Curriculum Vitae

Lukas Beck

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Employment

Since April 2025	Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences at Leibniz University Hannover, Germany
September 2023 – April 2025	LSE Fellow in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method at the London School of Economics, UK
May 2022 – September 2023	Postdoctoral Researcher in the Scientific Assessments, Ethics and Public Policy working group at the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change in Berlin, Germany

Education

2018 - 2022	PhD, University of Cambridge, History and Philosophy of Science Thesis: "Why we need to talk about preferences: A federalist proposal" Supervisor: Anna Alexandrova Examiners: Christopher Clarke, Francesco Guala
Spring 2020	Visitor, Carnegie Mellon University, Department of Philosophy
2016 - 2018	Master of Arts, University of Bayreuth, Philosophy and Economics GPA: 1.3 (1 = highest, 5 = lowest) First ranked graduate of my cohort
Spring 2016	Semester at EIPE, Erasmus University of Rotterdam
2012 - 2016	Bachelor of Arts, University of Bayreuth, Philosophy and Economics
2014	Exchange Semester, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Economics, Philosophy and Public Policy, Philosophy of Social Science

Areas of Competence

Game and Social Choice Theory, General Philosophy of Science, Meta-Ethics, Philosophy of Cognitive Science

Publications and Manuscripts

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Beck, L., Ortmann, J., Ackermann, M., Ruiz, N., and van Basshuysen, P. (2026). With Great Performativity Comes Great Responsibility? Rethinking the Role of Economists. *Journal of Economic Methodology.*

- Beck, L. (2026). Endogenous preferences, Environmental Economic and Welfare. *Politics, Philosophy & Economics.*

- Beck, L., & Thorén, H. (2026). Strategic ignorance, and the management of performative effects: Lessons from climate economics. *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*

- Khosrowi, D., & Beck, L. (2026). Like It or Not - Recommender Systems Lack a Coherent Normative Foundation. *In Proceedings of the 2026 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency.*

- Beck, L. (2024). The Specter of Revealed Preference Theory. *Ergo*.

- Grayot, J.D., Beck, L. & Heijmeskamp, T. (2024). Dual process theory and the challenges of functional individuation. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*.

- Jahn, M., & Beck, L. (2023). Do You Believe in Deep Down? On Two Conceptions of Valuing. *Synthese*.

- Beck, L. (2022). The Econ within or the Econ above? On the plausibility of preference purification. *Economics & Philosophy.*

- Beck, L. (2022). Why We Need to Talk About Preferences: Economic Experiments and the Where-Question. *Erkenntnis*.

- Beck, L., & Jahn, M. (2021). Normative Models and Their Success. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences, 51(2), 123-150.*

- Beck, L., & Grayot, J. D. (2021). New functionalism and the social and behavioral sciences. *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*, *11*(4), 1-28.

Other Publications

- Beck, L. (2026). Desires in Economics In Alex Gregory (ed.), The Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy of Desire, Routledge.

- Beck, L., & Wollesen, B. (2026). False Prophets of Economics Imperialism: The Limits of Mathematical Market Models, by Matthew Watson (Agenda Publishing, Newcastle, UK, 2025), pp. 312. Economic Record.

- Beck, L. (2023). The Tragic Science: How Economists Cause Harm (even as They Aspire to Do Good). George F. DeMartino. University of Chicago Press. xi+265 pages. *Economics & Philosophy.*

- Wollesen, B., & Beck, L. (2022). Review of Frame it again: New tools for rational decision-making: by Jose Luis Bermúdez, Cambridge University Press, 2020, x + 3030 pages. *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics.*

- Beck, L. (2022). Why we need to talk about preferences: A federalist proposal. *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*.

- Beck, L., & Alexandrova, A. (2019). Review of Measuring utility: from the marginal revolution to behavioral economics: by Ivan Moscati, Oxford studies in history of economics, New York, Oxford University Press, 2018, 352 pages. *Journal of Economic Methodology, 26(4), 380-384.*

- Beck, L., (2017). Can economics be a separate science. *Rerum Causae, 9(2).*

Under review

- "On the Diversity of Models in Normative Inquiry"
  Co-authored with Marcel Jahn

- "Pragmatism, Utility and Circularity"
  Co-authored with Isaac Kean

In progress

- "A Neurathian Conception of the Science-Policy Interface"

- "Policy Optimization IAMs as Normative Models"

- "Against the Extra-scientific View of Values"

