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- WEBSITE [www.bovens.org](http://www.bovens.org)
- EDUCATION Licentiaat Social Sciences, Catholic university of Leuven, 1982  
MA Sociology, University of Minnesota, 1985  
PhD. Philosophy, University of Minnesota, 1990
- EMPLOY-  
MENT Professor (since 2004), Head of Department (2009-2015) and  
Coordinator (2003-2015) of the MSc *Philosophy and Public Policy*  
in the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method at  
the London School of Economics and Political Science
- Previous employment*  
Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder  
(1990–2003)
- OTHER  
WORK *Project work*  
Director of the Research Group, *Philosophy, Probability and Model-  
ling*, University of Konstanz (2002–5), supported by a Sofja Ko-  
valevskaja grant of the *Humboldt Foundation* (€1M)
- Editorial work*  
Editor of *Economics and Philosophy* (2002–7)  
Editorial Board of *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Economics and  
Philosophy* and *Theoria*
- TEACHING Philosophy and Public Policy  
Moral and Political Philosophy  
Rational Choice  
Philosophy of Science  
Applied Ethics  
Philosophy and Film  
Logic  
Critical Thinking  
Methodology of the Social Sciences

RESEARCH  
INTERESTS

Philosophy and Public Policy  
Moral Psychology  
Applied Ethics and Political Philosophy  
Epistemology and Philosophy of Science  
Social Choice and Voting Theory  
Rationality  
Philosophy and Literature

SELECTED  
AWARDS  
AND  
GRANTS

Visiting Fellow in the Project *Hope and Optimism: Conceptual and Empirical Investigation* in Cornell University (Fall 2016)

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow in the University Center for Human Values in Princeton University (2015-16)

Grant from *the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment* for work on emission rights (2009–12)

Grants from the *British Academy* and the *Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines* for work on burden-sharing in EU asylum policy (2010–12)

Fellowship in the *Swedish Collegium for Advanced Science* (2011)

Recipient of the Sofja–Kovalevskaja Prize of the *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*, Germany for the project ‘Philosophy, Probability and Modeling’ (2002–5) (1 million Euro)

Principal Investigator for Research Grant from the *National Science Foundation* (Science and Technology Studies) for the project ‘Bayesian Networks in Philosophy of Science and Epistemology’ (2000–2)

Transcoop Research Grant from the *German Academic Council* for the project ‘Bayesian Networks in Philosophy of Science and Epistemology’ (with Stephan Hartmann) (2000–2)

Research Fellowship with the *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation* for the University of Konstanz, Germany (1998–9)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

### In Progress

‘A Puzzle of Hope and Faith’

‘The Extension of the Euthanasia Legislation to Minors in Belgium’

‘To or From Each according to What? Biblical Origins and Development of Early Socialist Slogans’ (with Adrien Lutz)

### 2016

‘Secular Hopes in the Face of Death’ Submitted to *Faces of Hope*, edited by Rochelle Green

‘The Ethics of Dieselgate’ *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* (forthcoming)

‘Don't Mess with my Smokes: Cigarettes and Freedom’ *American Journal of Bioethics* 16(7): 15-17

‘Selection under Uncertainty: Affirmative Action at Shortlisting Stage’ *Mind* 125 (498): 421-437

### 2015

‘The Tragedy of the Commons as a Voting Game’, M. Peterson (ed.), *The Prisoner's Dilemma*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2015).

‘Concerns for the Poorly Off in Ordering Risky Prospects’, *Economics and Philosophy*, 31(3): 397-429 (2015)

‘Evaluating Risky Prospects: the Distribution View’, *Analysis*, 75(2): 243-53 (2015)

‘The Meaning of "Darn it!"’, Iwao Hirose and Andrew Reisner (eds.), *Weighing and Reasoning: A Festschrift for John Broome*, Oxford University Press: Oxford (2015) (with Wlodek Rabinowicz)

‘Child euthanasia: should we just not talk about it?’ *Journal of Medical Ethics* 41(8): 630-634 (2015)

### 2013

‘Why Couldn't I be Nudged to Dislike a Big Mac?’, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 39: 495-6 (2013)

'A Response to Prelec', *Essays in Behavioural Public Policy*. Adam Oliver (Ed.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2013)

'Minimizing the threat of a positive majority deficit in two-tier voting systems with equipopulous units', *Public Choice*, **145** (1-2) (2013): 75-94 (2013) (with Claus Beisbart)

## 2012

'Evaluating Life or Death Prospects', *Economics and Philosophy*, **28** (2): 217-49 (2012) (with Marc Fleurbaey)

'Real Nudge', *European Journal of Risk Regulation*, **3** (1): 43-6 (2012)

'Measuring common standards and equal responsibility sharing in EU asylum outcome data', *European Union Politics*, **13** (1): 70-93 (2012), (with Chlump Chatkupt and Laura Smead)

## 2011

'Measuring Voting Power for Dependent Voters through Causal Models', *Synthese*, **179** (1): 35-56 (2011), (with Claus Beisbart)

