

# Matthew Rachar

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025- Research Associate and Lecturer (Permanent), *Freie Universität Berlin*  
2021-2024 Lecturer (Permanent), *Douglas College*  
2019-2021 Postdoctoral Researcher, *University of Vienna*

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING

- AOS Action Theory, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy  
AOC Philosophy of Mind, Experimental Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Science

## EDUCATION

- 2014-2019 PhD in Philosophy, *CUNY Graduate Center*  
2012-2014 MA in Philosophy, *University of Vienna*  
2004-2009 BA in Philosophy, *University of British Columbia*

## PUBLICATIONS

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- forth. Deciding Decision-Making Away. *Mind*. Co-authored with Jules Salomone-Sehr.
- forth. Individual Intention in Shared Intention. *Analysis*. Co-Authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- 2024 [Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency](#). *Noûs*, 58(1): 271-288.
- [A Pathology of Group Agency](#). *Social Theory and Practice*, 50(3): 387-405.
- [Friendship, Morality, and Collective Action](#). *Journal of Social Ontology*, 10: 1-45. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- [Condorcet-Style Paradoxes for Majority Rule with Infinite Candidates](#). *Australasian Journal of Logic*, 21(3): 123-140.
- 2023 [Response to Löhr: Why We Still Need a New Normativism about Collective Action](#). *Philosophical Quarterly*, 73(4): 1067-76. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- 2022 [Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action](#), *Philosophical Quarterly* 72(2): 478-507. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- 2021 [Quasi-Psychologism about Collective Intention](#), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24: 475-488.

- 2019 [Normativity in Joint Action](#), *Mind & Language* 34(1): 97-120. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- 2018 [Alignment and Commitment in Joint Action](#), *Philosophical Psychology* 31(6): 831-849.
- 2016 [Hegemony, Power, and Social Reality in Gramsci and Searle](#), *Journal of Political Power* 9(2): 227-247.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- 2023 Collective Intentions. in Sellers, M.N.S., and Kirste, Stephan (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, Springer. Co-authored with Jules Salomone-Sehr.

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

‘\*’ indicates invited talks

- 2026 \* Sharing Agential Fates. *Democracy and Shared Agency Workshop*, LMU München.  
 \* Sharing Agential Fates. *Political Philosophy Colloquium*, Humboldt Universität Berlin.  
 \* Deciding Decision-Making Away. *Chicago Talks on Agency*. University of Chicago.  
 \* Sharing Agential Fates. *New Work on Solidarity*. Freie Universität Berlin.
- 2025 \* Sharing Agential Fates. *Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics Colloquium*. Jagiellonian University.  
 Deciding Decision-Making Away. *German Society for Analytic Philosophy International Congress*. Universität Dusseldorf.  
 \* Deciding Decision-Making Away. *Frankfurt-Berlin-Münster Colloquium*. Goethe Universität Frankfurt.
- 2024 \* Deciding Decision-Making Away. *Theoretical Philosophy Colloquium*, Freie Universität Berlin.  
 \* Deciding Decision-Making Away. *Freie and Humboldt University Berlin WIP Seminar*.
- 2023 Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*. Vienna.  
 Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality*. Stockholm.  
 Deciding Decision-Making Away. *St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*. With Jules Salomone-Sehr  
 \* Two Kinds of Sociality. *Purdue University, Normativity and Cognitions Lab*.
- 2022 Two Kinds of Sociality. *Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality*. Vienna.  
 \* Two Kinds of Sociality. *Approaching Collective Action Transdisciplinarily*, Workshop. Darmstadt.  
 Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Pacific APA*. Vancouver.  
 \* Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Mississippi State University*. Department Colloquium.  
 Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action. *Social Ontology XIII*. University of San Diego. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.

- Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action. *European Experimental Philosophy Conference*. Charles University, Prague. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- Collective Action as Involvement. *Social Ontology XII*. Université de Neuchâtel. Online.
- \* How We Act Together. *Group Agency and Collective Responsibility Workshop*. University of Gothenburg.
- \* How We Act Together. *Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning*. NYU Abu Dhabi.
- 2019 Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action. *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Athens, Greece. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- \* A Pathology of Group Agency. *Group Agency and Collective Responsibility*. University of Vienna.
- 2018 How We Act Together. *Social Ontology XI*. Tufts University.
- 2017 \* Normativity in Joint Action. *Subjectivity, Normativity, and Acting Together*. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- 2016 Normativity in Joint Action. *Collective Intentionality X*. The Hague, Netherlands.
- Normativity in Joint Action. *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. University of St. Andrews. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- Normativity in Joint Action. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Louisville, Kentucky. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- 2015 Alignment and Commitment in Joint Action. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. New Orleans, Louisiana.

## TEACHING

### COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Philosophy  
 Critical Thinking  
 Introduction to Practical Philosophy  
 Values and Contemporary Issues  
 Business Ethics  
 Environmental Ethics  
 Social and Political Philosophy  
 Philosophy of Mind  
 Philosophy of Action  
 Ethics  
 Metaethics  
 Freedom  
 Normative Powers  
 Solidarity  
 Relational Normativity (Graduate)

## PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

- 2018-2019 Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, *LaGuardia Community College*  
Responsibilities: I designed writing-intensive courses in collaboration with faculty across the disciplines, with a special focus on low-stakes writing and scaffolded assignments.

## PUBLIC FACING TEACHING AND OUTREACH

- 2019 Literature and Philosophy, *Metropolitan Detention Center* in Brooklyn, as part of the Justice in Education initiative at Columbia University. (TA, Primary Instructor: David Velleman).

## TUTORING

- 2018-2019 Writing Center Associate, *LaGuardia Community College*  
Responsibilities: I worked with students in an individual setting according to the principles of Writing Across the Curriculum pedagogy on both their individual assignments and their writing more generally.

## SERVICE

### EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2019 Managing Editor, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.  
2015-2017 Associate Managing Editor, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

### REFEREEING

*Analysis, Erkenntnis, Inquiry, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Social Philosophy, Journal of Social Ontology, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Explorations, Philosophical Perspectives, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research.*

### ORGANIZING

- 2026 New Work on Solidarity, *Freie Universität Berlin*.  
2020 Group Agency and Group Reasoning, *University of Vienna*.  
2016-2019 Social Ontology Reading Group, *CUNY Graduate Center*.  
2017 Workshop on Subjectivity, Normativity, and Acting Together, *Humboldt Universität*.  
2015-2017 Social and Political Philosophy Working Group, *CUNY Graduate Center*.  
2015 Hate Speech and the Normativity of Communication, *CUNY Graduate Student Philosophy Conference* (Keynote: Elisabeth Camp).

### COMMITTEES

- 2026- Central Ethics Committee, *Freie Universität Berlin*  
2024- Teaching Committee, *Freie Universität Berlin*  
2023- Lectures, Publications, and Research, *American Philosophical Association*  
2021-2024 Environmental Studies Advisory Committee, *Douglas College*  
Student Steering Committee, *CUNY Graduate Center*.

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