Teaching

2023 - 2025 Lecturer, Class and Seminar Teacher, London School of Economics

- Philosophy of Economics
  Year-long undergraduate course for approx. 220 students
  Autumn 2023 and Winter 2024: Course Evaluation: 4.5/5; Teacher Evaluation: 4.6/5)
  Autumn 2024 and Winter 2025: Course Evaluation: 4.6/5; Teacher Evaluation: 4.6/5)

- Ethics and Economics
  Term-long graduate course for approx. 25 students
  Winter 2024: Course Evaluation: 4.6/5; Teacher Evaluation: 4.7/5)
  Winter 2025: Course Evaluation: 4.8/5; Teacher Evaluation: 5/5)

Philosophy Undergraduate and Graduate Dissertation Supervisor, London School of Economics

2024 Philosophy and Economics Research Master Thesis Supervisor, Erasmus University Rotterdam

2018 - 2022 Supervisor, University of Cambridge

- Epistemology and Metaphysics of Science (Michaelmas 2021, Lent 2022)

- Philosophy and Scientific Practice (Michaelmas and Lent 2018, Michaelmas and Lent 2019)

- Philosophy of Economics (Michaelmas 2018, Michaelmas 2019, Michaelmas 2020)

2020 Teaching, University of Bayreuth

- BA Seminar: Preferences and Welfare in Economics (Summer 2020)

2017 Teaching, University of Bayreuth

- Philosophical Writing (Summer 2017)

2015 - 2018 Teaching Assistant, University of Bayreuth

- Introduction to Philosophical Analysis (Winter 2017)
- Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Winter 2016)
- Introduction to Ethics (Winter 2015)
- Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Summer 2015)

Professional Experience

Since 2024 Co-Editor (together with Henrik Thorén and Dominic Lenzi) of the Topical Collection Philosophical Perspectives on Climate Economics for the European Journal of Philosophy of Science.

2023 - 2025 Convener (together with Anna Mahtani, Richard Bradley, and LSE graduate students) of the "Choice Group" at LSE

2024 Co-Organizer (together with Sabine Undorf and Till Armbruster) of a workshop on Identifying Value-Judgements in Climate Impact Science at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, 20-21.06.24, in Potsdam, Germany (Speakers: Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer (PIK; TU Berlin), Prof. Matthew Brown (Southern Illinois University), Dr. Julie Jebeile (University of Bern))

2023 Organizer of the 2023 Rivet workshop: The Dismal Shape of Things to Come? – Evaluating Climate Economics as a Guide to Democratic Decision-making, 07-08.09.2023, in Lund, Sweden

2022 Convener (together with Patrick Klösel and Franziska Funke) of the "Philosophy for Science" reading group for members of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, and Technical University Berlin

2021 Organizing and coordinating a successful panel submission for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association on the notion of 'mistakes' in behavioural welfare economics, 07-09.01.2022, Online (Speakers: Prof. Johanna Thoma (LSE), Prof. Douglas Bernheim (Stanford), Lukas Beck (Cambridge); Chair: Prof. Kate Vredenburgh (LSE))

2019 - 2020 Graduate Assistant of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science Committee

2019 Convener (together with Olesya Bondarenko) of the "Social Epistemology of Science" reading group at HPS Cambridge

Convener (together with Dr. Christopher Clarke) of the "Measuring Wellbeing by Eliciting Preferences?" reading group at CRASSH Cambridge

2018	Organizer of the 2018 Bayreuth Wittgenstein Lectures Topic: Climate Change and Obligations to future Generations Lecturer: Prof. Joseph Heath (University of Toronto)
2016 - 2017	Organizer of Think! (International Student Conference in Analytic Philosophy)
February - April 2015	Internship at the Institute for Economic Policy, in Cologne, Germany
2012 - 2013	Project Manager of Bayreuth Dialogue (Symposium for Philosophy, Economics and Society)

Talks, Comments, Public engagement

- "Policy Optimization IAMs as Normative Models"
  - Philosophy Colloquium, 11.11.2025, in Hannover, Germany
  - Groningen-Hannover Philosophy workshop, 16.04.2026, in Groningen, Netherlands

- "Like It or Not - Recommender Systems, Welfarism, and Performativity"
  - 17th Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, 17-19.09.2025, in Bayreuth, Germany
  - CELLS Colloquium, 05.01.2026, in Hanover, Germany

- "On the Diversity of Models in Normative Inquiry"
  - Annual meeting of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science 2025, 17.09.2025, in Glasgow, UK
  - 17th Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, 17-19.09.2025, in Bayreuth, Germany

