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PhD Candidate in Philosophy



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AOE Political Philosophy, Historical Justice, Climate Justice,
Moral Responsibility.

AOC Philosophy of Climate Science, Philosophy of Law.

EDUCATION

- 2017- 2021 PhD in Philosophy and Climate Change
Department of Philosophy and Doctoral Program in Climate Change.
Karl-Franzens-Universität-Graz (Austria)
Defense date: 10th May 2021
- 2014- 2017 PhD student in Philosophy (transferred to Karl-Franzens Universität Graz)
Doctoral program: Contemporary Thought
University of Valencia (Spain)
- 2012- 2014 Master's degree (90 ECTS) in Cultural and Critical Theory
MA Thesis: On our responsibility towards future generations in the
context of the ecological crisis. Grade: 10/10 (highest possible)
Overall grade: 9,31/10 (A+)
University Carlos III Madrid (Spain)
- 2008- 2012 5-years Undergraduate in Philosophy (300 ECTS)
Equivalent to current BA (3years) + MA (2 years) (finished in 4 years)
Grade: 9,34/10 (A+)
Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain)

EMPLOYMENT

- 2018-2021 Predoc research assistant at Karl-Franzens Universität Graz, Austria.
- 2014-2017 Predoc research assistant at University of Valencia, Spain.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research assistant: Doctoral Colleague in Climate Change – Uncertainties, Thresholds and Copying Strategies. Ref: FWF Austrian Science Foundation. Research Grant Number: W 1256
Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria

Research assistant: Self-Knowledge, Moral responsibility and Authenticity (2016-2017)
Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.
Ref: FFI2016-75323-P
Department of Philosophy. University of Valencia.

Research assistant: Scope and limits of responsibility (2014-2016)
Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness. Ref: FFFI2012-33470.
Department of Metaphysics and Theory of Knowledge. University of Valencia.

Member of the project: Learning of philosophical argumentation through techniques of educational innovation (2016)
Member of the educational innovation working-group UV-SFPIE_RMD15-314539

RESEARCH STAYS

April 2020-July 2020 University of Oxford
Department of Politics and International Relations
(admitted as a Visiting Student but postponed and cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic)

Mar.2017-June 2017 University of Washington.
4 months Department of Philosophy.

Supervisor: Stephen Gardiner.
Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

Feb. 2016- Jul. 2016 Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz.
5 months Institut für Philosophie.
Section of Moral and Political Philosophy.

Supervisor: Lukas Meyer.
Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

Feb.2015- Jun. 2015 Keele University.
4 months Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy (SPIRE).

Supervisors: Andrew Dobson and Phil Catney.

Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

THIRD PARTY FUND

2017-2019 “La Caixa” Fellowship at Karl-Franzens Universität Graz.
(enjoyed only 8 months for incompatibility with a new contract)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

- 2020 SWIP-Analytic Essay Prize.
Awarded paper: Moral Responsibility for Climate Change Loss and Damage:
A response to the Excusable Ignorance Objection.
Prize: 600 €
- 2019 Erasmus+ Mobility Grant for Teaching and Training at the University of
Barcelona (KA103). 11.12.2019-20.12.2019.
- 2014 FPI-MINECO PhD Fellowship (2014-2018). Department of Metaphysics and
Theory of Knowledge. University of Valencia.
- 2017 Visiting fellowship. University of Washington (4 months)
- 2016 Visiting fellowship. Karl-Franzens Universität Graz (5 months)
- 2015 Visiting fellowship. Keele University (4 months)
- 2011 Grant of Collaboration in the Department of Philosophy. Autonomous
University of Madrid (Spain)
- 2010 Grant of Excellence. Comunidad de Madrid (Spain)
- 2009
- 2008

FURTHER TRAINING

Transferable Skills Certificate – University of Graz (2019)

