

Mikhail Volkov

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EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science	London, UK
<i>PhD Philosophy</i>	2024 – present
• Research areas: Rational choice theory, social and virtue epistemology, philosophy of technology	
• Supervisor: Dr Remco Heesen	
MCMP, LMU Munich	Munich, Germany
<i>MA Logic and Philosophy of Science</i>	2022 – 2024
• Final grade: 1.05 (where 1.00 is highest possible, 5.00 is lowest possible)	
• Thesis: ‘A Morality Evolutionary Game Theory Can Model’	
• Supervisor: Prof Stephan Hartmann	
London School of Economics and Political Science	London, UK
<i>BSc Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method</i>	2019 – 2022
• Final grade: First Class (Honours)	
• Graduated best of the programme and best of the faculty	
• Thesis: ‘Is a Direct Proof of Soundness Necessary and/or Sufficient for Trust in a Self-Modifying AI?’	
• Supervisor: Dr Laurenz Hudetz	

PUBLICATIONS

Volkov, Mikhail. 2025. “The Root of Algocratic Illegitimacy.” *Philosophy & Technology* 38 (2).

PRESENTATIONS

A Morality Evolutionary Game Theory Can Model	
EPSA 25, Groningen, Netherlands	27 – 30 August, 2025
2025 Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Glasgow	11 – 13 July, 2025
Workshop ‘The Puzzle of Social Behavior: Game Theory and Beyond’, Bielefeld	3 – 5 April, 2025
GWP.2025, Erlangen	24 – 26 March, 2025
Bayesian Games Meet Social Reality	
Formal Ethics 2024, Greifswald	15 – 17 July, 2024
The Root of Algocratic Illegitimacy	
Eastern European Network for Philosophy of Science Conference, Krakow	9 – 10 September 2024
5th Symposium of the POLEMO Research Group at CEU, Vienna	16 – 17 May, 2024
Realism About Economics: Ontic Structuralist?	
3rd INEM Lake Como Summer School in Philosophy of Economics	23 – 28 June, 2024
7th Economic Philosophy International Conference, Reims	28 – 31 May, 2024
2nd European PPE Network Conference, Warwick	26 – 27 April, 2024
Emerging Ideas in Philosophy of Science, Belgrade	18 – 19 September, 2023
Should We Reject the Existence of Objective Values Because They Would Be Too ‘Queer’?	
London University Philosophy Conference, London	19 – 20 March, 2022

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

LSE PhD Studentship	March 2024
Four years of tuition fees and stipend	
UC Irvine PhD Scholarship	March 2024
Full tuition fees and stipend (declined)	
LSE John Worall Prize 2021/22	July 2022
Best performance on the BSc Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method	
LSE Andrea Mannu Prize 2021/22 (Joint Winner)	July 2022
Best performance on the faculty (among PPE, Phil&Econ and Philosophy students)	
LUPC Matei Prize	March 2022
Essay competition with a monetary prize	
UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge	2017
Best in the year	

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Russian (fluent), English (fluent), German (C1 - effective operational proficiency)

Programming: I work with Python (pandas, numpy, scikit, networkx) and Git. I have worked with JavaScript and PyTorch for some projects.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Research Analyst

180 Degrees Consulting

May 2024 - August 2024

- Part of a research project under Prof Christina Hertel (University of Geneva) and Prof Siddharth Vedula (Technical University Munich)
- Created, evaluated and presented analyses of the ventures' social performance using a holistic measure of social impact and operational sustainability
- As part of a team, organised and conducted a series of interviews and workshops with founders of 5 Munich-based startups

Voluntary Assistant

Bavarian Red Cross / Bayerisches Rotes Kreuz

April 2024 - May 2024

- Weekly engagement at BRK Residenz an der Partnach (Garmisch-Partenkirchen)
- Miscellaneous assistance to staff and translation work (German-Russian)

Summer Intern

Digital Horizon VC

June - July 2021

- Market research involving startup valuation and data collection to assess potential investment opportunities
- Conducted the formulation and presentation of investment opportunities to clients

LSE Academic Mentor

London School of Economics

September 2020 - June 2021

- Provided academic and personal support to incoming students in the Philosophy department throughout the year

REFERENCES

Dr Remco Heesen

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Dr Liam Kofi Bright

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Prof Stephan Hartmann

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