Everyday Life', completed 2018 (no corrections).

Dr Lucas van Milders, 'Against Epistemicide: Towards a Decolonial Hermeneutics of Autonomy', completed 2017 (no corrections).

Dr Chris Henry, 'A non-didactic truthful ethics and the critique of dogmatic resistance', completed 2016 (no corrections).

Conference and guest lectures:

Université Libre de Bruxelles, guest speaker (invited), 'Diderot le meta-athée', May 2023.

Brussels School of International Studies, guest speaker (invited), 'The Macron Régime', February 2023.

Brussels School of Journalism and Communication (IHECS), 'The Macron Régime le technopopulisme au pouvoir?', guest speaker (invited), February 2023.

Voltaire Foundation, Oxford University, guest speaker at D'Holbach symposium (invited), 15 March 2022.

International Society for Historians of Atheism, Secularism, and Humanism (invited), 26 May 2021. Online webinar.

Brussels School of Journalism and Communication (IHECS), 'The gilets jaunes and the new social contract', guest speaker (invited), 28 April 2021.

Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, 'The Gilets Jaunes and the New Social Contract', April 2020. [cancelled]

ISA, San Francisco, 'A genealogy of pre-Kantian critique: re-thinking the international with Bayle', April 2018.

20th International Conference on Conceptual History, September 2017. Research paper: 'The Enlightenment as 'Radical': a Dialectic Conceptual Approach'

ISA, Baltimore, 'Bayle's International Politics', February 2017.

Religious Studies Research Seminar, University of Kent, February 2016. Research paper: 'A Calvinist defence of atheism: Bayle's radical toleration'.

APSA, San Francisco, September 2015. Panel organiser : The Affective Turn in Political Theory.

Canterbury Christ Church University, January 2015. Guest lecture : Thomas Hobbes

APSA, Washington D.C., August 2014. Panel organiser : Technics, materialisms, and politics.

FLACSO-ISA, Buenos Aires, July 2014 .Are Atheists (the non-religious) More Politically Tolerant than the Religious ?

Cambridge Research Seminar in Political Thought, January 2014. Invited speaker : 'Radical Atheism. Jean Meslier in context'.

Matter, Life, and Resistance Canterbury, July 2013. Organising an international conference in political theory. Guest speakers: Samantha Frost (University of Illinois) and Sjoerd van Tuinen (Erasmus University Rotterdam).

The Radical Enlightenment : The Big Picture and its Details Brussels, May 2013. Presented "Radical Atheism : Jean Meslier in Context".

International Political Studies Association Madrid, July 2012. Presented "Self-referential liberalism".

British International Studies Association Edinburgh, June 2012. Presented "Methods, theories and hermeneutics : reading Thucydides".

Politics and the Fragility of Things. Nottingham, June 2012. Invited speaker "Atheism, secularism and toleration. Towards a political atheology".

Professor David McLellan's "Lentils seminar" Canterbury, March 2012. Invited speaker "The new atheists".

The Politics of Interpretation & The Interpretation of Politics University of Oxford, September 2011. Presented "Political non methodology".

Manchester Workshops in Political Theory August 2011. Presented "Choice, blind spots and free will : an autopoietic critique of Isaiah Berlin's liberalism."

Eleventh Essex Conference in Critical Political Theory June 2011. Presented "Political atheology : from reaction to affirmation and beyond."

International Political Studies Association Santiago, Chile, July 2009 Presented "Claiming the label : political atheists in eighteenth century France."

International Studies Association Annual conference, New York, USA, February 2009 Presented "Two Faces of Utilitarian Thought : Holbach on International Ethics"

European Science Foundation "Reforming the European State System in the Long Eighteenth Century", Vadstena, Sweden, September 2008 Poster on Holbach's political thought, received full travel grant

Political Studies Association Postgraduate Conference, South East of England, Canterbury, October 2007. Organised the entire conference and presented on "Isaiah Berlin's freewill or the metaphysics of choice for an autopoietic individual"

European Group for Organizational Studies Annual Conference, Bergen, Norway, July 2006. Presented on "Institutional accountability and Western philosophy"

Grants:

Division of Human and Social Sciences Seed Funding of £2,000 from the University of Kent, to organise a workshop on Non-violent Activism in May 2022.

Faculty of Social Sciences Small Grant of £2,500 from the University of Kent, 2013, to organise the conference "Matter, Life, and Resistance" on 1 and 2 July 2013. I also received an additional £2,500 from the School of Politics and International Relations.

PhD Scholarship from the University of Kent, 2006 - 2009 which includes tuition fees and a maintenance grant (value of £49,000).

Project Funding of £1000, from the Unit for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching at the University of Kent, in 2007, to carry out a short research project. The 'Gender Audit Project' was aimed at analysing the potential gendered nature of students' experiences at the undergraduate level in the Politics Department

Reviewer:

Oxford University Press, Political Studies, POLITICS, Philosophy and Social Criticism, French Studies, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Marx and Philosophy Review of Books, Global Intellectual History, Religions.

Membership of professional associations:

Political Science Association (UK), American Political Science Association (USA), International Studies Association (USA), International Society for Historians of Atheism, Secularism, and Humanism (UK).

Media:

Contributor to the following media outlets: Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Talk TV, The Conversation, Spiked. Invited contributor to the following podcasts: The Popular Show, Bungacast, New Books Network, Beyond Atheism.

Languages:

French: Native, English: Fluent, Spanish: Advanced, Russian: Intermediate.

References:

Dr Nadine Ansorg, Head of School, Senior Lecturer in International Conflict Analysis, University of Kent

Professor James Martel, San Francisco State University

Dr Iain MacKenzie, Reader in Politics, University of Kent