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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Judgment & decision making, moral psychology, ethics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Senior Research Fellow (Psychology), Global Priorities Institute, Oxford University 11/2023 - *
Research Affiliate, Department of Psychology, Harvard University 11/2023 - *
Co-Director, Global Risk Behavioral Lab 09/2022 - *
Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Psychology, Harvard University 09/2019 – 11/2023
Supervisor: Prof Joshua Greene
Visiting Scholar, Dept. for Environmental Studies, New York University 09/2022 – 09/2023
Collaborators: Prof Jeff Sebo, Prof Joshua Lewis (NYU Stern)

EDUCATION

DPhil in Experimental Psychology (University of Oxford) 10/2015 – 09/2019
Thesis: *How We Value Animals: The Psychology of Speciesism*
Supervisors: Dr Nadira Faber, Prof Julian Savulescu
M.Sc. in Psychological Research (Distinction; University of Oxford) 2014 – 2015
Full-time Research Internship (University of Oxford) 05-07/2013, 01-09/2014
B.Sc. in Psychology (University of Basel) 2009 – 2013
Software Development Apprenticeship (Basel, Switzerland) 2004 – 2008
Programming languages: R, MATLAB, Java, Ruby, PHP, JavaScript

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Schubert, S. & **Caviola, L.** (2024). Effective Altruism and the Human Mind: The Clash Between Impact and Intuition. *To be published by Oxford University Press.*
Lewis, J., Srna, S., Morrissey, E., Wilks, M., Winter, C., & **Caviola, L.** (2024). Misjudgment Exacerbates Collective Action Problems. <https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv>

- Coleman*, M., **Caviola***, L., Lewis, J., & Goodwin, G. (2024). How important is the end of humanity? Lay people prioritize extinction prevention but not above all other societal issues. <https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/qn7k5>
- Moss, D., Montealegre, A., Bush, L. S., **Caviola, L.**, & Pizarro, D. (2024). Signaling (in)tolerance: the reputational implications of metaethical relativism and objectivism. <https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/62z8c/>
- Paruzel-Czachura, M., Maier, M., Warmuz, R., Wilks, M., & **Caviola, L.** (2024). Children Value Animals More Than Adults Do: A Conceptual Replication and Extension. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.
- Maier, M., **Caviola, L.**, Schubert, S., & Harris, A. J. (2023). Investigating (sequential) unit asking: An unsuccessful quest for scope sensitivity in willingness to donate judgments. *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*, 36(4), e2335.
- Schubert, S., & **Caviola, L.** (2023). Virtues for real-world utilitarians. In *Experiments in Moral and Political Philosophy* (pp. 163-184). Routledge.
- Caviola, L.**, & Greene, J. D. (2023). Boosting the impact of charitable giving with donation bundling and micromatching. *Science Advances*, 9(3), eade7987.
Based on our research insights, we have created the donation platform GivingMultiplier.org which has fundraised \$2.5 million since its launch.
- Caviola, L.**, Schubert, S., Kahane, G., & Faber, N. S. (2022). Humans First: Why people value animals less than humans. *Cognition*, 225, 105139.
- Kahane, G., & **Caviola, L.** (2022). Are the folk utilitarian about animals? *Philosophical Studies*.
- Caviola, L.**, Althaus, D., Mogensen, A., & Goodwin, G. (2021). Population ethical intuitions. *Cognition*, 218, 104941.
- Caviola, L.**, Schubert, S., & Greene, J.D. (2021). The Psychology of (In)Effective Altruism. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*.
- Wilks*, M., **Caviola***, L., Kahane, G., & Bloom, P. (2021) Children prioritize humans over animals less than adults do. *Psychological Science*, 32(1), 27–38. (*joint first authorship)
- Caviola, L.**, Kahane, G., Everett, J.A.C, Teperman, E., Savulescu, J., & Faber, N.S. (2021). Utilitarianism for Animals, Kantianism for People? Harming Animals and Humans for the Greater Good. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*.
- Caviola, L.**, Schubert, S., & Mogensen, A. (2021). Should you save the more useful? The effect of generality on moral judgments about rescue and indirect effects. *Cognition*, 206, 104501.
- Caviola***, L., Schubert*, S., Teperman, E., Moss, D., Greenberg, S., & Faber, N. S. (2020). Donors vastly underestimate differences in charities' effectiveness. *Judgment and Decision Making*. 15(4), 509-516. (*joint first authorship)
- Caviola***, L., Schubert*, S., & Nemirow, J. (2020) The many obstacles to effective giving. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 15(2), 159–172. (*joint first authorship)
- Caviola, L.**, Capraro, V. (2020). Liking but Devaluing Animals: Emotional and Deliberative Paths to Speciesism. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.
- Schubert*, S., **Caviola***, L., & Faber, N. (2019). The psychology of existential risk: Moral judgments about human extinction. *Scientific Reports*. (*joint first authorship)
- Caviola, L.**, Everett, J.A.C., Faber, N.S. (2019). The moral status of animals: towards a psychology of speciesism. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 116(6), 1011.

