

John Halstead Curriculum Vitae

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Policy researcher for governments, think-tanks and academic institutes, with expertise across a broad range of fields including immigration, climate change, global catastrophic risk, and road safety. A proven track record of delivering subsequent policy recommendations, consultation on implementation, and engagement with key stakeholders in achieving policy objectives.

Education

2010-15 St. Anne's College, Oxford - DPhil Politics
2009-10 Brasenose College, Oxford - MSc Political Theory Research, thesis with Distinction
2006-09 York University - B.A. Politics and Economics, First Class Honours

Employment History

Oct 2016- **Researcher/Research Assistant**, Blavatnik School of Government, Future of Humanity Institute, University of Oxford

Author of book proposal for Dr Toby Ord. Joint researcher for a policy paper on post-Brexit student immigration policy with Dr Tom Simpson.

Jan 2016- **Research Fellow**, The Global Priorities Project and Centre for Effective Altruism
Sept 2016

Lead author on the *Global Catastrophic Risks 2016* report, providing a scientific overview of the principal global catastrophic risks, including climate change, nuclear war, and bioweapons. The report was covered by the mainstream UK and international press, with live interviews on a number of radio programmes.

Lead author on *Existential Risk: Diplomacy and Governance* for the Finnish Foreign Ministry, outlining concrete policies the diplomatic community could pursue to reduce existential risk.

Independent research into climate change, geoengineering research, and moral hazard.

2015 **Seminar Leader in Political Philosophy**, Masters in Public Policy course, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford.

Led weekly seminars on the Foundations of Political Philosophy course for 12 Masters students. Designed and marked the entire cohort's formative and summative assessments.

2014-15 **Operations Manager**, Politeia

Managed the daily operations for a Westminster-based think tank, with a particular focus on events organisation; recommending topical conferences and suitable speakers, and co-operating with politicians, civil servants, industry figures and academics. Liaising with the press for coverage and follow-up reporting. Responsibility for securing sponsor funding from private donors and companies.

Public Work

2016 **Consultant**, Rwandan Government

Following my road safety research for the International Growth Centre, approached by and consulted for the Rwandan government on my policy recommendations.

2015 **Research Intern**, Animal Charity Evaluators.

Research into the effectiveness of divestment campaigns for charities in this sector.

2015 **Volunteer**, The International Growth Centre

Authored a detailed briefing on effective road safety interventions, used as the basis for later consultation for the Rwandan government on their new road safety policy.

2014-15 **Voluntary Researcher**, Giving What We Can, Oxford.

Research projects and policy recommendations on historic public health interventions and road safety.

Public Speaking and Academic Publications

2016 ‘Climate change, geoengineering, and moral hazard’, Cambridge Conference on Catastrophic Risk.

Presented papers on philosophy at academic conferences in Princeton, Harvard, Oxford, York, Manchester, and Warwick.

Published papers in the leading philosophy journals, *Ethics*, *Utilitas*, and *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.

Discussion Groups

Organiser of the St Anne’s College Science Discussion Group, a weekly group devoted to interdisciplinary discussion of science (speakers included Mark Lynas, Robert May, Russell Foster, and Fiona Powrie).

Academic Scholarships

2009-10 AHRC BGP full award for MSc study
2011-13 St Anne’s Graduate Research Scholarship
2013-14 Department of Politics writing up studentship

Student Journalism

2008-09 Sports journalist, *Nouse* (York student newspaper). Personally nominated for a *Guardian Student Media Award* in 2009.

Other Interests and Hobbies

I am currently learning how to box, and enjoy playing tennis and football. I love stand-up comedy, making short films and watching cookery programmes. I am an intermediate level Spanish speaker, and am an active member of the effective altruism community.