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Employment

- 2024-Present **Lecturer in Political Theory**
Department of Sociology, Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University of London
- 2022-2024 **Senior Lecturer in Political Theory.**
School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent.
- 2017-2022 **Lecturer in Political Theory.**
School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent.
- 2017 **Graduate Teaching Assistant.**
School of Psychology, Politics, and Sociology, Canterbury Christ Church University.
- 2016-2017 **Assistant Lecturer.**
School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent.

Education

- 2018-2019 **Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education/Higher Education Academy Fellowship**
Unit for Education, Learning, and Teaching, University of Kent.
- 2013-2018 **PhD in Political and Social Thought.**
School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent.
Award holder of a 3+1 scholarship from the Economic and Social Research Council.
- 2010-2013 **BA (Hons) History and Politics, First Class Honours.**
University of Kent.

Publications

- Turner, Ben. 'Workplace Democracy, Algorithmic Management, and Epistemic Agency', *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (2025).
- . 'Situating Realism, the Ethnographic Sensibility, and Comparative Political Theory within the Methodological Turn in Political Theory', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 27, no.1 (2025): 387-406.
- . 'Post-Work and the Problem of Recognition: A Defence of Working Time Reduction.' In *Debating a Post-Work Future: Perspectives from Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, edited by Kory P. Schaff, Michael Cholbi, Jean-Phillipe Deranty & Denise Celentano. London: Routledge, 2024.
- . *Returning to Judgment: Bernard Stiegler and Continental Political Theory*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2023.
- . 'Review: "Digital Working Lives: Worker Autonomy and the Gig-Economy."' *Contemporary Political Theory* 23, no. 2 (2023): 344-347.
- . "'Above and Beyond the Market": The Family, Social Reproduction and Conservatism in Bernard Stiegler's Politics of Work.' *Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities* 26, no. 6 (2021): 68-85.
- Turner, Ben & Lucas Van Milders. 'Political Theory and the Future of Work.' Edited Symposium in *Theory & Event* 14, no. 4 (2021).
- . 'Introduction: Why Should Political Theorists Care About Work?' *Theory & Event* 24, no. 4 (2021): 1035-1049.
- Turner, Ben. 'The Limits of Culture in Political Theory: A Critique of Multiculturalism from the Perspective of Anthropology's Ontological Turn.' *European Journal of Political Theory* 20, no. 2 (2021): 252-271.

- . 'Politicising the *Epoché*: Bernard Stiegler and the Politics of Epochal Suspension.' In *The Subject(s) of Phenomenology: Rereading Husserl*, edited by Iulian Apostolescu, pp. 341-354. Dordrecht: Springer, 2020.
- . 'Review: "Across the Great Divide: Between Analytic and Continental Political Theory."' *Phenomenological Reviews*. <https://reviews.ophen.org/2020/07/22/jeremy-arnold-across-the-great-divide-between-analytic-and-continental-political-theory/>
- . 'From Resistance to Invention in the Politics of the Impossible: Bernard Stiegler's Political Reading of Maurice Blanchot.' *Contemporary Political Theory* 18, no. 1 (2019): 43-64.
- . 'Affinity and Antagonism: Structuralism, Comparison and Transformation in Pluralist Political Ontology.' *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 45, no. 1 (2019): 27-49.
- . 'Science and Ideology Revisited: Necessity, Contingency and the Critique of Ideologies in Meillassoux and Malabou.' *Theory & Event* 22, no. 4 (2018): 865-890.
- . 'Review: "The Attention Economy: Labour, Time and Power in Cognitive Capitalism."' *Theory, Culture & Society* 35, no. 7-8 (2018): 331-337,
- . 'Ideology and Post-Structuralism after Bernard Stiegler.' *Journal of Political Ideologies* 22, no. 1 (2017): 92-110.
- . 'Life and the Technical Transformation of *Différance*: Stiegler and the Noopolitics of Becoming Non-Inhuman.' *Derrida Today* 9, no. 2 (2016): 177-98.