Courses: Publishing in the Humanities; Good scientific Practice, Sloppy science,
Research misconduct; Strategic career planning – In and Outside Academia
(Humanities and Social Sciences); Writing-Intensive: One day. One text.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- Garcia-Portela, L. (2020) Connecting climate justice, human rights and burden-sharing: A philosophical perspective, 29(3) *Human Rights Defender* 11 (2020).
- Garcia-Portela, L.(2020) Moral Responsibility for Climate Change Loss and Damage: A response to the Excusable Ignorance Objection. *Teorema. International Journal of Philosophy* 1 (39): 7-24.
- Voget-Kleschin, L., Baatz, C., Garcia-Portela, L. (2019) Introduction to the Special Issue on Individual Environmental Responsibility in the *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, 32.
- Garcia-Portela, L. (2019) Individual Compensatory Duties for Historical Emissions and the Dead-Polluters Objection, *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, 32.
- Garcia-Portela, L. (2019) Two Mutually Exclusive Concepts of Harm? Retrospective and Structural Wrongful Harm at the Bases of a Compensatory-Based Approach for Loss and Damage. *Ethics, Policy & Environment*, 21 (3).
- Garcia-Portela, L. (2017) Our responsibilities to future generations in the context of ecological crisis: perspectives and future challenges. *The American Journal of Semiotics*, Vol.33.1-2
- Garcia-Portela, L. (2015) La fundamentación de nuestra responsabilidad hacia las generaciones futuras. Un reto para la filosofía en la era tecnocientífica marcada por la crisis ecológica. Actas I Congreso Internacional de la Red Española de Filosofía, Vol. XVI (2015): 79-91.
- Garcia-Portela, L. (2013) Los animales en los umbrales de subjetividad. Un ensayo sobre nuestras prácticas de reconocimiento animal. *Revista Paralaje*. Dossier 9, pp. 21-41.
- Garcia-Portela, L. (2015) Resistir al capital. una forma de subjetividad post-capitalista. *Revista TALES*, La filosofía como resistencia, 5 (2015) (Resisting to the capital: a form of post-capitalist subjectivity)
- Garcia-Portela, L. (2014) La revolución Americana: una revuelta desde y contra Inglaterra. Un ensayo sobre sus orígenes ideológicos. *Revista Historia Autónoma*, 5 (2014), pp. 51-64. (The American Revolution: a revolt from and against England. An essay about its ideological origins).
- Garcia-Portela, L. (2014) María Zambrano: Educación para la democracia. *Revista BajoPalabra*, nº9 (María Zambrano: Education for democracy).
- Anchorena Morales, O., Garcia-Portela, L. (2012) Comprendiendo globalmente Leviathan. (Understanding Leviathan Globally) *Revista BajoPalabra*, nº7, pp. 281-291.

Editorial work

Co-Editor of the Special Issue on Individual Environmental Responsibility, together with Christian Baatz and Lieske Voegt-Kleschin in the *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* (2019).

Book chapters

Garcia-Portela, L. (2017) “El papel de las emisiones histórica en la justicia climática: el pensamiento de Lukas Meyer” en Truconne Borgogno, S. (comp.) *Justicia intergeneracional. Ensayos desde el pensamiento de Lukas H. Meyer*, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina. (The role of historical emissions in climate justice: Lukas Meyer’s thought, in Borgogno Truconne, S. (coomp.) *Intergenerational Justice: Essays from Lukas Meyer’s thought*)

Garcia-Portela, L. (2016) “El debate en torno a la fundamentación filosófica de nuestra responsabilidad hacia las generaciones futuras y sus consecuencias para la democracia verde”, en Valencia, A. (ed.) *Democracia verde*, Porrúa. (The debate about the philosophical foundation of our responsibility to future generations and its consequences for green democracy, in Valencia, A (ed.) *Green democracy*)

Garcia-Portela, L. (2016) “Una sociedad global intergeneracional: la concepción normativa de la persona en Rawls como fundamento para la justicia entre generaciones” en Paris Albert, Sonia; Comins Mingol, Irene (eds.) *Humanismo global. Derecho, religión y género*, Estudios Themata. (“A global intergenerational society: grounding intergenerational justice on Rawl’s normative conception of the person” in (Paris Albert, Sonia and Comins Mingol, Irene (eds.) *Law, religion and gender*)

Garcia-Portela, L. (2014) “Terrorism and globalization: A philosophical and interdisciplinary analysis”, in Diaz-Soto, Thoilliez and Manzanero (eds.), *Philosophical Challenges of Plurality in a Global World*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Reviews

Garcia-Portela, L. (2018) *Climate justice and historical emissions*. Meyer, L; Sanklecha, P. *Prometeica*, 18.

Garcia-Portela, L. (2016) *Climate Change and Individual Responsibility: Agency, Moral Disengagement and the Motivational Gap*. Wouter Peeters, Andries De Smet, Lisa Diependaele and Sigrid Sterckx, *Environmental values*.

Garcia-Portela, L. (2015) *Political Responsibility Refocused: Thinking Justice after Iris Marion Young*, Genevieve Fuji Johnson and Lorelea Michaelis, *Ethics, Policy & Environment*. Ed: Taylor & Francis, 2015.

