

ISABELLA LUISA MARIANI

Jurisprudence and Social Policy
2240 Piedmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94720
isabella.mariani@berkeley.edu

EDUCATION

- 2020-Present **University of California, Berkeley School of Law**
PhD Candidate, Jurisprudence and Social Policy.
Designated Emphasis in Political Economy, Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative (BESI).
Dissertation: The Political Economy of Attention.
Dissertation Committee: Sarah Song (Co-Chair), Steven K. Vogel (Co-Chair), David Grewal, Christopher Tomlins.
- 2017 **University of Auckland (Auckland, New Zealand)**
Master of Arts Honours in Political Philosophy, First Class Honours.
Master's Thesis: "Corruption and Justice: Restoring Institutional Integrity."
Thesis Supervisor: Gillian Brock.
- 2014 **McGill University (Montreal, Canada)**
Joint Honours Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Political Science.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Technology Law and Regulation, Market Governance, Classical and Contemporary Theories of Political Economy, Political Theory, Social Theory, Citizenship and Migration.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journals

Mariani, Isabella Luisa. 2025. "[Regulating the Attention Economy: The Possibilities and Limits of Antitrust.](#)" *Politics & Society* (0)0, 1-30.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Mariani, Isabella Luisa. 2024. "Utilitarianism and Migration." In *Research Handbook on Law and Utilitarianism*, edited by Guillaume Tusseau. Edward Elgar Publishing, 395-411.

Book Reviews

Mariani, Isabella. 2024. "Gillian Brock, 'Corruption and Global Justice.'" *Philosophy in Review* 44(2) 1-4.

Working Papers

- "The Double Movement of Attention as Commodity"
- "Alienation and the Commodification of Consumer Attention."
- "Autonomy in the Terms and Conditions: Boilerplates in Digital Technologies."
- "Historicizing the Economics of Attentional Value Production."
- "Dependency Theory and the Evolution of Chile's Copper Industry."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Student Instructor

Political Economy 100: Classical Theories of Political Economy, Prof. Clare Talwalker (Fall 2024).
 Political Science 138D: Market Governance in the Digital Age, Prof. Steven Vogel (Spring 2024).
 Political Economy 101: Contemporary Theories of Political Economy, Prof. Steven Vogel (Fall 2023).
 Legal Studies 103: Theories of Law and Society, Prof. Christopher Tomlins (Spring 2023).
 Legal Studies 134: Membership and Migration, Prof. Sarah Song, Prof. Irene Bloemraad (Fall 2022).
 Legal Studies 132: Immigration and Citizenship, Prof. Lisa Knox (Spring 2022).
 Legal Studies 107: Theories of Justice, Prof. Sarah Song (Fall 2021).

Co-Instructor

Legal Studies 107: Theories of Justice (Summer 2023).

Invited Lectures

2025 “The Attention Economy,” UC Berkeley Political Science Department, February 19.
 2024 “Telecommunications Regulation,” UC Berkeley Political Science Department, March 13.
 2024 “The Attention Economy,” UC Berkeley Political Science Department, February 12.
 2023 “Colonialism and Development,” UC Berkeley Political Economy Program, November 9.
 2022 “Utilitarianism and Migration,” UC Berkeley Legal Studies Department, April 19.

University of Auckland**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Philosophy 103: Freedom, Rights, and Justice, Prof. Matheson Russell and Prof. Glen Pettigrove (Spring 2016).

FELLOWSHIPS / GRANTS / AWARDS

2025-2026	Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative (BESI) Collaborative Technology Research Grant (Research Team Co-Leader).
2025	Doctoral Completion Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley (Spring-Fall).
2025	Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative (BESI) research grant.
2024-2025	Berkeley Center for Private Law Theory Doctoral Fellowship.
2024-2025	UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix Research Team Grant, Graduate Student Leader of "The Social Effects and Normativity of Data-Mining, Algorithms and the Digital Economy Research Team," Faculty Leader Prof. Sarah Song.
2024	Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative (BESI) research grant.
2023	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley Graduate Division.
2023	Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative (BESI) research grant.
2022	Network for a New Political Economy (N2PE) research grant.
2020-Present	Selznick Graduate Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley.
2016	University of Auckland Faculty of Arts International Master's Degree Scholarship.

CONFERENCES**Papers**

“Historicizing the Economics of Attentional Value Production.”
 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Montreal, Canada, July 9-12, 2025.
 Law and Society Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, May 22-25, 2025.

- “Autonomy in the Terms and Conditions: Boilerplates in Digital Technologies.”
Private Law Theory Colloquium, UC Berkeley Law School, February 20, 2025.
- “Regulating the Attention Economy: The Possibilities and Limits of Antitrust.”
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Limerick, Ireland, June 27-29, 2024.
Sciences Po Political Economy Summer School, Menton, France, June 23-26, 2024.
Law and Society Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, June 6-9, 2024.
- “Alienation and the Commodification of Consumer Attention.”
Law and Society Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 1-4, 2023.
Gateway Conference, UC Berkeley Law School, April 15-16, 2021.