- Giubilini, A., **Caviola, L.**, Maslen, H., Douglas, T., Nussberger, A. M., Faber, N., ... & Savulescu, J. (2019). Nudging immunity: the case for opt out vaccination of children in school and day care. In *HEC Forum*. Springer Verlag.
- Doolabh, K., **Caviola, L.**, Savulescu, J., Selgelid, M., B Wilkinson, D. (2019). Is the non-identity problem relevant to public health and policy? An online survey. *BMC Medical Ethics*.
- Everett, J.A.C., **Caviola, L.**, Savulescu, J., & Faber, N.S. (2019). Speciesism, generalized prejudice, and perceptions of prejudiced others. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*.
- Kahane, G., Everett, J.A.C., Earp, B.D., **Caviola, L.**, Faber, N.S., Crockett, M.J., Savulescu, J. (2017). Beyond Sacrificial Harm: A Two-Dimensional Model of Utilitarian Psychology. *Psychological Review*, 125(2), 131-164.
- Doolabh, K., **Caviola, L.**, Savulescu, J., Selgelid, M., & Wilkinson, D. J. (2017). Zika, contraception and the non-identity problem. *Developing World Bioethics*, 17(3), 173-204.
- Caviola, L.**, & Faber, N. (2015). Pills or push-ups? Effectiveness and public perception of pharmacological and non-pharmacological cognitive enhancement. *Frontiers in Psychology*.
- Everett, J.A.C., **Caviola, L.**, Kahane, G., Savulescu, J., & Faber, N. (2014). Doing good by doing nothing? The role of social norms in explaining default effects in altruistic contexts. *European Journal of Social Psychology*.
- Caviola, L.**, & Faber, N. (2014). Moral hypocrisy in economic games—how prosocial behavior is shaped by social expectations. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 5(897).
- Schelle K. S., Faber, N., **Caviola, L.**, & Hewstone, M. (2014). Attitudes towards pharmacological cognitive enhancement – a review. *Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience*, 8(53).
- Caviola L.**, & Faber, N. (2014). How stress influences our morality. *In-Mind Magazine*, 23.
- Caviola, L.**, Mannino, A., Savulescu, J., & Faulmüller, N. (2014). Biases affecting moral intuitions about cognitive enhancement. *Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience*, 8(195).
- Caviola, L.**, Faulmüller, N., Everett, J.A.C., Savulescu, J., & Kahane, G. (2014). Evaluability bias in charitable giving: Saving administration costs or saving lives? *Judgment and Decision Making*, 9(4), 303–315.

TEACHING & SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow for GENED 1046: Evolving Morality

2020 & 2021

With Prof Joshua Greene, Harvard University

Instructor evaluations: 4.80/5 (division mean: 4.62)

Supervision of students

Jack Skeggs (BA thesis, 2017, University of Oxford)

Claudia Brick (BA thesis, 2018, University of Oxford)

Lauren Yip (BA thesis, 2018, University of Oxford)

