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Education

University of Oxford (2023-6), D. Phil in Political Theory, ongoing

Thesis: 'Postliberalism and its Discontents -- Responding to Liberalism's New Critics'

Viva scheduled for March 2026. Examiners: Dr Tom Simpson and Dr Kevin Vallier

Supervisor: Dr Paul Billingham

Publications

"Islamic Doctrines and Political Liberalism: Muslim's Sincere Support, By Gozde Hussain." 2025. *Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies* <<https://academic.oup.com/jis/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/jis/etaf032/8279595>>

With Joao Pinheiro Da Silva: "Postliberalism: A Genealogy". 2025. *Telos: Critical Theory of the Contemporary*, 212: 60-90. <<http://journal.telospress.com/content/2025/212/60>>

"After Liberalism, After Fascism? A Look at the Postliberal Movement." 2025. *St Antony's International Review* 20 (1): 99-120.

<<https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/stair/stair/2025/00000020/00000001/art00009;jsessionid=ecdr5eipmmtme.x-ic-live-03#>>

"Islamic Traditionalists: 'Against the Modern World?'. 2023. *Muslim World* 113 (3): 333–54.

<<https://doi.org/10.1111/muwo.12475>>

Forthcoming, 2026: "Religion and the 'Postliberal Order'", in *Handbook of the Religious, Moral and Spiritual Dimensions in Education* (2nd edition), Springer, ed. Liam Gearon.

Activities:

Convened a reading group on conservative political thought

Official respondent to 2025 Carlyle Lectures on "[In Search of a Defensible Conservatism](#)"

Organised and secured c. \$6,000 funding for "[Islam and Justice in Plural Societies](#)"

Teaching

Currently writing the curriculum and teaching "Political Theory: Classical Texts and Contemporary Debates" for [Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford](#).

Tutorial teacher of "Theory of Politics" and "Advanced Papers in Theories of Justice" for Oxford undergraduates.

Selected commentary and media

'Western Muslims for Public Christianity', 18 August 2025, *First Things* <<https://firstthings.com/western-muslims-for-public-christianity/>>

'From Mill to Marcuse? The Postliberal Challenge to Academic Freedom', (questions from 50:16), 30 July 2025, *Heterodox Academy* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2xDFG_ywT4>.

'What Muslims Should Know about Intellectual Conservatism', 10 April 2025, *Renovatio* <<https://renovatio.zaytuna.edu/article/muslims-islam-conservatism-liberalism>>.

'The Rise of 'Woke': Is Kaufmann's Account the Best?', 12 December 2024, *Academic Questions* <<https://www.nas.org/academic-questions/37/4/the-rise-of-woke-is-kaufmanns-account-the-best>>.

'How banning 'conversion therapy' threatens our freedoms', 19 July 2024, *Spiked* <<https://www.spiked-online.com/2024/07/19/how-banning-conversion-therapy-threatens-our-freedoms/>>.

Conferences/speaking engagements

'Islam and American Fusionism' -- Chapman University, California, September 2025. Funded (c. \$2,000) by Intercollegiate Studies Institute.

Heterodox Academy -- New York, June 2025 -- Presented on 'From Mill to Marcuse? The Postliberal Challenge to Academic Freedom'

'Religion, Freedom, Equality' -- Oxford, June 2024 and June 2025. Paid research assistant (responsible for logistics and circulating papers)

King's College London (2020-2022), MA Religion, Distinction

Overall score: 76

Dissertation: 'Scruton and George on religion and liberalism: religious conservatism and political liberalism' (75)

Awards

Hanson Prize for final year M.A. student with the highest average mark in Philosophy of Religion

Ulrich Simon Prize for the highest average M.A. mark in the Department of Religious Studies

University of Oxford (2012-16), B.A. Philosophy, Politics and Economics, 2.1

Employment

2020-25: Director, JPW Academy (<https://jpwtutors.com/>)

- >Grew an online tutoring business from 0 to 600 enrolled students, focusing on high school exams.
- >Expanded into providing business coaching and consulting services for other private tutors.
- >Developed an innovative group instruction method combining individualisation with scalability
- >Led a team of five full- and part-time contractors and delegated day-to-day running of the business, limiting my involvement to around five hours per week.
- >Grew revenues to over \$100,000 per month at 50% profit margins

2018-19: Teacher of A-Level Politics, North Bridge House School, Canonbury, London.

- >Taught an introductory course on Political Ideologies to 17-to-18-year-old students

2017-20: Independent private tutor teaching humanities and social science subjects up to undergraduate level.