

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal details

Nationalities: Netherlands, U.K. and U.S.

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Present appointment: Professor of Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) (2018-present).

Future position: Vice President and Pro-Vice Chancellor (Faculty Development), LSE (September 2025 onwards).

Past appointments: Head of Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method (2021-24); Associate Professor, LSE (2012-17); Senior Lecturer (2008-12); Lecturer (2004-08).

Parental leave: 1 term in 2018-19; 1 term in 2020-21.

Visiting positions: Nuffield College, Oxford (2024-25); Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), 0.1 FTE (2017-21); National Institutes of Health, U.S., 2016-17; Princeton University, 2012-13; Harvard University, 2008-09.

Public sector consultancy/research (pro bono): WHO Consultative Group on Equity and Universal Health Coverage (2012-14); WHO/OECD research on social and movement measures in response to COVID-19 (2020); World Bank and Norwegian Institute of Public Health for work on fair processes for health financing (2019-23); Bank of England and Treasury Academic Advisory Group on Central Bank Digital Currency (2023-25).

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy (with co-supervision in Economics) at University College London, 2006.

M.Phil. in Philosophy (distinction; prize for the best degree result) at Cambridge, 2000.

Post-graduate diploma in Financial and Economic Policy at Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), 1999.

M.A. in Philosophy (distinction) at EUR, 1999.

M.Sc. in Economics (distinction) at EUR, 1997.

Administration at LSE

Developed three new degrees at LSE: the MSc Philosophy and Public Policy; the BSc Politics and Philosophy; and the BSc Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Each degree is successful; together they have around 300 students enrolled at any time. Also created philosophy courses at the request of other departments: Business and Organizational Ethics (at BSc and MSc level, at the request of the Department of Management) and Philosophy for Public Policy (for the School of Public Policy). Together, these have expanded teaching and professional services staff in my department by around 10 FTE (doubling its size), and across the rest of the LSE by around another 7 FTE.

Served in three key roles: Head of Department, Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method (2021-present); Academic Governor on Council (2018-21); Academic Planning and Resources Committee (2013-16).

Other roles include: Education Change Delivery Board (2023-24); Online Programmes Board (2022-24); Finance and Estates Committee (2019-21); Research Development Panel (2018-19); Departmental Tutor (2009-12; 14-15; 17-18); Management Committee of the Marshall Institute for Philanthropy and Social Enterprise (2015-16); Warden, Passfield Hall (2010-12); Committees for Research Ethics (2007-12); Undergraduate Studies Sub-Committee (2009-12; 14-15); Chair of the Philosophy sub-Board of Exams (2007-08).

