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PROFILE

Radu Uszkai is a Lecturer at the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences (Bucharest University of Economic Studies) where he teaches Business Ethics, Philosophy and Academic Ethics. He is also a researcher affiliated with the Research Center in Applied Ethics (University of Bucharest) where he has been employed in multiple research projects. He is currently a post-doc researcher there in the ERC Starting Grant project avataResponsibility.

His research is focused on political philosophy (mainly classical liberalism and libertarianism), applied ethics and the philosophy of pop culture. Many of his publications deal with the ethical and political implications of new and emerging technologies, with a focus on Artificial Intelligence.



EDUCATION

Habilitation -

Post-Doc -

PhD (Doctorate) **2015** - PhD in Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest. Doctoral thesis - The ethics of peer-to-peer file sharing: between intellectual property and the evolution of cooperation.

Master **2011** - MA in Applied Ethics, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest

Bachelor **2009** - BA in Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest

ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT

2022 - present: member of the council of the Faculty of Law (Bucharest University of Economic Studies)

2019 - present: member of the council of the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences (Bucharest University of Economic Studies)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2016 - present: Lecturer (2024 - present), Assistant Professor (2018 - 2024), Adjunct Professor (2016 - 2018), Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences (Bucharest University of Economic Studies).

Courses & seminars: Business Ethics, Academic Ethics, Philosophy.

2011 - 2015: Teaching Assistant (PhD student), Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest

Seminars: Applied Ethics, History of political ideas, Freedom and Mentiilities, Social and Political Institutions.

RESEARCH PROFILE

My research focuses mainly on applied ethics (with a focus on the ethics of new and emerging technologies), political philosophy (drawing on themes from classical liberalism and libertarianism) and the philosophy of pop culture.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

List of articles published in peer reviewed journals:



1. „Rage against the authority machines: how to design artificial moral advisors for moral enhancement”, *AI & Society*, 2024 (coauthor)
2. „Blame It on the AI? On the Moral Responsibility of Artificial Moral Advisors”, *Philosophy & Technology*, 35, 2022 (coauthor).
3. „Children–Robot Friendship, Moral Agency, and Aristotelian Virtue Development”, *Frontiers in Robotics and AI*, <https://doi.org/10.3389/frobt.2022.818489>, 2022 (coauthor).
4. „Understanding responsibility in Responsible AI. Dianoetic virtues and the hard problem of context”, *Ethics and Information Technology*, 23, 803–814, 2021 (coauthor).
5. „The emperor is naked: Moral diplomacies and the ethics of AI”, *Információs Társadalom*, 21(2), 83–96, 2021 (coauthor).
6. „South Park vs. Metallica ... and Injustice for Some”, *Revista de Filosofie Aplicată*, 4(6), 3 – 20, 2021.
7. „Rawls, proprietatea intelectuală și pirateria online”, *Revista de Filosofie*, 68(4), 417–428, 2021.
8. „A Theory of (Sexual) Justice: the roboethician's edition”, *Információs Társadalom*, 19(4), 133–146, 2020.
9. „Unfit for the Market? The Case for Moral Enhancement for Managers”, *Revue Roumaine de Philosophie*, 63(2), 329–337, 2019 (coauthor).
10. „Câteva probleme adiționale cu drepturile de autor”, *Revista de Filosofie*, 66(1), 25–36, 2019.
11. „The Use of Torrents in Society”, *Libertarian Papers*, 10(2), 181–210, 2019.
12. „The Ethical Case in Favor of a Market for Transplant Organs”, *Revue Roumaine de Philosophie*, 62(1), 45 – 56, 2018.
13. „Intellectual Property has no Personality”, *Annals of the University of Bucharest, Philosophy Series*, 66(2), 181–205, 2017.
14. „Pirateria online: un tip de infracțiune fără victime”, *Revista de Filosofie*, 63(5), 597– 610, 2016.
15. „Global Justice and Research Ethics: Linguistic Justice and Intellectual Property”, *Public Reason*, 7(1–2), 13–28, 2015.
16. „How drug patents might lead to disincentives for moral bioenhancement”, *Ethics in Biology, Engineering and Medicine: An International Journal*, 6(2), 125–137, 2015 (coauthor).
17. „Are Copyrights Compatible With Human Rights?”, *The Romanian Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, 8(1), 5–20, 2014.
18. „Fusionism, religion and the Tea Party”, *Journal for the Study of Religion and Ideologies*, 11(33), 89–106, 2012.
19. „How to assess the emergence of the European Pirate Parties”, *Sfera Politicii*, 20(3), 45–56, 2012 (coauthor).
20. „Aristotle's account of akrasia. Towards a contemporary analogy”, *Annales Philosophici*, 5, 85–90, 2012.
21. „The Clash between Global Justice and Pharmaceutical Patents: A Critical Analysis”, *Public Reason*, 4(1–2), 210–221, 2012.

