

Tomi Francis

CV

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Areas of Specialisation

Moral Philosophy, Decision Theory

Areas of Competence

Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics, Metaphysics, Epistemology

Academic Employment

- July 2026– **Assistant Professor**, *Department of Philosophy and Centre for Biomedical Ethics*, National University of Singapore
- September 2025–June 2026 **Senior Researcher in Philosophy**, *Department of Philosophy*, University of Fribourg
- September 2022–July 2025 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy**, *Global Priorities Institute*, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford
- 2020–2022 **Research Assistant**, *Global Priorities Institute*, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford
- HT–TT 2020 **Non-Stipendiary Lecturer**, *University College*, University of Oxford

Education

- 2018–2022 **DPhil, Philosophy**, *St John's College, Oxford*
- 2016–2018 **BPhil, Philosophy**, *Somerville and St Catherine's Colleges, Oxford*, Distinction
- 2012–2016 **BSc, Mathematics and Philosophy with Specialism in Logic and Foundations**, *University of Warwick*, First Class

DPhil Thesis

Totalism

- Supervisors: Prof. Hilary Greaves and Dr. Teruji Thomas
- Examiners: Prof. Roger Crisp and Prof. Ralf Bader

Research

Publications

- forthcoming **Repugnance Without Mere Addition**, *Economics and Philosophy*
- forthcoming **Stochastic Dominance for Incomplete Preferences** (with Johan E. Gustafsson), *Analysis*
- 2025 **Getting Machines to do Your Dirty Work** (with Todd Karhu), *Philosophical Studies*, **182**(1), 121–135.
- 2024 **The Welfare Diffusion Objection to Prioritarianism**, *Economics and Philosophy*, **40**(1), 55–76.
- 2023 **Intrapersonal Arguments for the Repugnant Conclusion**, *Ethics*, **134**(1), 89–107.
- 2021 **Anonymity and Non-Identity Cases**, *Analysis*, **81**(4), 632–639.

Non-academic Publications

- 2022 **Summary: A Paradox for Tiny Probabilities and Enormous Values**, *GPI working paper summaries*.

Awards and Grants

- 2021-2023 **Research Grant**, *Longview Philanthropy*
2021-2022 **Global Priorities Fellowship**, *Forethought Foundation*
2019-2022 **Derek Parfit Memorial Prize**, *Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford*
2018-2020 **AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership**, *Arts and Humanities Research Council*, full funding
2017-2018 **Ghosh Graduate Scholarship**, *St Catherine's College, Oxford*

Teaching Experience

Graduate Seminars

- HT 2025 **Convenor: Graduate Class on Moderate and Radical Non-Consequentialism (with Hilary Greaves)**
University of Oxford
- HT 2023 **Convenor: Graduate Class on Longtermism (with Timothy L. Williamson)**
University of Oxford (~15 masters and PhD students)

Graduate Supervision

- Summer 2023 **Supervisor: Global Priorities Fellowship**
Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford

Undergraduate Supervision

- MT 2022, HT 2023 **Tutor: Undergraduate Thesis (Epistemology)**
St Catherine's College, Oxford
- MT 2020, HT 2022 **Graduate Student Tutor: Undergraduate Thesis (Practical Ethics)**
University College, Oxford
- HT–TT 2020 **Non-Stipendiary Lecturer: Undergraduate Thesis (Practical Ethics)**
University College, Oxford

Tutorials

- TT 2025 **Tutor: FHS Ethics**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- TT 2025 **Tutor: Plato, the Republic**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- HT 2025 **Tutor: FHS Ethics**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- HT 2025 **Tutor: FHS Practical Ethics**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- MT 2024 **Tutor: FHS Knowledge and Reality**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- MT 2024 **Tutor: Introduction to Logic**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- MT 2024 **Tutor: FHS Philosophy of Logic and Language**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- MT 2024 **Tutor: FHS Philosophy of Mind**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
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Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

- TT 2023 **Tutor: FHS Knowledge and Reality**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- HT–TT 2023 **Tutor: FHS Ethics**
Hertford College, Oxford
- TT 2021 **Graduate Student Tutor: Philosophy of Mathematics**
St Edmund's Hall, Oxford
- TT 2020 **Non-Stipendiary Lecturer: Prelims Moral Philosophy**
University College, Oxford
- TT 2020 **Non-Stipendiary Lecturer: FHS Practical Ethics**
University College, Oxford
- TT 2020 **Graduate Student Tutor: FHS Practical Ethics**
Oriel College, Oxford
- HT 2020 **Graduate Student Tutor: FHS Knowledge and Reality**
St Peter's College, Oxford
- HT 2020 **Non-Stipendiary Lecturer: FHS Ethics**
University College, Oxford
- MT 2019 **Graduate Student Tutor: FHS Practical Ethics**
University College, Oxford
- TT 2019 **Cover Tutor: Prelims Moral Philosophy**
St Catherine's College, Oxford
- MT 2018 **Graduate Student Tutor: FHS Ethics**
St Catherine's College, Oxford

Teaching Assistant Roles

- HT 2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant: FHS Philosophical Logic**
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- MT 2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Logic**
Corpus Christi College, Oxford
- MT 2018 **Graduate Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Logic**
Wadham College, Oxford
- HT 2018 **Graduate Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Logic**
New College, Oxford

