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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow *from 09/26*
Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)

Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter/Postdoctoral Research Fellow *09/23 - 08/26*
Leibniz Research Group "Transformations of Citizenship"
Research Centre Normative Orders, Goethe-University Frankfurt

Research Affiliate *09/21 - 08/23*
Research Project "The Ethics of Migration Policy Dilemmas"
Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute. I continue to co-coordinate this [project](#).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Migration and Borders
- Citizenship
- Human Rights
- Authority and Legitimacy
- Global Justice
- Conceptual Engineering

EDUCATION

PhD. European University Institute *2023*
Political Science (Political Theory), Department of Political and Social Sciences

Thesis: "Three Essays on the Legitimate Authority of Immigration Control."
Supervisor: A. Sangiovanni. *Committee:* R. Bauböck, P. Ochoa Espejo, A. Vasanthakumar.
Winner of the 2024 ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize for Best Thesis in Politics.
Research Stays: UC Berkeley (Spring 2022); FU Berlin (Winter 2022/23).

MRes. European University Institute *2020*
Political Science

MSc. London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) *2018*
Political Theory

BA. University of Munich *2017*
Political Science and Law

BOOK

"Illegitimate Borders: Liberal Democracy and the Restriction of Movement." (Under Contract with Oxford University Press. Final Delivery Summer 2027. Parts of Manuscript available upon request.)

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

- Schäfferle, E.M. and **Schmid, L.** (2026) [Between openness and resilience: rethinking citizenship in times of polycrisis](#), *Ethics & Global Politics*, Vol. 19, No. 2, pp. 1-10.
- Schmid, L.**, Ruhs, M., Bauböck, R. & Mourao Permoser, J. (2025) [Beyond Myth Busting: How Engagement with Ethical Dilemmas Can Improve Debates and Policymaking on Migration](#), *Ethics & International Affairs*, Vol. 39, No. 1, pp. 26-36.
- Schmid, L.** (2024) [Responding to critics](#), in Bauböck, R., Mourao Permoser, J., Ruhs, M. & Schmid, L. *Debating responses to unauthorised immigrant residence*, RSC Working Papers 2024/60, pp. 17-23.
- Schmid, L.** (2024) [Is Legitimate Exclusion Incompatible with the Sovereign Right to Exclude?](#), *American Journal of International Law, Unbound*, Vol. 118, pp. 219-223.
- Schmid, L.** (2024) [Responding to Unauthorized Residence: On a Dilemma Between 'Firewalls' and Regularizations'](#), *Comparative Migration Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 22, pp. 1-18.
- Schmid, L.** (2023/2025) [Colonial Injustice, Legitimate Authority, and Immigration Control](#), *European Journal of Political Theory*, Vol. 24, No. 1, pp. 4-26.
- Schmid, L.** (2022) [Saving Migrants' Basic Human Rights from Sovereign Rule](#), *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 116, No. 3, pp. 954-967.
- Schmid, L.** (2022) [Freedom-Amelioration, Transformative Change, and Emancipatory Orders](#), *European Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 30, No. 4, pp. 1378-1392.
- Schmid, L.** (2021) [Structural Injustice and Socially Undocumented Oppression: Changing Tides in Refugee and Immigration Ethics](#), *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice*, Vol. 24, pp. 1047-1052.
- Schmid, L.** (2021) [Deportation, Harms, and Human Rights](#), *Ethics & Global Politics*, Vol. 14, No. 2, pp. 98-109.

BOOK REVIEWS AND BLOG POSTS

- Schmid, L.** (2026) [Review of "Postcolonial Global Justice" by Shuk Ying Chan](#), *Journal of Development Studies*, Online First.
- Schmid, L.** (2021) [Review of "Do States Have the Right to Exclude Immigrants" by Christopher Bertram](#), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, Vol. 18, No. 2, pp. 202-205.
- Schmid, L.** (2021) [The Left Must Spearhead Immigration Justice](#), *What To Do About Now?*

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Article*: A paper on border externalization, human rights, and sovereign responsibility. (R&R.)
- Article*: "Should Egalitarians Want to Restrict Expat Residence?"
- Article*: "Anti-Ideological Politics and Conceptual Change: Engineering a Better Society?"
- Article*: "Hermeneutical Injustice, Conceptual Engineering, and Methodological Nationalism."
(With Anna Milioni)

EDITORSHIPS

- "Citizenship in Times of Polycrisis"*
[Special Issue](#), *Ethics & Global Politics*
(With Eva-Maria Schäfferle)

06/2026

“<i>Ethical Dilemmas and Migration Policymaking</i>” Roundtable, <i>Ethics and International Affairs</i> (With Martin Ruhs, Rainer Bauböck & Julia Mourao Permoser)	07/2025
“<i>Unsettling the Sovereign Right to Exclude</i>” Symposium, <i>American Journal of International Law</i>, <i>Unbound</i> (Managing Editor, with Ayelet Shachar and Jaya Ramji-Nogales as Symposium Editors)	10/2024
“<i>The Ethics of Migration Policy Dilemmas</i>” Discussion Fora, <i>European University Institute RSC Working Papers</i> 1. Debating Regularisation of Irregular Migrants 2. Debating Restrictions on Emigration 3. Debating Search and Rescue of Migrants at Sea 4. Debating Temporary Labour Migration Policies 5. Debating Refugee Protection “Here or There” 6. Debating Responses to Unauthorised Immigrant Residence (All with Martin Ruhs, Rainer Bauböck & Julia Mourao Permoser)	09/2021 - Ongoing