Publications

- Book** *Conversations on Ethics*. Oxford University Press (2009).
Simplified Chinese translation (2015). Xinhua Press.
Second Chinese translation, with a new Preface (2025), Shanghai Literature and Arts Press.
Reviewed in *Philosophical Investigations*, *Philosophical Practice*, *Ethical Perspectives*, *The Philosophers' Magazine*, *The Guardian*, *Public Reason*, *Zeitschrift für medizinische Ethik*, *Philosophisches Jahrbuch*, *Iyyun*, *Ethics & Economics*, *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*, and *Trouw*.
- Policy Reports** E. Dale, D. Evans, U. Gopinathan, C. Kurowski, O. Norheim, T. Ottersen, **A. Voorhoeve**, 2023. *Open and Inclusive: Fair Processes for Financing Universal Health Coverage*. World Bank, Norwegian Institute of Public Health and the Bergen Center for Ethics and Priority Setting.
Subject of a symposium in *Health Economics, Policy and Law*.
O. Norheim, J.M. Abi-Rached, L.K. Bright, K. Bærøe, O.L.M. Ferraz, S. Gloppen, and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2020. *Difficult Trade-offs in Response to COVID-19: The Case for Open and Inclusive Decision-making*. WHO. Background paper for the WHO/OECD policy document: *Sustaining Lives and Livelihoods: A Decision Framework for Calibrating Social and Movement Measures During the COVID-19 Pandemic*.
M. Adler, R. Bradley, M. Ferranna, M. Fleurbaey, J. Hammitt, and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2020. *How to Assess the Well-being Impacts the COVID-19 Pandemic and Three Policy Types: Suppression, Control and Uncontrolled Spread*. Policy brief published as part of the final communique of the T20 (Thinktank 20) accompanying the G20 in Saudi Arabia.
O. Norheim, T. Ottersen, F. Berhane, B. Chitah, R. Cookson, N. Daniels, N. Eyal, W. Flores, A. Gosseries, D. Hausman, S. Hurst, L. Kapiriri, T. Ord, R. Sadana, C. Saenz, S. Segall, G. Sen, T. Tan-Torres Edejer, **A. Voorhoeve**, D. Wikler, A. Yamin, 2014. *Making Fair Choices on the Path to Universal Health Coverage*. World Health Organization (WHO).
French translation (2015). Spanish translation (2016). Subject of a symposium in *Health Economics, Policy and Law*. Endorsed by the Director-General of the WHO in an editorial in *Health Systems and Reform*.
- Edited journal symposia** A. Raubo and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2018. Symposium on the *Report of the International Panel on Social Progress, Economics and Philosophy*, 34 (3): 439-82.
A. Voorhoeve, 2015. Symposium on *Equality versus Priority, Economics and Philosophy*, 31 (2): 201-38.
- Papers and chapters in English** A. Voorhoeve, K. Wang, and Z. Xia. 2025. 'Preface.' In *Conversations on Ethics, A New Chinese Translation*. Shanghai Literature and Arts Publishing House.
A. Voorhoeve, E. Dale, and U. Gopinathan, 2025. 'Precis of *Open and Inclusive: Fair Processes for Financing Universal Health Coverage*.' *Health Economics, Policy and Law* 20 (1): 4-8.
A. Voorhoeve, E. Dale, and U. Gopinathan, 2025. 'Response to Critics of *Open and Inclusive: Fair Processes for Financing Universal Health Coverage*.' *Health Economics, Policy and Law* 20 (1): 34-46.
E. Dale, E. Peacocke, E. Movik, **A. Voorhoeve**, T. Ottersen, C. Kurowski, D. B. Evans, O. F. Norheim, and U. Gopinathan. 2023. 'Criteria for the procedural fairness of health financing decisions: A scoping review.' *Health Policy and Planning* 38 (1): i13-i35.
Y. Dzhygyr, E. Dale, **A. Voorhoeve**, U. Gopinathan, and K. Maynzyuk. 2023. 'Procedural Fairness and the Resilience of Health Financing Reforms in Ukraine'. *Health Policy and Planning* 38 (i): i59-i72.
V. Luptakova and **A. Voorhoeve**. 2023. 'How Do People Balance Death against Lesser Burdens?' in *Advances in Experimental Political Philosophy*, ed. M. Lindauer, Bloomsbury:

123-158.

M. Adler, R. Bradley, M. Ferranna, M. Fleurbaey, J. Hammitt, R. Turquier, and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2023. "How to Balance Lives and Livelihoods During a Pandemic" in *Pandemic Ethics: From COVID-19 to Disease X*, ed. D. Wilkinson and J. Savulescu, Oxford University Press: 189-209.

A. Voorhoeve, 2022. 'The Pleasures of Tranquillity' *Homo Oeconomicus* 39: 185-197.

T. M. Ryding and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2022. 'Is the OECD's 2021 Corporate Tax Plan Fair?' *LSE Public Policy Review* 2(4) art. 11: 1-9.

L. Wolmarans and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2022. 'What Makes Personal Data Processing by Social Networking Services Permissible?' *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 52: 1, 93-108.

A. Voorhoeve, 2021. 'Policy Evaluation under Severe Uncertainty: A Cautious, Egalitarian Approach' in C. Heilmann and J. Reiss (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Economics*. Routledge: 467-479.

A. Voorhoeve, 2021. 'Equality for Prospective People: A Novel Statement and Defence,' *Utilitas* 33: 304-320.

O. Norheim, J.M. Abi-Rached, L.K. Bright, K. Bærøe, O.L.M. Ferraz, S. Gloppen, and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2021. 'Difficult Trade-offs in Response to COVID-19: The Case for Open and Inclusive Decision-making.' *Nature Medicine* 27: 10-13.

A. Voorhoeve, 2020. 'Healthy Nails versus Long Lives: An Analysis of a Dutch Priority Setting Proposal,' in N. Eyal, S. Hurst, C. Murray, S.A. Schroeder, and D. Wikler (eds.) *Measuring the Global Burden of Disease: Philosophical Dimensions*. Oxford University Press, 273-92.

A. Voorhoeve, 2019. 'Why Health-Related Inequalities Matter and Which Ones Do.' In. O. F. Norheim, E. Emanuel and J. Millum (eds.) *Global Health Priority Setting: Beyond Cost-Effectiveness*. Oxford University Press, 145-62.