Presentations and Talks

- June 2026 **Are We in the Foothills of the Singularity?**, *University of Oxford*, 16th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research
- April 2026 **Transitivity and Option-Set-Dependent Betterness**, *Karlsruhe Institute of Technology*, Philosophy Research Seminar
- September 2025 **Variable-Population Partial Aggregation**, *University of Manchester*, MANCEPT Workshop on Limited Aggregation
- June 2025 **On Deontic Cyclicity (with Kacper Kowalczyk)**, *National University of Singapore*, Department of Philosophy Seminar
- May 2025 **Anonymity, Infinity, and the Separateness of Persons**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Population Wellbeing Initiative
- April 2025 **Anonymity, Infinity, and the Separateness of Persons**, *National University of Singapore*, Department of Philosophy
- January 2025 **Prudence in Different-Number Fission Cases**, *Mimir Center, Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm*, Workshop on the Ethics and Philosophy of Brain Emulation
- December 2024 **Comments: Bader on Incompleteness and Risk**, *LMU Munich*, Workshop on Ralf Bader's "Choice under Incompleteness".

- December 2024 **In the Long Run, Are We All Dead? Reply to Thorstad**, *University of Oxford*, 15th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research
- November 2024 **Anonymity, Infinity, and the Separateness of Persons**, *London School of Economics*, Choice Group Seminar
- August 2024 **Aggregating Small Risks of Serious Harms**, *University of Colorado, Boulder*, Rocky Mountains Ethics Congress XVII
- June 2024 **An Intrapersonal Argument for Totalism**, *Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken*, Workshop on Welfare 2024
- June 2024 **Aggregating Small Risks of Serious Harms**, *University of Oxford*, 14th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research
- April 2024 **Aggregating Small Risks of Severe Harms**, *University of St Andrews*, St Andrews–GPI Joint Workshop on the Long-Term Future
- December 2023 **On Deontic Cyclicity (with Kacper Kowalczyk)**, *Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm*, Workshop on Social Contract Theory and Dynamic Choice
- July 2023 **The Scale Argument for Longtermism**, *Luiss University, Rome*, ISUS 2023: 16th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies
- June 2023 **The Scale Argument for Longtermism**, *University of Oxford*, 12th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research
- May 2023 **Partial Aggregation, Risk, and the Long Term**, *London School of Economics*, LSE-GPI Joint Workshop on Longtermism
- March 2023 **In Favour of Making Happy People**, *Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences*, Slippery Slope Normativity Summit
- October 2022 **Getting Machines to Do Your Dirty Work (with Todd Karhu)**, *Oxford Institute for Ethics in AI*, Ethics in AI Research Seminar
- May 2020 **Theory Y: An Interpretation of Parfit's Wide Dual Person-Affecting Principle**, *Saarland University, Saarbrücken* (online due to COVID-19 pandemic), Workshop on Practical Philosophy
- March 2020 **An Improved Impossibility Theorem in Population Axiology**, *Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences*, Slippery Slope Normativity Summit
- February 2020 **Trade-Offs, Non-Identity, and the Procreation Asymmetry**, *Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm*, Workshop on Population Ethics and the Non-Identity Problem
- September 2019 **In Defence of Risky Gene Editing**, *Swansea University*, Postgraduate Bioethics Conference 2019
- August 2019 **Different-Number Fission Cases**, *University of Colorado, Boulder*, Rocky Mountains Ethics Congress XII
- June 2019 **Another Impossibility Theorem in Population Axiology**, *Universiteit Ghent*, Formal Ethics 2019
- June 2019 **Different-Number Incomparability and the Long Term**, *Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford*, Second Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research
- May 2019 **Population Axiology Without Identity**, *Princeton University*, Princeton Population Ethics Graduate Workshop
- July 2018 **Maximising Expected Total Utility vs Minimising Existential Risk**, *Karlsruhe Institute of Technology*, ISUS 2018
- May 2018 **Obligations in Non-Classical Logics**, *University of St Andrews*, Medieval Logic and its Contemporary Relevance
- September 2017 **The Contingent Brutalist Response to the Special Composition Question**, *University of Salzburg*, Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy
- July 2017 **Metasemantics and Arithmetical Determinacy**, *University of Trento*, First Graduate Conference of the Italian Network for the Philosophy of Mathematics - FilMat

Service to the Profession

- Oct 2024 **Journal reviews to date (summary)**, 35×total: 3×*Erkenntnis*, 3×*Utilitas*, 4×*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 1×*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 7×*Philosophical Studies*, 2×*Analysis*, 1×*Ethics*, 2×*Economics and Philosophy*, 1×*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 1×*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 2×*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 1×*Synthese*, 1×*Noûs*, 1×*The Philosophical Quarterly*, 1×*The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 1×*Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 1×*Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 1×*Ergo*
- AY 2017-2018 **Member of the Organising Committee**, *The Jowett Society*, *Oxford Philosophy Faculty*
- AY 2017-2018 **Volunteer Chair**, *The Ockham Society*, Role: Chairing discussion after talks
- TT 2017 **Reviewer**, *The Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference*