

Chloé de Canson

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Education

London School of Economics

2016–2020 (exp.)

PhD Philosophy

Thesis. *Saliency: Representation and Rationality.*

Abstract. I present a hitherto unrecognised way in which the decisions that agents are rationally permitted to make depend on the way in which these agents represent the situation at hand. Recognising this has several important implications for the study of rationality. Firstly, a number of paradoxes are dissolved, including the paradox of the two envelopes and Allais' paradox. Secondly, it entails that a specific kind of vulnerability to money pumps is not evidence of irrationality, thereby contradicting one of the main assumptions in the study of diachronic rationality. Thirdly, it illuminates some interesting issues concerning the problem of induction; and in particular, it highlights the significance of the grue paradox.

University of Cambridge

2015–2016

MPhil Philosophy, *First Class*

London School of Economics

2012–2015

BSc Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, *First Class*

Research Interests

Areas of Specialisation. Formal Epistemology, Decision Theory, Philosophy of Science, Feminism.

Areas of Competence. Philosophy of Language, Logic, Philosophy of Physics.

Papers

Work in progress.

“Saliency and the Sure-Thing Principle” (under review)

“The Method of Arbitrary Functions” (under review)

“Preferences and Individuation”

“Consent and Descriptions”

“Three Problems of Induction”

Selected Presentations

“Saliency and the Sure-Thing Principle” (formerly “The Paradox of the Two Envelopes”)

4. Athena in Action: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy, Princeton University, June 2018†
3. Workshop on the Foundations of Normative Decision Theory, University of Oxford, June 2018†
2. 14th Annual London-Berkeley Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of California, Berkeley, May 2017†
1. Workshop on Philosophy of Language for Decision Theory, London School of Economics, May 2017‡

“The Method of Arbitrary Functions”

4. Workshop on the Method of Arbitrary Functions, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, September 2018‡

3. Conference of the Society for the Metaphysics of Science, New York, October 2017†
2. Conference on Reasoning and Argumentation in Science, Center for Advanced Studies, LMU Munich, May-June 2017†
1. Workshop on Determinism, Probability and Agency, London School of Economics, May 2017

“Consent and Descriptions”

2. Choice Group, London School of Economics, February 2018
1. LSESU Lecture Series on Africana and Feminist Philosophy, Keats House, London, February 2018‡

“Three Problems of Induction”

2. Ninth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, LMU Munich, August 2017†
1. Five Years MCMP: Quo Vadis, Mathematical Philosophy?, MCMP, Munich, June 2016‡

“Probability in Everettian Quantum Mechanics”

4. Third Summer School on Mathematical Philosophy for Female Students, MCMP, Munich, July 2016†
3. Annual Conference of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science, University of Cardiff, July 2016†
2. Fitzwilliam Graduate Conference, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, March 2016
1. Departmental Philosophy Workshop, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, February 2016

“Formulating New Theories in Bayesian Epistemology”

1. Graduate Workshop in Formal Epistemology, MCMP, Munich, April 2016†

“Russell on Absolute Idealism, Logical Atomism, and the Internal Theory of Relations”

1. Fitzwilliam Philosophy Society, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, February 2016‡

† = peer-reviewed, ‡ = invited

Other Presentations.

2. Comments on Hsuan-Chih Lin’s “Propositions and Representation”, London Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2017.
1. “Putnam and Magritte on Referential Indeterminacy”, LSE Philosophy Elevator Pitch, December 2016.

Teaching

Teaching Assistant at LSE.

PH301 Decision Theory, Social Choice Theory, Game Theory	2018–2019
PH232 Stochasticity and Randomness in Physics and Finance (including guest lecture, “Stock Pricing”)	2017–2018
PH104 Logic, Set Theory, Probability Theory	2016–2017

Awards

Excellence in Class Teaching Award, London School of Economics Awarded for “outstanding contribution” to teaching at LSE.	2018
PhD Studentship, London School of Economics	2016–2020

Awarded “on the basis of outstanding academic merit and research potential.”

Travel awards 2016, 2017, 2018

At LSE: Postgraduate Travel Fund (multiple).

At Cambridge: Rittner Niederste Hollenberg Award, Tretheway Award, and Cambridge Philosophy Faculty Travel Award.

Andrea Mannu Prize, London School of Economics 2015

Awarded for “best performance in any undergraduate degree administered by the department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method.”

Service

Department life.

Co-organiser of the Feminism Reading Group 2017–2018

Co-chair of the Staff-Student Liaison Committee 2017–2018

Member of the Staff-Student Liaison Committee 2016–2017

Conference organisation.

Co-organiser of the fifth LSE Graduate Conference in Philosophy of Probability 2017

Reviewer for the fifth and sixth LSE-Bayreuth Conference 2017, 2018

Reviewer for the British Undergraduate Philosophy Conference 2016

Co-organiser of the third LSE-Bayreuth Conference 2015

Outreach.

Level 2 Specialist at the Philosophy Foundation (teaching philosophy in primary schools).

Instructor for “Philosophy Through Short Stories” at Harris Academy (high school).

Guest teacher in philosophy at the Harris Experience (high school students).

References

Available upon request.

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