Grants and Funding

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| 2026 | Institute of Humanities and Social Social Sciences (QMUL), Early Career Workshop Funding (£1,885.45)
Funding awarded for a workshop on 'Work, Needs and Necessity,' co-organised with Dr Jonjo Brady, Dr George Boss and Dr Will Monteith. |
| 2024-2026 | 'Imagining Life Beyond Work: Post-Work as a Tradition of Political Thought.'
Leverhulme Trust (£136,329)
Research project grant funding awarded November 2023. |
| 2023 | Research Support Funding from the Division of Arts and Humanities, University of Kent (£2,000)
Funding awarded to support work on a collaborative project with colleagues at Kent, entitled 'Quantum Supremacy.' |
| 2023 | Follow Up Funding Awarded from the 'Future Human' Signature Research Theme, University of Kent (£2,000)
Funding awarded to support work on a collaborative project with colleagues at Kent, entitled 'Quantum Supremacy.' |
| 2022 | Seed Funding Awarded from the 'Future Human' Signature Research Theme, University of Kent (£1,700).
Funding awarded to support exploratory work for a collaborative project with colleagues at Kent, entitled 'Quantum Supremacy.' |
| 2018 | Match-Funding awarded by Social Sciences Faculty (£500) and School of Politics and International Relations (£500), University of Kent.
For the organisation of the seminar series 'Political Theory and the Future of Work.' |
| 2017 | Grant from the School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent (£500).
For the organisation of the seminar series 'Politics after Poststructuralism'. |
| 2016 | Grant from the School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent (£700).
For the organisation of the workshop 'The Gentrification of the Political'. |
| 2013-2017 | 4 Year Doctoral Scholarship, Economic and Social Research Council (£73,500). |

Awards

- 2022 **Diversity Mark Award, University of Kent.**
Recognizing work undertaken to diversify the module 'POLI3140: Introduction to Political Thought.'
- 2017 **'Expect Respect' Golden Apple Teaching Award, Canterbury Christ Church University.**
In recognition of supporting student learning by promoting equality, inclusivity, and diversity in teaching.

Workshop, Seminar and Conference Organisation

- 2026 **'Work, Needs and Necessity' (with Dr Jonjo Brady, Dr George Boss and Dr Will Monteith)**
Queen Mary University of London
- 2025 **'Post Work as a Tradition of Political Thought' (with Dr Jonjo Brady)**
Manchester Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester.
- 2018 **'Political Theory and the Future of Work' Workshop Co-Ordinator (with Dr Lucas van Milders).**
Manchester Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester.
- 2017-2018 **'The Future of Work' Seminar Series Organiser (with Dr Lucas van Milders).**
School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent.
- 2016-2017 **'Politics after Post-structuralism' Seminar Series Organiser.**
School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent.
- 2016 **'The Gentrification of the Political' Workshop Organiser (with Dr Lucas van Milders).**
School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent.
- 2014-Present **Member of Organising Collective, London Conference in Critical Thought.**

Professional Roles & Service to the Discipline

Peer Reviewing

Presses and journals including Oxford University Press, Bloomsbury, Edinburgh University Press, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, *Open Philosophy*, *Cultural Studies*, *Emancipations*, *Indo-Pacific Journal of Phenomenology*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *European Journal of Political Theory*.

Examining

- Jan. 2026. PhD External Examiner, University of Groningen.

Roles

- 2020-2024 **Elected Staff Representative, University of Kent Senate**
- 2015-Present **Editorial Board Member, London Journal of Critical Thought.**
- 2015-2016 **Politics and International Relations Graduate Teaching Assistant Representative.**
School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent.

Selected Conference Invitations and Presentations

- May 2026 **Consensus as Contribution: Epistemic Normativity in Bernard Stiegler**
Invited paper at the *Science, Critique and Opinion* conference hosted by the Maison Française d'Oxford.

