

VANESSA RAMPTON

SENIOR RESEARCHER, ETH
ZURICH

AFFILIATE MEMBER,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY

BRANCO WEISS
FELLOWSHIP ALUMNUS

PROFILE

I am an intellectual historian with a particular interest in normative concepts (freedom, progress) and how these are adapted in concrete historical circumstances.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Awarded Branco Weiss Fellowship (2016 - 2022) ca. 2% success rate, >400 applications

Awarded ETH Zurich Post Doctoral Fellowship Grant worth ca. \$250,000 USD

Awarded Cambridge Commonwealth Trust PhD Scholarship, ca. 2% success rate

Published 'Liberal Ideas in Tsarist Russia: From Catherine the Great to the Russian Revolution' (Cambridge University Press, Ideas in Context, 2020). Winner 2020 Choice Outstanding Academic Title.

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EMPLOYMENT

ETH Zurich

Chair of Philosophy with Particular Emphasis on Practical Philosophy (effective July 1, 2022)

Senior Researcher

McGill University

Institute for Health and Social Policy | Department of Philosophy (2018-2022)

Post Doctoral Fellow

ETH Zurich

Chair of Philosophy with Particular Emphasis on Practical Philosophy (2015-2018)

Post Doctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, King's College

PhD in Intellectual History (2013)

University College London

MA in History & Philosophy with a particular focus on Eastern Europe (2006)

University of Geneva, Graduate Institute

Licence (equivalent of an MA) in International Relations with a focus on history and politics

SELECTED RUSSIAN PHILOSOPHY PUBLICATIONS

- Liberal Ideas in Tsarist Russia: From Catherine the Great to the Russian Revolution (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Ideas in Context Series, 2020). Russian translation by Academic Studies Press.
- "The Impossibility of Conservatism?" The Monist 99 (4) (2016), 372-86. Oxford University Press Philosophy Journals 'Best of 2017' collection.
- 'Religious Thought and Russian Liberal Institutions: The Case of Pavel Ivanovich Novgorodtsev', in Thinking Orthodox in Modern Russia: Culture, History, Context, ed. by Patrick Lally Michelson and Judith Deutsch Kornblatt (Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 2014), pp. 235-52. Russian translation by ROSSPEN.
- "Individual Freedom and Social Justice: Bogdan Kistiakovskii's Defense of the Law", in Landmarks Revisited: The Vekhi Symposium One Hundred Years On, ed. by Ruth Coates and Robin Aizlewood (Brighton, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2013), pp. 128-45.
- 'Introduction to Russia on Edge: Centre and Periphery in Contemporary Russian Culture', special issue of Studies in East European Thought, 63, 2 (2011), 87-94.
- 'Dostoevskii and the Book of Job: The Struggle to Find Faith', Studies in Religion, 39, 2 (2010), 203-17.