Commentator / Moderator

- 2025 Private Law Theory Colloquium, “Sovereignty and Sovereign Equality: Reviewing the history of postwar international trade law” by Matthew Hamilton, UC Berkeley, January 27.
- 2024 Private Law Theory Colloquium, “Keeping Faith with Capital: Managerial Prerogative and Labor’s Legal Form” by William Darwall, UC Berkeley, November 4.
- 2024 Philosophy and Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network, “Should law be just adaptive or should adaptive law be just” by Tobias Arnoldussen, Tilburg University, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, June 5.
- 2024 Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative, “Has US Antitrust Reached a Turning Point? A Panel Discussion,” UC Berkeley, April 2.
- 2024 JSP Forum, “The Elasticity of Responsibility: How both law and morality shape our tradition of duty” by Matthew Hamilton, UC Berkeley, March 14.
- 2023 JSP Career Series, UC Berkeley, October 10.
- 2023 Network for a New Political Economy Workshop with Prof. Trevor Jackson, UC Berkeley, September 20.
- 2023 Lauren Edelman Legal Studies Honors Research Conference, UC Berkeley, April 28.
- 2023 Hidden Curriculum Series, “Networking and Finding Your Scholarly Community,” UC Berkeley, February 17.
- 2022 Legal Studies Undergraduate Research Conference, UC Berkeley, April 22.
- 2022 JSP Forum, “Without Rights, What Are Firewalls?” by Joel Sati, UC Berkeley, March 4.
- 2021 Kadish Center Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, “Representation in Ancient Greek Democracy” by Prof. Daniela Cammack, UC Berkeley, February 12.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society and the Banatao Institute (CITRIS)

Graduate Short Course, Fall 2025-Spring 2026

Graduate student participant in Tech Policy Design: Platform Governance for an AI-driven World.

University of California, Berkeley Political Science Department

Graduate Student Assistant, Winter 2024, Winter 2025

Assisted Prof. Steven Vogel in preparing syllabus for PS 138D: Market Governance in the Digital Age.

University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Graduate Student Researcher, Summer 2021

Assisted Prof. David Grewal in a comparative constitutional analysis project.

JOURNAL EXPERIENCE

Reviewer: *Filosofia e Questioni Pubbliche / Philosophy and Public Issues* (FQP/PPI) (Fall 2025).

SERVICE

Departmental Service (Elected)

JSP Graduate Program Review Committee, Graduate Student Representative: 2025-2026 (UC Berkeley Law School).

JSP Graduate Student Orientation Coordinator: Fall 2025 (UC Berkeley Law School).

Law & Politics JSP Faculty Search, Graduate Student Representative: 2024-2025 (UC Berkeley Law School).

Graduate Student Ambassador to Admitted JSP Students: Spring 2025 (UC Berkeley Law School).

Law and Society Graduate Association Executive Board: 2020-2022 (UC Berkeley Law School).

Conference / Workshop Organization

“The Social Effects and Normativity of Data-Mining, Algorithms, and the Digital Economy” Symposium Organizer: June 2026 (UC Berkeley).

Law and Philosophy Collaborative Research Network Workshop, Local Coordinator (Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: May 2026 (San Francisco, CA).

Social Science Matrix Lecture by Rogers Brubaker, “Politics and Governance in the Digital Age: Between Populism and Technocracy,” and Student Paper Workshop Organizer: May 2025 (UC Berkeley).

Other Service

UC Berkeley Chamber Chorus, Soprano: 2023-Present. Tours: Portugal (2023), China (2026).

Member of the Law & Political Economy Society: 2021-Present (UC Berkeley Law School).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-2020 Commonfund, San Francisco, CA, *Business Development Assistant*.

2015-2016 Dynamic English, Santiago, Chile, *English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher*.

LANGUAGES

English: Native; Spanish: Fluent; Italian: Basic; French: Basic.

REFERENCES

Sarah Song
Milo Rees Robbins Chair in Legal Ethics
Professor of Law, Professor of Philosophy
and Political Science
University of California, Berkeley Law School
ssong@law.berkeley.edu

Steven K. Vogel
Director of Political Economy
Il Han New Professor of Asian Studies
Professor of Political Science
University of California, Berkeley
svogel@berkeley.edu

David Grewal
Professor of Law
University of California, Berkeley School of Law
2240 Piedmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707
david.grewal@berkeley.edu

Christopher Tomlins
Elizabeth Josselyn Boalt Professor of Law
University of California, Berkeley Law School
2240 Piedmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707
ctomlins@law.berkeley.edu

Gillian Brock
Professor of Philosophy
University of Auckland
Arts1-Bldg 206, 14A Symonds St.
AK Central, Auckland, 1010, New Zealand
g.brock@auckland.ac.nz