- Sept. 2025 **A Post-Work Obligation to Work?**
Paper presented at the Manchester Workshops in Political Theory.
- June 2025 **Free Time and Necessary Labour in Post-Work Thought**
Paper presented at the workshop "'Post-work?' and Corporealities' at the University of Groningen.
- Feb. 2025 **Workplace Democracy, Algorithmic Management and Epistemic Agency**
Paper presented at the workshop 'A grim future for workers? Technological developments and work-related domination' at the University of Braga.
- Dec. 2024 **Panel on *Returning to Judgment: Bernard Stiegler and Continental Political Theory***
Invitation to participate in a panel on my book at the Australasian Society of Continental Philosophy Conference.
- April 2024 **Technology, Epistemic Agency, and Perfectionism: The Politics of Bernard Stiegler's Concept of Proletarianization**
Invited paper presented at the TheoryLab, Queen Mary University of London
- Sept. 2022 **Automated Management Technology and Workplace Democracy.**
Paper presented at the Manchester Workshops in Political Theory
- April 2022 **The Law of the Pharmakon: Technology and Epistemic Dispossession According to Bernard Stiegler.**
Invited paper presented at the Law, Technology and the Human Conference, University of Kent.
- June 2021 **Technology, Money, and Freedom.**
Paper presented at the Society for the Philosophy of Technology Annual Conference (Online).
- June 2020 **The Political, Political Judgment and Pluralism: A Sympathetic Critique of Political Ontology.**
Paper presented at Political Studies Association ECR Online Conference (Online).
- June 2020 **Whither Political Ontology?**
Panel organised at the PSA ECR Online Conference (Online).
- August 2019 **Bernard Stiegler's Thermodynamic Politics: A Critique of the Political Use of Negentropy**
Paper presented at the Society for European Philosophy/Forum for European Philosophy Annual Conference, Royal Holloway University of London.
- Jan. 2019 **Individuation, General Organology and Sociogenesis: The Problem of the Particular and the Universal in Bernard Stiegler.**
Invited paper presented at the 'Technology, Culture, Politics' Workshop, Ulster University.
- Sept. 2018 **Individuation and the Origins of the Political.**
Paper presented at the conference 'Culture & Technics: The Politics of Simondon's *Du Mode*', University of Kent.
- Sept. 2018 **Political Theory and the Future of Work.**
Workshop co-ordinated at the Manchester Workshops in Political Theory.
- June 2018 **Human Nature and Pitfalls in the Political Philosophy of Work: Bernard Stiegler and Social Reproduction.**
Invited paper for the 'Sapience, Aesthetics and Politics' Research Network online symposium, organised by the University of Lincoln.
- June 2018 **What is a Political Problem?**
Invited paper at the 'Political Ontology' Workshop, Goldsmiths University.
- June 2018 **Comparing Problems in Political Theory after the Ontological Turn.**
Paper presented at the Society for European Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Essex.
- June 2017 **Affinity or Antagonism? Two Routes from Structuralism to Democratic Politics.**
Paper presented at the University of Oxford Graduate Political Theory Conference.
- Sept. 2016 **Challenging Culture.**
Paper presented at the Manchester Workshops in Political Theory.
- May 2016 **On the Borders Between Mental Worlds: The Politics of Multi-Naturalism.**

- June 2015 Paper presented at the *Skepsi* annual conference on 'Borders', University of Kent.
Stalling Accelerationism: The Fragility of Promethean Politics.
Paper presented at the London Conference of Critical Thought, University College London.
- Dec. 2014 **Object-Oriented Ontology and the Politics of Speculation.**
Invited paper presented at the symposium 'Realisms and Object Orientations: Art, Politics and the Philosophy of Tristan Garcia,' Institute of Contemporary Art.
- Nov. 2014 **A Pharmacology of the Event: The Politics of Thinking in Stiegler and Deleuze.**
Paper presented at the conference 'General Organology: The Co-individuation of Minds, Bodies, Social Organisations and Techne' (first international conference on the work of Bernard Stiegler), University of Kent.