Garcia-Portela, L. (2013) *Normalidad de la crisis/crisis de la normalidad*, Luciana Cadahia y Gonzalo Velasco (eds.). *Diagonal*, nº195. <http://www.diagonalperiodico.net/culturas/normalidad-la-crisis-crisis-la-normalidad.html>

Garcia-Portela, L. (2012) *Doce pasos hacia una vida compasiva*, Karen Armstrong. *Viento Sur*, nº 122.

PRESENTATIONS AS INVITED SPEAKER

Assessing backward-looking principles of climate justice for loss and damage. April 2021.

Invited by the Dublin Political Theory Workshop (online).

Assessing backward-looking principles of climate justice for loss and damage. March 2021.

Invited to the Seminar Series on Climate Justice organized by the Climate Change Center Austria.

Las dimensiones de la justicia climática: el deber de liderar la transición a sociedades low-carbon (“The dimensions of climate justice: leadership duties for a transition to low carbon societies”).

Invited by the Research Project Think Clima. University Pompeu Fabra. 17 December 2019.

Invited by the Department of Philosophy. Autonomous University of Barcelona. 14 December 2019.

PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES

Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 26-27th April 2021 (online). Nuffield College. Department of Politics and International Relations. University of Oxford. Paper: Assessing backward-looking principles of climate justice for loss and damage.

II Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, February 2021 (online). Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Geneva. Paper: Assessing backward-looking principles of climate justice for loss and damage.

42. Internationale Wittgenstein Symposium 2019. Krise und Kritik: Philosophische Analyse und Zeitgeschehen. Paper: Paper: Qualifying corrective climate justice: the structural and normative significance of historical emissions.

Workshop on Corrective Climate Justice, 10-11th June 2019. Institute for Future Studies. Paper: Qualifying corrective climate justice: the structural and normative significance of historical emissions.

ECPR: The Ethics and Politics of Climate Change. University of Hamburg, August 2018. Paper: The social-rule shaping effects of early and enduring emissions and its normative significance for a compensatory framework of loss and damage policies.

IX Braga meetings, Portugal, June 2018. Paper: Moral responsibility as answerability for historical emissions: overcoming the excusable ignorance objection.

Current Perspectives in Climate Justice, University of Graz, 22-24th May 2018. Paper: Moral responsibility as answerability: overcoming the excusable ignorance objection for symbolic compensation in 'loss and damage' policies.

Climate justice: dialogue across disciplines, University of Reading, January 2018. Invited PhD student speaker. Paper: How can we justify individual duties of symbolic compensation in the context of climate change?

II Congreso de la Red Española de Filosofía, Zaragoza, 13-15th September 2017. Paper: El debate sobre los principios morales de justicia climática (The debate about moral principles for climate justice).

European Consistorium of Political Research, Oslo, 6-9th September 2017. Paper: A framework for compensatory climate justice for 'Loss and Damage': making victims 'subjectively as good as they were' from an agent-centred approach.

MANCEPT 2017 Workshop in Political Theory, Manchester, 11-13th September 2017. Paper: Environmental citizenship: a driver for compensatory climate justice.

MANCEPT. Workshop in Political Theory. The University of Manchester. September 2016. Panel: The Significance of Addressing Past Wrongs in the Struggle for Social Justice. Paper: The active role of beneficiaries as grounds for sustaining the backward-looking element of compensatory climate justice.

XVIII Semana de Ética y Filosofía Política. University of Córdoba, Spain. 13-15th January 2016. Paper: Construyendo un punto de vista ecologista (Building up an ecological standpoint)

XVIII Semana de Ética y Filosofía Política. University of Córdoba, Spain. 13-15th January 2015. Paper: Individuo y sociedad ante la crisis ecológica. "Ciudadanía ecológica" y modelos de responsabilidad. (Individual and society facing the ecological crisis. "Ecological citizenship" and models of responsibility)

27th International conference of philosophy. International association of Greek philosophy. Global Ethics and Politics in relation to Ecological Philosophy. Athens, 11-17th July 2015. Paper: Moral and political responsibility to future generations: A foundation for environmental ethics.

Keele University Social Science Postgraduate Symposium. 18th June 2015. Paper: Climate Change and future generations: developing a philosophical foundation to determine responsibility.

III Congress Catalá de Filosofia. Passat i present. University of Islas Baleares, Palma de Mallorca, Spain. 21st-23rd January 2015. Paper: El alcance de nuestra responsabilidad hacia las generaciones futuras en el contexto de la crisis ecológica. ¿Es posible la atribución de derechos? (The scope of our responsibility towards future generations in the context of ecological crisis. Are rights attributions possible?)