A. Luciano and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2019. 'Have Reforms Reconciled the Right to Health and Priority Setting in Costa Rica?' *Health and Human Rights Journal* 21 (2): 283-94.

A. Voorhoeve, A. Stefansson and B. Wallace, 2019. 'Similarity and the Trustworthiness of Distributive Judgments,' *Economics and Philosophy* 35 (3): 537-61.

T. Rowe and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2018. 'Egalitarianism under Severe Uncertainty.' *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 46 (3): 239-68.

A. Voorhoeve, 2018. 'Epicurus on Pleasure, a Complete Life, and Death: A Defence.' *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 118 (3): 225-53.

A. Voorhoeve, 2018. 'Balancing Small against Large Burdens.' *Behavioural Public Policy* 2 (1): 125-42.

M. Otsuka and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2018. 'Equality versus Priority.' In S. Olsaretti (ed.) *Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice*. Oxford University Press: 65-85.

A. Voorhoeve, 2018. 'May a Government Mandate More Extensive Health Insurance than Citizens Want for Themselves?' *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy* 4: 167-91.

A. Voorhoeve, T. T.-T. Edejer, L. Kapiriri, O. Norheim, J. Snowden, O. Basenya, D. Bayarsaikhan, I. Chentaf, N. Eyal, A. Folsom, R. Halina Tun Hussein, C. Morales, F. Ostmann, T. Ottersen, P. Prakongsai, C. Saenz, K. Saleh, A. Sommanustweechai, D. Wikler, and A. Zakariah, 2017. 'Making Fair Choices on the Path to Universal Health Coverage: Applying Principles to Difficult Cases.' *Health Systems and Reform* 3(4): 1-12.

B. Rumbold, R. Baker, O. Ferraz, S. Hawkes, C. Krubiner, P. Littlejohns, O. F. Norheim, T. Pegram, A. Rid, S. Venkatapuram, **A. Voorhoeve**, D. Wang, A. Weale, J. Wilson, A. E. Yamin, and P. Hunt, 2017. 'Universal Health Coverage, Priority Setting and the Human Right to

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A. Voorhoeve, K. Binmore, A. Stefansson, and L. Stewart, 2016. 'Ambiguity Attitudes, Framing, and Consistency.' *Theory and Decision* 81: 313-37.

A. Voorhoeve and M. Fleurbaey, 2016. 'Priority or Equality for Possible People?' *Ethics* 126: 929-54.

Included in the 2017 *Philosopher's Annual* ten best papers in Philosophy.

A. Voorhoeve, T. Ottersen and O.F. Norheim, 2016. 'Précis of *Making Fair Choices on the Path to Universal Health Coverage*.' *Health Economics, Policy and Law* 11: 71-7.

A. Voorhoeve, T. Ottersen and O.F. Norheim, 2016. 'Response to our Critics.' *Health Economics, Policy and Law* 11: 103-11.

M. Fleurbaey and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2015. 'On the Social and Personal Value of Existence.' In I. Hirose and A. Reisner (ed.) *Weighing and Reasoning: Themes from the Work of John Broome*. Oxford University Press: 95-109.

A. Voorhoeve, 2015. 'Why Sore Throats Don't Aggregate, but Arms Do.' *Journal of Medical Ethics* 41: 492-3.

A. Voorhoeve, 2014. 'How Should We Aggregate Competing Claims?' *Ethics* 125: 64-87.

A. Voorhoeve, 2013. 'Vaulting Intuition: Temkin's Critique of Transitivity.' *Economics and Philosophy* 29: 409-25.

M. Fleurbaey and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2013. 'Decide as You Would with Full Information! An Argument Against Ex Ante Pareto.' In N. Eyal, S. Hurst, O. Norheim, and D. Wikler (eds.) *Inequality in Health: Concepts, Measures and Ethics*. Oxford University Press: 113-28.

A. Voorhoeve, 2013. 'Response to Rabin.' In A. Oliver (ed.), *Behavioural Public Policy*. Cambridge University Press: 140-7.

K. Binmore, L. Stewart, and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2012. 'How Much Ambiguity Aversion? Finding Indifferences Between Ellsberg's Risky and Ambiguous Bets.' *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty* 45: 215-38.

A. Voorhoeve and M. Fleurbaey, 2012. 'Egalitarianism and the Separateness of Persons.' *Utilitas* 24: 381-98.

N. Eyal and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2011. 'Inequalities in HIV Care: Chances versus Outcomes,' *The American Journal of Bioethics* 11 (21): 42-4.