- "What is a Normative Model? Taking Justification Seriously"
  - LSE Choice Group, 06.03.2024, in London, UK
  - German Congress of Philosophy XXVI, 23.09.2024, in Münster, Germany

- "Make no mistake!?: On the role of welfare platitudes in policy justifications"
  - Workshop on policy-relevant preferences in healthcare reimbursement, 29.02.2024, in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

- "Performativity, transparency, and policy: the case of climate economics" (with Henrik Thorén)
  - Perspectives on Science Seminar at TINT, Helsinki University, 05.06.2023, in Helsinki, Finland
  - 16th Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, 24-26.05.2023, in Venice, Italy

- "Endogenous Preferences, Environmental Economics, and Welfare"
  - 11th Conference of the European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, 30.08.-01.09.2023, in Nijmegen, the Netherlands

- Biennial meeting of the European Philosophy of Science Association, 20-23.09.2023, in Belgrade, Serbia
- 16th Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, 24-26.05.2023, in Venice, Italy

- "Utility and Circularity" (with Isaac Kean)
  - 10th Conference of the European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, 21-23.09.2022, in Malaga, Spain

- "Do you believe in deep down?: On two notions of personal values" (with Marcel Jahn)
  - 11th Congress of the Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophy, 12-15.09.2022, in Berlin, Germany

- Panel participant "What is a Mistake?"
  - 2022 Annual meeting of the American Economic Association, 7-9.01.2022, in Boston, USA

- "Why we need to talk about preferences!"
  - Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Assosication, 11-14.11.2021, in Baltimore, USA
  - Annual meeting of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science 2020 [cancelled due to Covid-19]

- "The Econ within or the Econ above? On the plausibility of preference purification"
  - 15th Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, 12-14.11.2021, in Tempe, USA

- "Normative Models and their Success" (with Marcel Jahn)
  - DGPhil 2021, 05-08.09.2021, in Erlangen, Germany.
  - Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, 13-15.03.2020, in Atlanta, USA

- "New functionalism and the Social and Behavioral Sciences" (with James Grayot)
  - 5th International Economic Philosophy Conference, 23-25.06.2021, in Warsaw, Poland
  - Joint meeting of the Asian Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, the European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, and the Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, 04-07.03.2021, in Tokyo, Japan

- Q&A Session on "Normative Models and their Success" (with Marcel Jahn)
  - Session 67 of the Working models reading group, 18.06.2021, online

- "On the Dispositional Conception of Preferences"
  - Biennial meeting of the European Philosophy of Science Association, 11-14.09.2019, in Geneva, Switzerland
  - 14th Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, 19-21.08.2019, in Helsinki, Finland

- INEM Summer School - Economic Behaviours: Models, Measurements, and Policies, 30.06-05.07.2019, in Como, Italy
- Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, 12-14.04.2019, in Burlington, USA

- "The Econ above or the Econ within?"
  - 8th Conference of the European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, 28-30.08.2019, in Athens, Greece

- "Can Economics be a Separate Science?"
  - 5th LSE-Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference, 11-12.05.2017, in London, UK

Comments

- Comment on "Representing moral choice dispositions: from moral preferences to moral reasons" by Prof. Christian List (LSE)
  - Preference-based modelling workshop at LSE, 10.11.2018, in London, UK

Public Engagement

- Two-part interview on "Normative Models" (together with Joe Roussos and Marcel Jahn)
  - Philosophy Exchange Podcast, 05.10.2022 and 12.10.2022

Scholarships and Awards

Scholarships

- PhD completion grant of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge (2021-2022)
- PhD Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (2019-21)
- PhD Scholarship of the Foundation of German Business (sdw) (2018-2019)

Awards

- LSE Excellence in Education Award for the academic year 23-24 (£1000)

Service to the Profession

Refereeing

- British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Economics and Philosophy, Ergo, European Journal of Philosophy of Science, Journal of Economic Methodology, Journal of Institutional Economics, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, South African Journal of Philosophy, Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Synthese

Non-academic work

- Organizer of the LSE Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) working group on students from Low-income and First-gen backgrounds (2024)
- Member of the LSE Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Committee (2024 - 2025)
- Secretary of the King's College Graduate Society (2020-2021)

Other Experience

Languages

- German (native); English (fully fluent)

Teaching degrees

- Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education of the UK Higher Education Academy (HEA)

IT Skills

- SciLab (advanced); NetLogo (beginner)

Academic References

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Title: Professor of Political Economy (University of Milan)

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Title: Associate Professor (London School of Economics and Political Science)

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Title: Professor for Public Health Ethics (Leibniz University Hannover)

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