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BA Seminar “Political Theory and Contemporary Crises” Goethe-University Frankfurt; 40 Students.	Winter 2024/25
MA Seminar “Introduction to the Political Theory of Immigration” TU Darmstadt; 15 Students.	Spring 2022
Certificate for Teaching in Higher Education European University Institute	12/2021

CONFERENCES

ECPR General Conference	2020, 2022, 2025
MANCEPT Workshops	2022, 2023, 2026
BIAPT Annual Conference	2023, 2025
PPE Society London Meeting	2026
International Congress on Political Theory	2026
Beyond Borders Scholars Conference	2022
Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy	2020

WORKSHOPS, SEMINAR SERIES & JOB TALKS

2025	Seminar Series, Social and Political Theory Group, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF). <i>Migration Control: Structurally Illegitimate or Purposive and Reformable?</i>
2025	Workshop on Lea Ypi’s Book Manuscript “Territorial Justice: A Cosmopolitan Account”, Goethe-University Frankfurt. <i>Invited Comments</i> .
2025	PRIN Research Project “Reconceptualising Immigration: From Exceptionality to Normality”, hosted by University of Genoa. <i>Algorithmic Authority: The Perils of Computational Selection</i> .
2024	Workshop on Hallvard Sandven’s Book Manuscript “Coordination and Exclusion: A Republican Theory of Border Control”, University of Oslo. <i>Invited Comments</i> .

- 2024 Job Talk, CEVIPOF, Sciences Po Paris. *Algorithmic Authority: The Perils of Computational Selection.*
- 2024 Workshop on “Reimagining Mobility and Membership”, Normative Orders, Goethe University Frankfurt. *Algorithmic Authority: The Perils of Computational Selection.*
- 2024 PTPS Junior Scholars Workshop, New York University (NYU). *Powerlessness and Sovereign Inequality in Border Externalization.*
- 2023 Roundtable on “Migration as the Last Bastion of Sovereignty”, Normative Orders, Goethe University Frankfurt. *Sovereignty and Migrants’ Basic Human Rights.*
- 2023 Workshop on “The Ethics of Migration Policy Dilemmas”, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute. *Responding to Unauthorized Residence: On a Dilemma between Firewalls and Regularizations.*
- 2023 Seminar Series, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute. Title: *Beyond Unilaterality: Oppression and Authority in Border Externalization.*
- 2022 Philosophy and Borders Workshop, Online, Unaffiliated. Organized by Rebecca Buxton and Jamie Draper. *Beyond Unilaterality: Oppression and Authority in Border Externalization.*
- 2022 Normative Theory of Immigration Working Group, Unaffiliated. Organized by Benedikt Buechel and Fulya Felicity Turkmen. *Colonial Injustice, Legitimate Authority, and Immigration Control.*
- 2022 Philosophy of Migration Discussion Group, Unaffiliated. Organized by Therese Herrmann and Juliette Monvoisin. *Colonial Injustice, Legitimate Authority, and Immigration Control.*
- 2021 Workshop on “Philosophies of Migration and Asylum”, NOVA University of Lisbon. *Saving Migrants’ Basic Human Rights from Sovereign Rule.*
- 2020 Migration Ethics Workshop, Unaffiliated. Organized by Mollie Gerver, Kieran Oberman & Alec Ross. *Saving Migrants’ Basic Human Rights from Sovereign Rule.*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship. 2026-2028
 Project on “The Legitimate Authority of Migration Control.”
 Funded by Horizon Europe, European Commission. €194,000.

Beatriu de Pinós Postdoctoral Fellowship. 2026
 Project on “The Legitimate Authority of Migration Control.”
 Funded by AGAUR, Generalitat de Catalunya. €165,000.
 Renounced due to incompatibility with Marie-Curie fellowship.

[Jean Blondel PhD Prize](#) for Best Thesis in Politics 2024
 Awarded by the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius “Beyond Borders” Scholarship	2021-2022
Doctoral Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service	2019-2023
PAIS MA Scholarship, University of Warwick (declined)	2017
ERASMUS+ Scholarship, European Commission	2015

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

German: Native	STATA: Basic knowledge
English: Proficient	L^AT_EX: Basic knowledge
Spanish: Intermediate	Microsoft Office: Advanced knowledge
Italian: Basic	

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy (x4), Democratic Theory, Ethical Theory & Moral Practice (x2), European Journal of Political Theory, Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric, International Migration Review, Journal of International Political Theory, Journal of Politics, Moral Philosophy & Politics, Political Philosophy, Political Studies, Res Publica

Co-Organization and Management

Workshop on “Democratic Membership and the Interests of Outsiders”
Normative Orders, Goethe-University Frankfurt. June 2025.

Workshop on “Reimagining Mobility and Membership”
Normative Orders, Goethe-University Frankfurt. July 2024.

Workshop on “Ethical Dilemmas in Migration and Citizenship Policies”
Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute. June 2024.

Workshop on “New Perspectives on the Political Theory of Migration”
MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester. September 2023.

Workshop on “The Ethics of Migration Policy Dilemmas” Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute. March 2023.

Co-Coordination

2020 - 2021

Legal and Political Theory Working Group & Migration Working Group
European University Institute

REFERENCES

Prof. Ayelet Shachar: Tragen Chair of Comparative Law, University of California, Berkeley; Honorary Professor, Goethe University Frankfurt. ayelet.shachar@berkeley.edu.

Prof. Andrea Sangiovanni: Professor of Philosophy and Head of Department, Philosophy, King’s College London. andrea.sangiovanni@kcl.ac.uk.

Prof. Rainer Bauboeck: Part-Time Professor and Visiting Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute. rainer.baubock@eui.eu.

Prof. Martin Ruhs: Professor of Migration Studies and Deputy Director, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute. martin.ruhs@eui.eu.