M. Otsuka and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2011. 'Reply to Crisp.' *Utilitas* 23: 109-14.

M. Otsuka and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2009. 'Why It Matters that Some Are Worse Off Than Others: An Argument against the Priority View.' *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 37: 171-99.

Subject of a conference at the University of Manchester in 2010 and issue 24 of *Utilitas*.

A. Voorhoeve, 2008. 'Scanlon on Substantive Responsibility.' *Journal of Political Philosophy* 16: 184-200.

A. Voorhoeve, 2008. 'Heuristics and Biases in a Purported Counterexample to the Acyclicity of "Better Than".' *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* 7: 285-99.

A. Voorhoeve, 2006. 'Preference Change and Interpersonal Comparisons of Welfare.' In S.

Olsaretti (ed.), *Preferences and Well-being*, Cambridge University Press: 265-79.

A. Voorhoeve and K. Binmore, 2006. Transitivity, the Sorites Paradox, and Similarity-Based Decision-Making.' *Erkenntnis* 64: 101-14.

A. Voorhoeve, 2005. 'Incentives and Principles for Individuals in Rawls' Theory of Justice.' *Ethics and Economics* 3: 1-7.

M. Hild and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2004. 'Equality of Opportunity and Opportunity Dominance.' *Economics and Philosophy* 20: 117-45.

K. Binmore and **A. Voorhoeve**, 2003. 'Defending Transitivity Against Zeno's Paradox.' *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 31: 272-9.

Reprinted in *Recent Work in Intrinsic Value*, T. Rønnow-Rasmussen and M. Zimmerman (eds.) Dordrecht: Springer (2005): 265-72.

Impact of research

My arguments for a pluralist egalitarian view of distributive justice influenced a landmark report by the WHO's Consultative Group on Equity and Universal Health Coverage (on which I served 2012-2014). The report's principles were endorsed in full by the WHO Director-General and have shaped WHO guidance. They have been adopted to guide health resource allocation in many countries, notably in Latin America, Norway, and Ethiopia. This policy impact was the basis of one of my Department's Impact Case Studies for the UK Research Excellence Framework 2021. This case study was selected by the British Philosophical Association to showcase the value of philosophy. I have also co-authored a background paper for the WHO/OECD's report on how to evaluate social and movement measures during the pandemic. Finally, I am one of the authors of a World Bank/Norwegian Institute of Public Health report on Fair Health Financing, which has received extensive attention from policymakers.

Research grants & philanthropic fundraising

Lead on writing the Philosophy component of the proposal that led to funding of the LSE's Global School of Sustainability, generating a permanent post in philosophy and sustainability.

Among an interdisciplinary team of researchers on the "Cohesive Capitalism" grant (USD 4.5 million) from the Open Society Foundation to LSE.

Knowledge Exchange and Impact Grant (LSE) for £48,000 to fund a workshop with policymakers at the World Bank's Annual Health Financing Forum 2024 on the report *Open and Inclusive: Fair Processes for Financing Universal Health Coverage* and a Ministerial Roundtable on social participation in health decision-making at the World Health Assembly 2025.

Japanese Fund for the Promotion of Joint International Research grant 'Equitable Social Welfare Functions', 2021-24: funding regular visits by Japanese scholars to the LSE.

STICERD, 'Incoherence in Moral Judgments' (with V. Luptakova and M. Gallizzi), 2021-23: £4,950.

Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), 2019-22. Lead researcher is Ole Frithjof Norheim, University of Bergen; overall grant is roughly £3 million, with £112,000 in support for my work on fair priority setting.

NIH Visiting Scholar Fellowship, 2016-17. USD 60,000.

LSE Impact Fund Grant (for work with the WHO), 2016-2018. £9,000.

STICERD, 'Ambiguity Aversion, the Hurwicz Criterion, and the Principle of Insufficient Reason' (with Ken Binmore), August 2013-January 2015. £7,200.

Co-investigator (lead investigator was Richard Bradley) on an AHRC Research Grant 'Managing Severe Uncertainty', March 2013-March 2016. £725,000.

Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellowship at the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2012-13. USD 55,000.

STICERD, 'An Experimental Test of the Hurwicz Criterion for Decision-Making Under Uncertainty' (with Ken Binmore). £4,657.

British Academy, 'Rational Choice Theory and Moral Decision-Making' (with Ken Binmore). £6,700.

Faculty Fellowship at the Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University 2008-09. USD 50,000.