III Congreso Internacional de Bioética. University of Valencia. 3-5th October 2014. Paper: ¿Mejorar la felicidad de la humanidad futura? El debate utilitarista sobre las generaciones futuras en el horizonte de la crisis ecológica. (Making future humanity better? The utilitarian debate about future generations in the context of the ecological crisis)

I Congreso Internacional de la Red Española de Filosofía (REF). University of Valencia, 3-5th September 2014. Paper: La fundamentación de nuestra responsabilidad hacia las generaciones futuras: un reto para la filosofía en la era tecnocientífica marcada por la crisis ecológica. (The foundation of our responsibility towards future generations: a challenge for philosophy in a tecnoscientific era affected by an ecological crisis)

1st International Congress on Humanities. Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania. 2-7th June 2014. Paper: Our responsibility to future generations in the context of ecological crisis: perspectives and future challenges.

IX Congreso internacional de antropología filosófica: La interculturalidad en diálogo, Jaume I University, Castellón, Spain. 14-16th May 2014. Una sociedad global intergeneracional: la concepción normativa de la persona en Rawls como fundamento para la justicia entre generaciones. (An intergenerational global society: the normative conception of the person in Rawls' philosophy as grounds for justice between generations).

III Simposio Internacional del Grupo de Investigación Filosófica USB-USAL: Concepciones de lo real y estilos de vida. University of Salamanca, Spain. 8-10th April 2014. *Vulnerabilidad, finitud y justicia: el lugar epistémico desde el que afrontar una "conversión" ecologista. (Vulnerability, finitude and justice: the standpoint for facing an ecologist conversion).*

VI Congreso Internacional de Jóvenes Investigadores en Filosofía: La filosofía como Resistencia. Complutense University of Madrid. Spain. 21-24th October 2013. Paper: Resistir al capital. Hacia una forma de subjetividad post-capitalista. (Resisting to the capital. Towards a post-capitalist subjectivity)

16th International Conference on the History of Concepts: Concepts on the Move. Bilbao-San Millán de la Cogolla. 29th-31st August 2013. Paper: The "Green Economy" at the Service of Capital: A Study in the Appropriation of Ecological Discourse.

Invited speaker. Summer School from *Izquierda Anticapitalista* political party. Segovia, 19-25th August 2013. Workshop *La vida de los animales: vida o mercancía*.

50 Congreso de Filosofía Joven Horizontes de Compromiso. Granada. 14th June 2013. Paper: Hacia una noción de buen vivir post-capitalista: bienes básicos, capacidades y necesidades en relación con el sumak kausay/suma qamaña. (Towards a post-capitalist well-being notion: basic goods, capabilities and necessities in relation to “sumac kausay/suma qamaña”)

VI Congreso Internacional de la Sociedad Académica de Filosofía “Experiencia de la crisis, crisis de la experiencia”. University Carlos III of Madrid. May 2013. Paper: Una respuesta a la ontología del animal-máquina: los animales y nuestras experiencias socioculturales con ellos (A response to the animal-machine ontology: the animals and our shared socio-cultural experiences)

II Congreso Internacional de Filosofía. Autonomous University of Madrid. November 2012. Paper: María Zambrano: Educación para la Democracia. (María Zambrano: education for democracy).

I Congreso Internacional de Filosofía. Autonomous University of Madrid. November 2011. Paper: El fenómeno del terrorismo: un problema necesitado de análisis interdisciplinario (Terrorism: a problem in need of an interdisciplinary analyses)

PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS AS A DISCUSSANT.

Discussant on *Climate Responsibilities and Background Injustice* (work-in-progress paper by Megal Blomfield) at the Workshop on Corrective Climate Justice. Stockholm. June 2019.

Discussant on *Postericide* by keynote speaker Catriona McKinnon. Workshop on Climate Justice, University of Washington, May 2017.

Discussant in the 7th Workshop on the Philosophy of Literature (Madrid, November, 2015). Book discussed: *The World According to Garp*.

International Workshop Scope and Limits of Responsibility, Valencia, 19-20 November 2015. Comments on: “Justification, Attachments and Regrets” Josep Corbí.

Discussant in the 10th Nomos Meeting: “Born free and equal? A philosophical inquiry into the nature of discrimination” Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen. Humboldt Universität, 28-29th September 2015. <https://nomosnetwork.wordpress.com>

Discussant in the 9th Nomos Meeting: “The View From Here” R. Jay Wallace. Universidad de Valencia, 2nd-3rd June 2014.

