

# Gah-Kai Leung

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## RESEARCH

**AOS:** Social & Political Philosophy; Applied Ethics; Disasters  
**AOC:** Philosophy of Social Science; Aesthetics; Gender & Sexuality

## EDUCATION

2023 (exp.) **University of Warwick**  
**PhD Political Philosophy**  
Thesis: *Seismic Justice: The Ethics & Politics of Cascadia Earthquake Risk Management*  
Advisors: Simon Caney, Keith Hyams (Politics & International Studies, Warwick);  
Rebecca Bell (Earth Science & Engineering, Imperial College London)

2020 (exp.) **University of Warwick**  
**Postgraduate Certificate in Social Science Research Methods**  
Modules in Philosophy of Social Science Research, Qualitative Methods & Research Design

2017 **University College London**  
**MA Transnational Studies (Distinction)**  
Dissertation: 'The Moral Duty of Liberal Democracies to Provide Gender-Neutral  
Public Conveniences' (Grade: 77%)  
Advisor: Avia Pasternak (School of Public Policy)

2014 **University of Warwick**  
**BA Philosophy, Politics & Economics with Study Abroad (2.1)**

2013 **Grenoble Institute of Political Studies (France)**  
**Certificate in Political Studies (72%)**  
Erasmus Year Abroad

## PUBLICATIONS

2020 'The Narrative Coherence Standard and Child Patients' Capacity to Consent',  
*American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience* 11(1): 40-42.

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2020-22 Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Scholarship: c. £38,000  
2020-22 Warwick Politics Department PhD Scholarship: c. £8,000 (declined)  
2020 Fulbright Scholarship: Shortlisted  
2019 European Union Grant: €200 (for assisting in academic translation from French to English)  
2012-13 British Council Erasmus Grant: c. €4,000 (for study abroad in France)

## AWARDS & PRIZES

2015 The Undergraduate Awards: Highly Commended, Literature 1710-Present

2014 The Undergraduate Awards: Highly Commended, International Relations & Politics  
(Highly Commended entrants are placed in the top 10% of their category worldwide)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

2021 'An Argument for Gender-Neutral Public Toilets: Urinary Segregation as Morally Wrongful Discrimination', Sixth Annual Global Ethics Conference, University of Birmingham, date tbc

2020 'The Narrative Coherence Standard and Child Patients' Capacity to Consent', Graduate Conference in Political & Legal Theory, University of Warwick, 15 February

2018 'Sexuality, Science & Religion in the Public Sphere: Perfectionism and the Problem of Justificatory Disagreement', MANCEPT Brave New World Graduate Conference in Political Theory, University of Manchester, 11-12 June

2018 'An Argument for Gender-Neutral Public Toilets: Urinary Segregation as Morally Wrongful Discrimination', Graduate Conference in Political & Legal Theory, University of Warwick, 17 February

2017 'Discrimination and the Political Morality of Gender-Neutral Public Toilets', Sex, Gender & Sexuality: Postgraduate Perspectives, University of Leicester, 29 July

2016 'A Public Reason Defence of Same-Sex Marriage', Graduate Conference in Political & Legal Theory, University of Warwick, 13 February

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ORGANISATION

2020 Democracy & Intergenerational Justice (co-convenor), MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, 9-11 September

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

2021 Rights & Harm, University of St Andrews, date tbc (postponed due to COVID-19)

2020 Alec Walen, *The Mechanics of Claims and Permissible Killing in War*, University of Warwick, 2 Oct  
National Earthquake Conference, San Diego (USA), 4-6 March  
Clare Chambers, *Intact: The Unmodified Body*, University of Warwick, 14 February

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & MEDIA

2016- Creator, producer and host of *The Provocateur* podcast ([www.provocateurpodcast.com](http://www.provocateurpodcast.com)).  
(Interviews with emerging scholars from across the UK, mainland Europe and North America.  
More than 8,000 views in 90 countries. 50 episodes to date, more in production)

## OUTREACH

2020 Talk on 'Theories of Distributive Justice', Rethinking Economics Warwick

2020 Talk on 'Seismic Justice', Warwick Sustainable Development Society

## OTHER WRITING

2017 'Review: MMICS Workshop on Russian Masculinities', *HARTS & Minds Journal* 3(2), pp. 127-128.  
2016 'Gah-Kai Leung on Edward Said', *The Statesman's Yearbook 2017* (London: Palgrave), p. xix.  
Winner of a competition to write a 500-word essay on an influential political thinker.

## TRANSLATIONS

2020 *Inequalities and the Progressive Era: Breakthroughs and Legacies*, eds. Vallet, G. et al.  
(Cheltenham: Edward Elgar). General Introduction and Chapters 3, 8, 18 and 20.

## RELEVANT GRADUATE COURSEWORK (at Warwick unless otherwise stated)

\* = audited

2019-20 Science, Experts and Politics | Zeynep Pamuk (Oxford/Amsterdam)  
Philosophy of Social Science Research | Christoph Hoerl  
Normative Analysis | Simon Caney \*  
Philosophy of Risk | Sven Nyholm (Eindhoven University of Technology)  
Topics in Moral and Political Philosophy | Patrick Tomlin \*  
Topics in Philosophy and the Arts | Diarmuid Costello \*  
Bioscience, Politics and Social Acceptability | David Chandler

## SERVICE

2019- Secretary of Politics PhD Student-Staff Liaison Committee  
2019- Member of Critical International and Political Studies (CRIPS) Graduate Working Group

## VOLUNTEERING & EXTRA-CURRICULAR

2020- Mentor, Project Access (social enterprise focused on international educational mobility)  
2020-21 Vice-President & Welfare Officer, Warwick Language Society  
2020 Actor, *The Show Must Go Online* (weekly stagings of Shakespeare plays in response to COVID-19)  
2019- Deputy Sub-Editor, *The Boar* (University of Warwick student newspaper)  
2019- English and French Teacher, Warwick Language Society  
2016-19 Ambassador, Just Like Us (national LGBT educational charity)

## LANGUAGES

French (advanced)  
Spanish (intermediate)  
German, Italian and Mandarin (elementary)

## OTHER TRAINING

Quantitative: SPSS  
Qualitative: Interview methods, case studies

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Political Theory  
Scientists for Global Responsibility  
UK Alliance for Disaster Research  
UCL Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction  
Warwick Centre for Ethics, Law & Public Affairs