**Presentations
outside LSE in
last five years**

Limited Aggregation: A Novel, Egalitarian Approach

Tokyo University of Science (June 2025)

Social Participation: Key Component of a Fair Decision-Making Process

Ministerial Roundtable on Social Participation, World Health Assembly, Geneva (May 2025)

Comment on: "Deliberative Groups and Health Measurement"

Oxford University (May 2025)

Privacy, Power, and the Digital Pound

Manchester University Annual PPE Lecture (March 2025)

Bank of England (September 2024)

When Is It Ethical to Appeal to Research Subjects' Altruism?

KCL (April 2025)

Warwick University (November 2024)

Charles University, Prague (May 2024)

National Institutes of Health, U.S. and Johns Hopkins (April 2023)

Open and Inclusive: Fair Processes for Financing Universal Health Coverage

University of Bergen (September 2024)

Johns Hopkins (October 2023)

National Institutes of Health, U.S. (October 2023)

Rutgers University (September 2023)

Annual Health Financing Forum, the World Bank (June 2022)

World Bank and Norwegian Institute for Public Health (November 2021 and October 2020)

Open and Inclusive Decision Making throughout the Health Budget Cycle

Annual Health Financing Forum, the World Bank (April 2024)

The Value and Cost of Open and Inclusive Decision-Making

Norwegian Institute of Public Health (March 2023)

Balancing Death against Lesser Harms: Philosophy, Psychology, and Policy

Erasmus University Rotterdam (February 2024)

Tokyo University (February 2024)

University of Copenhagen (October 2023)

University of Konstanz (June 2023)

Pompeu Fabra University (April 2023)

Oxford University (January 2023)

Griffith lecture, George Washington University (November 2022)

The Case for Involving Citizens' Deliberative Panels in Decision-Making During Pandemics

University of Utrecht (May 2022)

What Makes the Use of Personal Data by Social Networking Sites Permissible?

UC Berkeley (September 2022)

Australian National University (December 2020)

National Institutes of Health, U.S. (February 2020)

How Do People Balance Death against Lesser Burdens?

University of York (May 2022)

U.S. National Institutes of Health (April 2022)

	Experimental Philosophy Conference, Charles University, Prague (June 2021)
	<i>The Pleasures of Tranquillity</i> Copenhagen University (October 2022) University of Utrecht (March 2022)
	<i>How to Balance Lives and Livelihoods</i> University of Utrecht (March 2022) KCL (March 2022) Oxford/Carnegie/Uehiro Conference (December 2021) Cambridge University (May 2021) Hebrew University of Jerusalem (May 2021)
	<i>Fair Priority Setting in Health</i> Rutgers University (September 2021)
	<i>Lives versus Livelihoods: How to Assess COVID-19 policies</i> University of Oxford (July 2020)
	<i>Equity in Health Care Priority Setting</i> University of Bergen (May 2020)
	<i>The Right to Health and Fair Priority Setting: Enemies or Allies?</i> Medsin Conference, St Barts (February 2020)
Teaching at LSE	Introduction to Philosophy; Moral and Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Economics; Philosophy and Public Policy (incl. for SPP and PBS). Mean lecture & seminar evaluations in 2018-24 ('Overall, I am satisfied with the teaching by this lecturer/seminar leader on this course', 5=maximum): 4.8. Teaching Excellence Award in 2012, 2017, and 2018.
Teaching as visitor	The Theory and Practice of Distributive Justice, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2017-21. Priority Setting in Health. Bahir Dar University and Addis Ababa University (March 2016, March 2017 and November 2017). Freedom and Fairness. Tsinghua University (September 2015).
Other academic activities	Editorial board for <i>Economics and Philosophy</i> (2007-2018) and <i>Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy</i> (2015-25). Reviewer for promotion for Bilkent; Gothenburg; Harvard; Melbourne; Rutgers; Wisconsin, Madison; SMU; St. Andrews; Stanford; UC Berkeley; Vienna; and Warwick. Regular referee for books and articles for many publishers and around fifty philosophy journals, as well as leading journals in economics and health policy. External examiner for Philosophy at Bristol (2007-09). MPhil and PhD examiner for around two dozen theses at Erasmus University; UCL; Bergen; St. Andrews; Reading; Oxford; and ANU.
Post-docs & completed PhD students	Supervised two post-docs and seventeen PhD students to completion. Former post-docs and PhD students hold full professorships at Warwick, Virginia Tech, Hebrew University Jerusalem, and Montréal, as well as positions at Ashoka College, Glasgow, Greenwich, KCL, Zurich, University of Pennsylvania and Warwick, in think tanks, consulting and government.
Other work	Economist at the Dutch Ministry of Finance, 1998-99.
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