

Dr Joseph T F Roberts – CV

Employment

September 2024 – Present: **Graduate Associate** at the Financial Conduct Authority.

In my role as a Graduate Associate in the Sustainable Finance Policy team I have been responsible for:

- Organising the stakeholder engagement approach for CP25/34, including all logistical aspects such as booking rooms, organizing catering, and contacting attendees.
- Contributing to the delivery of the Transition Finance Pilot, including by developing a map of the UK funding landscape for SMEs, identifying stakeholders to contact, producing ad hoc research papers on topics such as offshore wind CfDs, barriers to adoption of heat pumps, and the effectiveness of business accelerators.
- Leading the ESG rating cross-sector risk analysis. This included researching market behaviours to identify practices which pose a risk of harm, assessing the severity and scale of harms, identifying existing FCA rules which help mitigate the harm, and proposing regulatory responses to residual harms.

In my role as a Graduate Associate in the Wholesale Cryptoasset Policy team I have been responsible for:

- Contributing to the development of a future consultation paper by analysing the responses to DP25/1, identifying needs for policy changes in light of feedback, defining policy problems, line by line analyses of existing rules and policy, gap analyses, convening internal stakeholders to develop solutions, preparing slides and papers for the cryptoasset Policy Board and ERPC.
- Supporting the team's wider development of the crypto asset regime by assisting with external stakeholder engagement activities such as roundtables and bilateral engagements with firms, conducting line by line analyses of existing PRM and MAR rules and policy to identify gaps, and producing research on how international jurisdictions treat the forwarding of trades to offshore platforms to conduct a comparative analysis of the UK's international competitiveness.

In my prior role as a Graduate Associate in the Consumer Investment Distribution Policy team I was responsible for:

- Supporting Online Harms policy, by conducting policy analysis of Ofcom's Illegal Harms Codes of Practice to assess implications of the new Online Safety Regime against the interests and efforts of the FCA to protect consumers from investment fraud. This involved familiarising myself with brand new legislation, critically assessing Ofcom proposals, and completing parliamentary research of legislative debates to assess original policy intention and political concerns;

- Contributing to urgent PROD policy work, conducting gap analyses to support the review of PROD requirements following the Consumer Duty Call for Input; analysing stakeholder responses to Consumer Duty Cfl to identify common themes; responding promptly to queries sent to the CDD Retail Distribution inbox from the Complex Cases Team in the Supervision Hub;
- Producing high-priority policy research for the team's work on the new Consumer Composite Investment Regime including tracking changes to the legal status of Investment Trusts in Australia and the USA and producing a mock KID for use in a behavioural experiment testing the efficacy of our policy proposals.

September 2019 – September 2024: **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** in Law and Philosophy at the University of Birmingham - 'Everyday Cyborgs 2.0: Law's Boundary Work and Alternative Legal Futures'.

My work on the project involved:

- designing and leading independent philosophy and public policy research programmes;
- collaborating with legal and socio-legal colleagues on interdisciplinary research projects;
- conducting literature reviews in a variety of disciplines including philosophy, law, regulatory theory, public policy, and the social sciences;
- writing articles for publication in academic journals;
- presenting research findings at academic conferences;
- disseminating research findings to general public and schools through presentations and blog-posts;
- horizon scanning for emerging ethical and policy issues;
- managing the project blog and twitter account and liaising with the university web team to ensure project website is up to date;
- bidding for external funding;
- organising expert stakeholder events and conferences (including budgeting);
- liaising with the projects advisory board; producing reports for the funding body;
- engaging with policy-makers by responding to parliamentary calls for evidence;
- recruiting interviewing participants and coding and interpreting qualitative interviews in Nvivo;
- supervising a PhD student and undergraduate elective projects; and
- occasional lecturing on legal theory modules.

September 2018 — June 2019: **Teaching Associate** in Political Theory at the University of Manchester

As a teaching associate I delivered a number of tutorials and lectures on first and second year modules 'Challenges to Democratic Politics' and 'Introduction to Political Theory'. As part of the role I also delivered teacher training for new Graduate Teaching Assistants, conducted peer reviews of tutorial teaching across undergraduate modules delivered by the department, and contributed to the virtual learning environment.

September 2015 – September 2018 **Graduate Teaching Assistant/Senior Graduate Teaching Assistant** at the University of Manchester.

Education

2015-2019: **PhD in Political Philosophy** at MANCEPT (Manchester Centre for Political Theory), University of Manchester.

2014-2015: **MA Ethics and Political Philosophy** at MANCEPT, University of Manchester – Distinction.

Winner of the 'MA-Ethics and Political Philosophy' prize for best overall mark awarded by the University of Manchester.

2010-2014: **BA Philosophy** at Universitat de Barcelona - First Class

Languages:

Spanish – Native

Catalan – Native

English – Native

Other Achievements:

I have published papers in a number of reputable philosophy journals including the Journal of Applied Philosophy, The Journal of Value Inquiry, Monash Bioethics Review, and Social Theory and Practice.

In 2018 and 2019 I organised the MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, the largest political philosophy conference in Europe, attended by 250 philosophers.