'Does it Matter whether a Miracle-Like Event Happens to Oneself rather than to Someone Else?', *Probability in the Philosophy of Religion*. Ed. by Chandler, J. and Harrison, V. Oxford University Press, 64-75 (2011), (with appendix by Claus Beisbart)

'Bets on Hats—On Dutch Books Against Groups, Degrees of Belief as Betting Rates, and Group-Reflection', *Episteme*, **8** (3): 281-300 (2011), (with Wlodek Rabinowicz)

## 2010

'A Lockean Defence of Grandfathering Emission Rights', *The Ethics of Global Climate Change*. Denis Arnold (ed.) Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 124-44 (2010)

'Nudges and Cultural Variance: a Note on Selinger and Whyte', *Knowledge, Technology and Policy*, **23**: 483-6 (2010)

'Monty Hall Drives a Wedge between Judy Benjamin and the Sleeping Beauty: a Reply to Bovens', *Analysis*, **70**(3): 473-81 (2010), (with José Luis Ferreira)

'Judy Benjamin is a Sleeping Beauty', *Analysis*, **70** (1): 23-6 (2010)

'The Puzzle of the Hats', *Synthese*, **172**: 57-78 (2010), (with Wlodek Rabinowicz)

## 2009

'Can the Church agree to condom use by HIV-discordant couples', *Journal of Medical Ethics*, **35**: 743-6 (2009)

‘Must I Be Forgiven?’, *Analysis*, **69** (2): 227–33 (2009)

## 2008

‘The Ethics of Nudge’, *Preference Change: Approaches from Philosophy, Economics and Psychology*. Ed. by Till Grüne-Yanoff and S.O. Hansson. Berlin and New York: Springer, Theory and Decision Library A, Chapter 10: 207–220 (2008)

‘Apologies’, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, **108**: 219–239 (2008)

‘A Power Measure Analysis of Amendment 36 in Colorado’, *Public Choice*, **134** (3-2): 231–46 (2008), (with Claus Beisbart)

## 2007

‘Factions in Rousseau’s Du Contrat Social and Federal Representation’, *Analysis*, **67**: 12–20 (2007), (with Claus Beisbart)

‘Welfare Evaluations of Decision Rules for Boards of Representatives’, *Social Choice and Welfare*, **29**: 581–608 (2007), (with Claus Beisbart)

‘Bayesian Epistemology’, *Special Issue of Synthese*, **156** (3) (2007), (Edited with Stephan Hartmann)

## 2006

‘The Rhythm Method and Embryonic Death’, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, **32**: 355–6 (2006), reviewed in the New York Times, June 13, 2006

‘Democratic Answers to Complex Questions—an Epistemic Perspective’, *Synthese*, **150** (1): 131–53 (2006), (with Wlodek Rabinowicz)

‘The Doctrinal Paradox and the Mixed-Motivation Problem’, *Analysis*, **66**: 35–8 (2006)

‘An Impossibility Result for Coherence Rankings’, *Philosophical Studies*, **128**: 77–91 (2006), (with Stephan Hartmann)

‘Four Brides for Twelve Brothers: How to Dutch Book a Group of Fully Rational Players’ in Rønnow-Rasmussen, Toni, Petersson, Björn, Josefsson, Jonas and Egonsson, Dan, (eds.) *Hommage à Wlodek: Philosophical Papers Dedicated to Wlodek Rabinowicz*, Lund University (2006). Lund University, 2006

## 2005

‘A Utilitarian Assessment of Alternative Decision Rules in the Council of Ministers’, *European Union Politics*, **6**: 395–418 (2005), (with Claus Beisbart and Stephan Hartmann)

‘Coherence and the Role of Specificity: A Response to Meijs and Douven’, *Mind*, **114**: 365–9 (2005), (with Stephan Hartmann)

‘Solving the Riddle of Coherence’, *Mind*, **112**: 601–34 (2005), (with Stephan Hartmann)

‘Why There Cannot Be a Single Probabilistic Measure of Coherence’, *Erkenntnis*, **63**: 361–74 (2005), (with Stephan Hartmann)

## 2004

‘Voting Procedures for Complex Collective Decisions—an Epistemic Perspective’, *Ratio Juris*, **17**: 241–58 (2004), (with Wlodek Rabinowicz)

## 2002

‘Too Odd (not) to Be True: a Reply to Erik Olsson’, *British Journal of Philosophy of Science*, **53**: 539–63 (2002), (with Branden Fitelson, Stephan Hartmann and Josh Snyder)

‘Believing More, Risking Less. On Coherence, Truth and Non-Trivial Extensions’, *Erkenntnis*, **57**: 137–50 (2002), (with Erik J. Olsson)

‘Bayesian Networks and the Problem of Unreliable Instruments’, *Philosophy of Science*, **69**: 29–73 (2002), (with Stephan Hartmann)

## 2000

‘Coherentism, Reliability and Bayesian Networks’, *Mind*, **109**: 685–719 (2000), (with Erik J. Olsson)

## 1999

‘The Two Faces of Akratics Anonymous’, *Analysis*, **59** (4): 230–236 (1999), translated into the German ('Die beiden Gesichter der Anonymen Akkratiker') and reprinted in Thomas Spitzley (Ed.), *Willensschwäche*, Paderborn: Mentis (2002)

