

Philosophy



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From research into the ethics of surgical interventions, organ donation and reproductive cloning to post-adoptive parental obligation and the live sheep export trade, Macquarie's philosophy researchers are uniquely positioned to help shape the complex issues that define the future of humanity.

The philosophy program at Macquarie has long-standing research strengths in European philosophy, ethics, philosophical psychology, philosophy of mind and social philosophy. More recently, it has also developed specialisations in bioethics, medical ethics and moral cognition.

A distinctive feature of philosophy at Macquarie is our research focus on human agency, mind and self. Recent appointments have consolidated our position at the forefront of research in these fields, with expertise in extended cognition, philosophy of mind and cognition, philosophy of the life sciences, moral responsibility and moral cognition, and philosophy of agency. These are areas in which, increasingly, philosophical research proceeds in partnership with the psychological and cognitive sciences, and which require a range of skills that the higher degree research program at Macquarie is uniquely placed to develop.

Much of this research is conducted within the Macquarie University Research Centre for Agency, Values and Ethics (CAVE), an interdisciplinary centre involving researchers from cognitive science, law, medicine, philosophy and psychology, with strong links to national and international partners. CAVE researchers are involved in significant international collaborations with researchers at universities in Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Macquarie's philosophy researchers are leaders in their fields – in the most recent Excellence in Research for Australia evaluation, our research in the discipline of philosophy and religious studies received a rating of performance above world standard, as did our research in the sub-disciplines of philosophy and applied ethics.

The many workshops, conferences and visitors associated with CAVE, and its research connections with the ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders, provide higher degree research candidates with an especially rich and lively research environment.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Macquarie is ranked in the top 100 in the world for philosophy in the QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2017. These rankings reflect the high impact of our philosophy researchers' publication output.
- Our researchers have received prestigious research awards and grants in recent years. Additionally, Macquarie hosts a visiting professor from the Leverhulme Trust, four Future Fellows and a Templeton Fellow.



AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

ETHICS AND APPLIED ETHICS

- Bioethics; clinical, surgical and public health ethics; reproductive ethics and parenting; research ethics; and animal ethics
- Moral psychology, autonomy, moral responsibility, diachronic agency and selfhood
- Neuroethics and neurolaw
- Normative ethics, Kant's ethics and normative political philosophy

MIND, METAPHYSICS AND MEANING

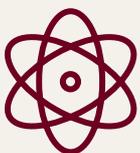
- Naturalistic philosophy of mind and cognition, embodied and extended cognition, moral cognition and philosophy of cognitive neuroscience
- Philosophy of biology and animal cognition
- Philosophy of language, epistemology, pragmatism and the philosophy of race

EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY

- Continental aesthetics and philosophy of film
- Existential phenomenology and hermeneutics
- Philosophy of work
- Social and political philosophy – particularly in the Hegelian and post-Hegelian tradition

RESEARCH HUBS

- Macquarie University Research Centre for Agency, Values and Ethics



OUR RESEARCH PRIORITIES

We pursue excellence in a broad range of research areas. Our five interdisciplinary strategic research priorities – Healthy People, Resilient Societies, Prosperous Economies, Secure Planet and Innovative Technologies – respond to globally significant challenges and opportunities to improve the lives of millions. Together, these research priorities provide a focal point for research, with discoveries made under these priorities translating into real improvements in the lives of local, national and global communities.

JOINTLY SUPERVISED PHD PROGRAMS

Macquarie actively encourages cotutelles and joint degrees – shared supervision arrangements with universities whose research activity strongly aligns with ours. Under each model, you are enrolled at two universities with a principal supervisor at each and may be eligible for additional scholarship support.

mq.edu.au/cotutelle-and-joint-phd