Discussant in the 4th Workshop on the Philosophy of Literature (Valencia, November, 2014). Book discussed: *Austerlitz*. (http://www.ub.edu/nomos/?page_id=286)

Discussant in the 2nd Workshop on the Philosophy of Literature (Valencia, February, 2013). Nomos Network of Applied Philosophy. Book discussed: *The Lesson of the Master*. (http://www.ub.edu/nomos/?page_id=214)

Discussant in the 1st Workshop on the Philosophy of Literature (Madrid, December, 2013). Nomos Network of Applied Philosophy. Book discussed: *The childhood of Jesus*. (http://www.ub.edu/nomos/?page_id=165)

Discussant in Jornadas de *Patriarcado, capitalismo, energías fósiles y crisis sistémica: ¿cómo salimos del callejón sin salida?* 8th March 2013.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer for *The Age of Human Rights Journal*

Paper on basic needs and energy pathways

Reviewer in the *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*

Paper on food ethics

Two papers on individual responsibility for climate change

Reviewer of a chapter for a handbook on environmental political theory

Reviewer in *@ethica – International journal of moral philosophy*

Paper on environmental justice

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At the University of Barcelona		
2019	4h	Contemporary Problems of Political Philosophy (Visiting Teacher under Erasmus+ Program)
At the University of Graz		
2019	30h	Theories of Compensatory Justice (Full instructor)

At the University of Valencia		
2016	15h	Problems of metaphysics: Seminar on Parfit's <i>Reasons and Persons</i> (Full instructor)
2016 2015	30h 30h	Introduction to Philosophy (Full instructor)

2016	8h	Incorporation to Philosophical studies (Teaching assistant)
2015	8h	
2014	8h	
At the Autonomous University of Madrid		
2012	10h	Ethics (Teaching assistant)
2010	30h	Logic (Teaching assistant)
2009	16h	Logic (Teaching assistant)

LANGUAGES

Spanish native speaker.

English: fluent in reading, speaking, listening and writing.

German: fluent in reading, competent in speaking, listening and writing.

Catalan: competent in reading and listening, basic in speaking and writing.

Language	Speaking	Listening	Writing
English	C2	C2	C2
German	C1	C1	C1
Catalan	B1	B2	B1

OUTREACH

Blog posts

[Normative dimensions of the attribution of extreme weather events to anthropogenic climate change](#) in Climate Footnotes

[Covid-19, Climate Change and Intergenerational Justice](#) in Climate Footnotes

Newspaper editorials

[Defender la filosofía como espacio de resistencia](#) **Infolibre** (*Defending philosophy as a space of resistance*).

[Algunas claves para desmontar argumentos ‘negacionistas’ contra la litigación climática contra los estados](#) **Eldiario.es** (*Some key ideas to respond to denial’s arguments against climate litigation against states*)

[COP23: tres argumentos para insistir en las demandas de compensación.](#) (COP23: three arguments to insist in compensatory demands). **Eldiario.es**

[Políticas climáticas: cuando el éxito del futuro depende de la reconciliación con el pasado](#) **InfoLibre** (*Climate policies: when success depends on historical reconciliation*)

[¿Qué hay de moralmente pernicioso en el cambio climático?](#) (*What's morally pernicious about climate change?*) **Eldiario.es**

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Administrator and editor of the blog Climate Footnotes, from the Doctoral Program in Climate Change at the University of Graz (2020): <https://climatefootnotes.com/>

Administrator of Twitter account for the Doctoral Program in Climate Change (October 2020- June 2020)

Student Speaker for the Doctoral Program in Climate Change (September 2018 – February 2019)

Head of the Organization Committee of the Workshop “Current perspectives in Climate Justice” at the University of Graz, 22-24 may 2018.

Convenor of the Workshop “Environmental Citizenship and Individual Responsibility for Global Environmental Problems” in MANCEPT Workshops 2017, University of Manchester.

Head of the Organization Committee XIII Taller de Investigación en Filosofía. (Philosophy Research Workshop) Valencia, 28-29 de Enero de 2016.

Seminar “La evaluación de la investigación en la universidad” (The evaluation of the research in the university) organized by INAECU: Research Institute for Higher Education and Science. 28th April 2014.

Member of the Academic Committee Mater in Theory and Critic of Culture (2012-2013). Quality Guarantee System University Carlos III, designed by Audit Program ANECA.

Convenor of the panel on Language and Power, LI Youth Philosophy Conference, 2014, Universidad Complutense of Madrid.

Member of the Organization Committee of the Summer School “Transiciones a la sustentabilidad: alternativas socioecológicas” (Sustainable transitions: socioecological alternatives). 2013. Autonomus University of Madrid.

Member of the Organization Committee of the VI Congreso Internacional de la Sociedad Académica de Filosofía (SAF) (International Conference of the Academic Philosophy Society). 2013, University Carlos III of Madrid.