List of papers published in conference proceedings:



1. „The ethical risks posed by new technologies in research”, Proceedings of the 17th International Management Conference, 757–765, 2023 (coauthor).
2. „The (business) ethics of AI regulation”, Proceedings of the 16th International Management Conference, 304–311, 2022 (coauthor)
3. „Responsibility attribution problems in companies: Could an artificial moral advisor solve this ”, Proceedings of the 15th International Management Conference, 951–960, 2021 (coauthor).
4. „Do Companies Engage in Moral Grandstanding?”, Proceedings of the 14th International Management Conference, 1033–1039, 2020 (coauthor).
5. „An Ethical Framework For Digital Afterlife Industries”, Proceedings of the 13th International Management Conference, 1179–1184, 2019 (coauthor).
6. „An Assessment of Algorithmic Accountability Methods”, Proceedings of the 12th International Management Conference, 933–938, 2018 (coauthor).
7. „An Inquiry Concerning Romania's Difficult Economic Development From The 19th Century To WWII. A Pluralist Approach”, Proceedings of the 10th International Management Conference, 526–538, 2016 (coauthor).

List of books & book chapters:

1. Idei în proprietate. O introducere în etica drepturilor de autor. Bucharest: Bucharest University Press, 2024.
2. „Fostering intellectual and ethical virtues in the age of Artificial Intelligence. The need for educators-in-the-loop” in Emanuela Guarcello și Abele Longo (eds.), School Children and the Challenge of Managing AI Technologies. Fostering a Critical Relationship through Aesthetic Experiences, London: Routledge, 2024.
3. „Robo-education and the pedagogical divide” in Raul Hakli, Johanna Seibt și Pekka Mäkelä (eds.), Social robots in Social Institutions, Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2023 (coauthor).
4. „Who's the elderly band behind the counter in a small town?” in Stefano Marino și Andrea Schembri (eds.), Pearl Jam and Philosophy, New York: Bloomsbury, 2021 (coauthor).
5. „O analiză etică a vaccinării obligatorii”, in Alexandru Volacu, Daniela Cutaș, Adrian Miroiu (eds.), Alegeri morale. Teme contemporane în etica aplicată, Iași: Polirom, 2021 (coauthor).
6. „Este ignoranța politică irațională?”, in Loredana Cornelia Boșca, Lucia Ovidia Vreja (eds.), Filosofie și Economie. Antropologie și comportament economic. Homo Oeconomicus versus Homo Reciprocans, vol. 5, Bucharest: ASE University Press, 2020.
7. „Fundamentul axiologic al proiectului libertarian nozickian”, in Loredana Cornelia Boșca, Lucia Ovidia Vreja (eds.), Filosofie și Economie. Temeiuri axiologice ale comportamentului economic, vol. 4, Bucharest: ASE University Press, 2018.
8. „Rationalitate și utilitate la Robert Nozick: între evoluționism și funcționalism”, in Vasile Macoviciuc (ed.), Filosofie și Economie. Sensuri ale utilității în științele socioumane, vol. 3, Bucharest: ASE University Press, 2017.