Assessor of oral presentations by undergraduates in Medical Ethics	06/2017
Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford	
Tutor, two-day workshop on Effective Altruism	11/2017
Technical University Munich Organized by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation	
Tutor, “Darwinizing Culture – Evolutionary Explanatory Models of Socio-cultural Phenomena”	02-05/2012
University of Basel I helped to develop the curriculum and taught 14 lectures. Prof Ueli Mäder oversaw the class.	
Tutor, “Programming in psychological research”	08/2012
University of Basel	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City (09/2023)
Global Priorities Workshop, Oxford, UK (06/2023)
Association for Consumer Research Conference (10/2021)
Global Priorities Workshop, Oxford, UK (remote, 03/2021)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, USA (03/2020)
International Society for Political Psychology, Lisbon, Portugal (07/2019)
Global Priorities Workshop, Oxford, UK (09/2019)
International Convention of Psychological Science, symposium chair, Paris, France (03/2019)
Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania (09/2018)
Department of Psychology, Yale University (09/2018)
Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (05/2018)
Oxford Martin School, Collective Responsibility for Infectious Disease, Oxford, UK (06/2018)
Moral Psychology: From Neurons to Norms, Beirut, Lebanon (05/2018)
Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (11/2017)
Annual Conference of the British Psychological Society, Manchester, UK (09/2016)
Oxford Centre for the Study of Intergroup Conflict, Oxford, UK (11/2015)
Inequality, Trust and Ethics Conference, London, UK (05/2015)
49. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychologie, Bochum, UK (11/2014)
Cognitive Enhancement: Moral, Legal and Scientific Challenges, Delft, NL (08/2014)
Invited talks about effective altruism at University of Oxford (10/2018), EAGxBerlin (10/2017), Giving What We Can: Oxford, panel discussion (12/2017), University of Düsseldorf (11/2016), University of Bonn (11/2016), University of Cologne, (11/2016) University of Osnabrück (11/2016), University of Zürich (11/2016), University of Vienna (11/2016), EAGxPrague (11/2016), EAGxBerlin (10/2016), Sentience Conference (05/2016), Humboldt University of

Berlin (03/2016), LMU Munich (02/2016), University of Bayreuth (11/2015), EAGxBasel (09/2015), Lincoln College, University of Oxford (11/2014), PsyKo Switzerland (03/2014), University of Bern (02/2014), University of Basel (04/2014), University of St. Gallen (11/2013), University of Bern (10/2013), University of St. Gallen (03/2013), University of Basel (11/2012), University of Basel (04/2012).

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

Committee member of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Department of Psychology, Harvard University	2021 – 2022
Active member of student college group and charity team Lincoln College, University of Oxford	2016 – 2019
Co-founder of the Effective Altruism Foundation Think tank and project incubator working at the intersection of ethics and science	2013 – 2019
Co-founder of student discussion group about science & philosophy University of Basel	2012 – 2015
Delegate of the student parliament and active member of the psychology student group University of Basel	2010 – 2012

REVIEWER

Psychological Science
Journal of Experimental Psychology: General
Social and Personality Psychological Science
Personality and Social Psychological Bulletin
Judgment and Decision Making
Group Processes & Intergroup Relations

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

Research Grant, Longview Philanthropy (2023)
Distinction in Teaching Award by Harvard University (2021)
Open Philanthropy Grant, \$143,000 (2021)
Effective Altruism Funds Grant, \$130,000 (2019)
Daniel M. Wegner Theoretical Innovation Prize by the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2018)

Together with Kahane, G., Everett, J.A.C., Earp, B.D., Faber, N.S., Crockett, M.J., Savulescu, J. for our publication “Beyond Sacrificial Harm: A Two-Dimensional Model of Utilitarian Psychology” in *Psychological Review*.

Berkeley Existential Risk Initiative Grant, \$44,000 (2018)

Centre for Effective Altruism Grant, £17,000 (2018)

Janggen-Poehn Foundation Scholarship, CHF 45,000 (2018)

Graduate Research Fund by Lincoln College, Oxford, £450 (2018)

Swiss Study Foundation Scholarship, CHF 20,000 (2017)

Berrow Foundation Lord Florey Scholarship, full MSc and DPhil funding (2014 – 2017)

Selected Member of the Swiss Study Foundation (2012 – 2019)

“The Swiss Study Foundation (‘Schweizerische Studienstiftung’) is a foundation promoting outstanding students (top 0.3%) during their undergraduate and postgraduate studies. Requirements for admission are excellent academic records, motivation and enthusiasm, faculty to perform and commitment, broad interests, creativity and intellectual curiosity, sense of responsibility, strong communication skills, also in foreign languages.”

REFERENCES

Prof Joshua Greene, Harvard University

Prof Nadira Faber, University of Bremen & University of Oxford

Prof Guy Kahane, University of Oxford

Prof Julian Savulescu, University of Oxford