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RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Philosophy of Technology & AI; Moral & Political Philosophy (Privacy & Social Justice); Philosophy of Mind & Emotion; Information Ethics; Applied Ethics

EDUCATION

CEA Paris-Saclay 2026 - Present
Postdoc AIOLIA Project Paris-Saclay, France

- **Supervisor:** [Alexei Grinbaum](#)

Leiden University, Institute for Philosophy 2022 - 2026
PhD in Philosophy Leiden, The Netherlands

- **Thesis Title:** *Emotional Privacy: A Philosophical Investigation of Emotion Recognition Technology*
- **Advisors:** Prof. [Dorota Mokrosinska](#), Prof. [James McAllister](#)
- **Fellowship:** [London AI and Humanity Project](#), Summer 2025

Laval University 2019 – 2021
MA in Philosophy Québec, Canada

- **Advisor:** Prof. [Jocelyn Maclure](#)

Montreal University 2016 – 2019
BA in Philosophy and French Literature Montréal, Canada

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Alexandra Présent** (2025) [Is there not an obvious loophole in the AI Act's ban on Emotion Recognition Technology?](#), *AI&Society*.
- [2] **Alexandra Présent** (2025) [Why you should not use CI to evaluate Socially Disruptive Technology](#), *Philosophy & Technology*, 38(6).
- [3] **Alexandra Présent** (2021) *Informatique affective: L'utilisation des systèmes de reconnaissance des émotions est-elle en cohérence avec la justice sociale?*, Master's Thesis, Laval University.
- [4] **Alexandra Présent** & Keven Bisson (2021) [La conception individuelle de l'identité : une possible solution au casse-tête du deuil de Marušić ?](#), *Phares*, 21(1).
- [5] **Alexandra Présent** (2021) [Comment définir un groupe sans exclure aucune de ses parties ? Le genre et la notion sartrienne de la structure sérielle selon Iris Marion Young](#), *Era Novum*, 21(1).

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

PhD Graduate Scholarship 2022 – 2026
SSHRC of Canada The Netherlands

- Full-ride scholarship for pursuing the PhD at Leiden University (NL)
- Value of **110 000\$ CAD**

PhD Graduate Scholarship 2022 – 2025
Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada

- Canada Graduate Scholarships (105 000\$ CAD / 3 years)
- **Declined** to go study abroad (The Netherlands)

MA Graduate Award <i>OBVIA</i>	2020 – 2021 Canada
• Merit-based award for pursuing the MA in Philosophy of AI • Value of 15 000\$ CAD	
BA Award <i>Desjardins</i>	2016 Canada
• Award for pursuing the BA in Philosophy • Value of 1 250\$ CAD	

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES & EVENTS

2025 Philosophy PhD Workshop <i>2nd PhD workshop by the PhD Council / Co-Organization</i>	2025 Leiden, The Netherlands
2024 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference <i>5th Conference on Surveillance / Co-Organization</i>	2024 Montréal, Canada
2023 10th Annual OZSW Conference <i>Dutch National Conference in Philosophy / Track Lead Philosophy of Technology</i>	2023 Leiden, The Netherlands
2023 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference <i>4th Conference on Affective Computing / Co-Organization</i>	2023 Montréal, Canada
2022 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference <i>3rd Conference on Ethics & Simulation / Co-Organization</i>	2022 Montréal, Canada
2021 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference <i>2nd Conference on Algorithmic Quandaries / Co-Organization</i>	2021 Montréal, Canada

TALKS & WORKSHOPS (SELECTION)

- [1] **Open Source 2026.** Observatoire de l’Intelligence artificielle de l’Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (AI OBS). Title: “Éthique des modèles” (Table ronde)”, Paris (FR), Summer 2026.
- [2] **AI OBS 2026.** Observatoire de l’Intelligence artificielle de l’Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (AI OBS). Title: "IA compagnons: De quoi parle-t-on? (Table ronde)", Paris (FR), Winter 2026.
- [3] **EPSA 2025.** The European Philosophy of Science Association (EPSA). Title: "On the Social Relevance of Emotional Expressions Philosophical Insight on Affective Computing", Groningen (NL), Summer 2025.
- [4] **IACAP-AISB 2025.** The International Association for Computing and Philosophy (IACAP) and the Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and Simulation of Behaviour (AISB). Title: "No hard feelings?: A philosophical analysis of the social value of overt expressions of emotions", Enschede (NL), Summer 2025.
- [5] **SPT 2025.** Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology. Title: "Emotional expressions, informational opacity, and technology: The necessity of overt expressions of emotions for social life", Eindhoven (NL), Summer 2025. Supported by Van Haersolte Grant.
- [6] **GWP 2025.** Fifth International Conference of The German Society for Philosophy of Science (Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsphilosophie), Title: “A Philosophical Investigation of Emotion Recognition Technology”, Erlangen (Germany), Spring 2025.
- [7] **EMERGE 2024.** International Conference on Ethics of AI Alignment, Title: “[Emotional quantification and philosophical thinking: Understanding ourselves better with emotion recognition technology](#)”, Belgrade (Serbia/Online), Fall 2024.
- [8] **EAAMO 2024.** The 4th ACM Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization. Title: “[Contextual Integrity and Socially Disruptive Technology](#)”, San Luis Potosí (Mexico), Fall 2024.

- [9] **AI & Policy 2023.** International Workshop on Epistemic Rights in AI Policy. With a focus on explainable AI, LLMs and generative AI, and fairness and accountability, this workshop aimed to explore innovative approaches to address contemporary challenges in AI policy. Eindhoven (NL), Fall 2023.
- [10] **SPT 2023.** Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology. Title: “[Emotion Recognition Technology: An analysis of the risks at stake](#)”, Tokyo (Japan), Summer 2023. Supported by Van Haersolte Grant.
- [11] **OZSW 2023.** 10th Annual OZSW Conference, Dutch National Conference. Title: “Revisiting our conception(s) of privacy”, Leiden (NL), Summer 2023.
- [12] **ESDIT 2022.** International Conference on Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies. Title: “Re-Shaping human relationships: An analysis of the consequences of the disruption of Emotion Recognition Technology”, Leiden (NL), Fall 2022. Supported by Van Haersolte Grant.
- [13] **AIES 2022.** The 5th AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society. Title: “[Emotion Recognition Technology: Re-Shaping human relationships](#)”, Oxford (UK), Summer 2022. Supported by AAAI/ACM Grant.
- [14] **IID 2021.** Guest Speaker at the Institute of Intelligence and Data. Title: “[Ethical quandaries in Emotion Recognition Systems](#)”, Québec (Canada), Winter 2021.
- [15] **Rendez-Vous en IA 2021.** Guest Speaker at *Rendez-Vous en IA*. Title: “[Algorithmic Discrimination](#)”, Montréal (Canada), Fall 2021.
- [16] **Parlons Éthique 2021.** Guest at the French-Canadian Podcast “Parlons Éthique”, Épisode #17: “[Les Systèmes de Reconnaissance des Émotions avec Alexandra Prigent](#)”, Montréal (Canada), Fall 2021.
- [17] **Rationality of Emotions 2020.** Speaker at Symposium on Rationality of Emotions. Title: “Do reasons heal? An essay on grief” with Keven Bisson, Québec (Canada), Fall 2020.
- [18] **VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosophy 2020.** Speaker at the VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosophy. Title: “Ethical Issues Raised by Opacity in Emotion Recognition Systems”, Québec (Canada), Fall 2020.

REVIEW FOR JOURNAL AND CONFERENCE

- [Philosophy & Technology](#) / 2024 –
- [Business Ethics Quaterly](#) / 2025 –
- [EPSSE European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions](#) / 2025 –

RELEVANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Lecturer <i>Leiden University</i> • Philosophy of Technology, BA3, 5013KC53 • Design of new syllabus, course material, evaluations, grading, etc.	Jan. 2023 – Aug. 2023 <i>Leiden, The Netherlands</i>
Invited Guest Lecturer <i>OZSW School</i> • Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies • With Dr. Naomi Jacobs	Feb. 2025 <i>Utrecht, The Netherlands</i>
Invited Guest Lecturer <i>Laval University</i> • Philosophical and Ethical Issues of AI, PHI-4142 • One-time Lecture in Prof. Jocelyn Maclure’s course	Mar. 2021 <i>Québec, Canada</i>
Teaching Assistant <i>Laval University</i>	2019 – 2021 <i>Québec, Canada</i>

- Assistance in diverse tasks related to the course *Philosophical and Ethical Issues of AI*, (PHI-4142) of Prof. Jocelyn Maclure (3 times between 2019 and 2021)

Research Assistant

Laval University

2019 – 2021
Québec, Canada

- Worked as an RA in the field of Philosophy of Technology / Ethics of AI
- Design of new courses on Ethics of AI, literature reviews, and reviews of academic work
- Supervision by Prof. Jocelyn Maclure

ACADEMIC MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL PROJECT, CONSORTIUM, THINK THANK

ESDiT (NWO Project)

Associate Member

2024 – present
The Netherlands

Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technology

- Develop a comprehensive philosophical understanding of the socially disruptive technologies (SDTs) of the 21st century, and in particular their challenge to the very concepts and values that we normally appeal to in our moral thinking. (Act. contr. in [New Methods for Ethics](#) & [Conceptual Disruption Lines](#)).

SRPoiSE (Consortium)

Board Member

2024 – 2026
International

Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science & Engineering

- This consortium supports, advances, and conducts philosophical work that is related to science and engineering and that contributes to public welfare and collective wellbeing.

OBVIA (Think Thank)

Student Member

2019 – 2021
Canada

- Involvement in this hub led to the creation and development of an AI supportive system for the Service of Information and the Referral Service on socio-community services in Québec (211)
- This project was schedule to be presented at a workshop at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Oct. 2020 (cancelled due to pandemic travel restrictions)

PAST RELEVANT POLICY-RELATED EXPERIENCE

Ethics in Science & Technology Commission (Québec Government)

Ethics Advisor – Student Trainee

2019 – 2021
Québec, Canada

- The Commission's mandate is to advise the Government on ethical questions related to Science & Technologies
- Participation in the writing of several documents, including official briefs and reports on topics such as AI & the Workplace, Covid-Tracking apps, and AI & Ethical Deliberation

SOCIAL COMMITMENT & VOLUNTEERING

Student Refugee Program (SRP)

Vice-President of SRP-U.Laval

2019 – 2021
Canada

- Mission: Ensuring financial, educational, and social autonomy

Leiden University Graduate Council of Philosophy

Council Member

2024 – present
The Netherlands

- Mission: Represent the general interests of all of the institute's PhD candidates

REFERENCES

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