9. „Teoria evoluționistă a jocurilor: o cheie de cercetare în etică?”, in Mircea Flonta, Emanuel-Mihail Socaciu, Constantin Vică (eds.), *Filosofia Științelor Umane. In memoriam Mihail Radu Solcan*, Bucharest: Bucharest University Press, 2015.
10. „A Critique of Intellectual Property Globalization: Libertarian and Rawlsian Arguments”, in Viorel Vizureanu (ed), *Re-thinking the Political in Contemporary Society: Globalization, Consumerism and Economic Efficiency*, Bucharest: Pro Universitaria, 183–203, 2015.
11. „O analiză filosofică a legii privind invențiile din România”, in Constantin Stoenescu (ed.), *Etica cercetării și proprietate intelectuală*, Bucharest: Bucharest University Press, 2014.
12. „The Story of the Platinum Rule as told by David Hume and Barney Stinson. Should you really, really ‘love’ thy neighbor?”, in Lorenzo von Matterhorn (ed.), *How I Met Your Mother and Philosophy*, Chicago: Open Court Publishing, 2014 (coauthor)
13. „Către o fundamentare a teoriilor tip mâna invizibilă prin explicații darwiniste în științele sociale”, in Mircea Flonta, Laurențiu Staicu, Virgil Iordache (eds.), *Darwin și gândirea evoluționistă*, Pelican, 2010 (coauthor).

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES OF ACADEMIC JOURNALS / CONFERENCES, REVIEW

Reviewer for international journals: *Philosophy & Technology* (<https://link.springer.com/journal/13347>), *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (<https://link.springer.com/journal/10790>), *Információs Társadalom* (<https://inftars.infonia.hu/>), *Journal of Philosophical Economics* (<https://www.jpe.ro/>), *Revue Roumaine de Philosophie* (<https://www.institutdefilosofie.ro/page.php?14>).

Member of the scientific committee of the International Management Conference (Session V, Behavioral Sciences, Communication Studies and Business Ethics).

PROJECTS

2024 - present: post-doc researcher, *avataResponsibility*, ERC Starting Grant (ERC, *avataResponsibility*, 101117761).

2021 - 2022: post-doc researcher, *CoMoRe* ("Collective moral responsibility: from organizations to artificial systems. Re-assessing the Aristotelian framework"), UEFISCDI (PN-III-P1-1.1-TE-2019-1765 nr. TE 177).

2020-2022: research fellow, Romanian Young Academy, financed by de Stiftung Mercator.

2015-2016: post doc researcher, INEMTEC ("The Reliability of Moral Intuitions in the Ethical Assessment of New and Emerging Technologies"), finanțat de UEFISCDI, (PN-II-RU-TE-2014-4-1846, contract nr. 312/01/10/2015).

2014: PhD fellow Romanian Academy - Iași Branch in the project *IDSRC* ("Inovare și dezvoltare în structurarea și reprezentarea cunoașterii prin burse doctorale și postdoctorale (IDSRC – doc postdoc) POSDRU/159/1.5/S/133675.



OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024 - present: Ethics advisor for the ERC funded project FIREPOL.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member of: Research Center in Applied Ethics, Center of Institutional Analysis and Development Eleutheria, Romanian Society for Philosophy.

GRANTS AND HONORS

2022: University of Bucharest's prize for the best paper for "Understanding responsibility in Responsible AI. Dianoetic virtues and the hard problem of context".

2023: Bucharest University of Economic Studies Opera Omnia award

MEDIA PRESENCE

Articles and interviews published in Dilema, Scena 9, Revista 22, Hotnews, Econimedia, Comunitatea Liberală, Panorama. Guest on TVR Cultural (Jurnal Cultural, Intrare Liberă) and Radio România Cultural (Izvoare de Filosofie, Timpul Prezent, Orașul Vorbește).

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE / ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

2016: visiting researcher at the Institute for Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel.

LANGUAGES

English – Advanced

French – Intermediate