‘Authenticity in Kurosawa’, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, **33**: 227–237 (1999)

'The Value of Hope', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, **59**: 667–681 (1999)

‘The Preface, the Lottery and the Logic of Belief’, *Mind*, **108**: 241–264 (1999), (with James Hawthorne)

‘Supervenience and Moral Realism’, *Philosophia*, **27**: 241–245 (1999), (with Dalia Drai)

## 1998

'Moral Luck, Photojournalism and Pornography', *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, **32**: 205-217 (1998)

'Sequential Counterfactuals, Cotenability and Temporal Becoming', *Philosophical Studies*, **90**: 79-101 (1998)

#### 1997

'The Backward Induction Argument for the Finite Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma and the Surprise Exam Paradox', *Analysis*, **57**: 179-186 (1997)

#### 1995

'The Intentional Acquisition of Mental States', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, **55**: 821-40 (1995)

'"P and I Will Believe that Not-P": Diachronic Constraints on Rational Belief', *Mind*, **104**: 737-60 (1995)

#### 1994

'Rawls on Mutual Disinterest and Hume's Subjective Circumstances of Justice', *Archiv fur Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie*, **80**: 203-7 (1994)

'Affirmative Action a Polish Example?', *Newsletter* (The Center for Values and Social Policy) (Fall 1991), reprinted in SOLOMON, R.C. (1994) *Above the Bottom Line - an Introduction to Business Ethics* (Harcourt, Fort Worth), 337-9

'Coherence Arguments and Cyclical Moral Rankings', *Philosophical Studies*, **74**: 369-84 (1994)

'Principles of Supervenience', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, **72**: 294-301 (1994)

#### 1993

'Contextual Pluralism and the Libertarian Paradox', *Archiv fur Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie*, **79**: 188-97 (1993)

#### 1992

'Sour Grapes and Character Planning', *Journal of Philosophy*, **84**: 57-78 (1992)

#### 1988

Book Review. Gauthier, D., *Morals by Agreement*, *Theory and Decision*, 24:3 (1988) pp.289-93

#### 1987

'On Arguments from Self Interest for the Nash Solution and the Kalai Egalitarian Solution to the Bargaining Problem', *Theory and Decision*, **23**: 231–60 (1987)

**1985**

'Can There Be More than One Set of Categories?', *Proceedings: Sixth International Kant Congress, Pennsylvania State University*, 1985, eds. G. Funke & Th. M. Seebohm, The Center for Advanced Research in Phenomenology, co-published with the University Press of America, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (1989)



## **Book**

*Bayesian Epistemology*, Oxford University Press, 2003 (with Stephan Hartmann) with German translation: *Bayesianische Erkenntnistheorie*, Mentis, 2006

## **Edited Volume**

*Nancy Cartwright's Philosophy of Science*, Routledge, 2007 (Edited with Stephan Hartmann and Carl Hoefer)

## Blogs, Reports and Interviews

Luc Bovens and Anna Bartsch 'A More Reasonable Distribution Key for Refugee Quotas', *VoxEurop Blog*. (Jan 2016) (with Anna Bartsch)

'Why the Refugee System is unfair on Eastern and Southern EU States' *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog* (Oct 2015) (with Anna Bartsch)

'Nudging the Pub' *LSE Business Review* (18 Sep 2015)

'Child Euthanasia: Should we just not talk about it?' *Journal of Medical Ethics Blogs* (12 May 2015)

'Contrary to the Claims of German Politicians, Germany is not Taking on more than its Fair Share of Refugees' *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog* (Dec 2014) (with Jane von Rabenau)

'Germany is accepting less than its fair share of refugees, while official data have also overestimated the number of refugees living in the country', *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog* (Apr 2014) (with Jane von Rabenau)

'The Responsibility of Government for Behavioural Sustainability Policies' In: *Duurzame gedragspatronen. Essays. Ethische aspecten van gedragsbeïnvloeding door de overheid voor verduurzaming van de samenleving*. Report for the Dutch Council for the Environment and Infrastructure. The Hague (Netherlands), 66-78, (in Dutch) (2014)

'Greece, Portugal, Spain and the East European States Take on Less than their Fair Share of Responsibility for EU Asylum Seekers' *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog* (29 Apr 2013), (with Günperi Sisman)

'Equalising constituency sizes is likely to reduce the electoral bias in favour of Labour but only minimally so. Much of the bias is likely to remain because it is due to other factors such as turnout and vote distribution', *British Politics and Policy at LSE Blog*. (December 2, 2011), (with Claus Beisbart)

'Interview: Luc Bovens on Catholicism and HIV' *Philosophy Bites*. Podcast. (2011)

'Interview', *Probability and Statistics: 5 Questions* (Edited by Vincent Hendricks and Alan Hajek), Automatic Press, 13–28 (2010)

'Interview', *Epistemology: 5 Questions* (Edited by Vincent Hendricks and Duncan Pritchard), Automatic Press, 47–61 (2008)