

Report on short term postdoctoral research grant (01.01.22-28.02.22, 1/3 of the time)

Receiving the grant from the Society of Applied Philosophy allowed me to pursue my research interests in autonomy and appearance discrimination further. Specifically, the grant made it possible for me to work on a research project, which started as a side project to my PhD, exploring folk intuitions regarding appearance discrimination. By applying the methods of experimental philosophy, we (co-authored with Søren F. Midtgaard and Viki L. M. Pedersen) test folk intuitions regarding the fairness of counting so-called reaction qualification as a valid reason for rejecting candidates for a job and compare these to the arguments put forward in the philosophical debate. Before starting as a postdoc we had already collected some of the data, yet, with the grant, it was possible for me to also work on the data analysis and take part in the development of further experiments. We expect that the work will be submitted to a journal this spring.

During my time as a postdoc, I was affiliated with Centre for the Experimental-Philosophical Study of Discrimination (CEPDISC), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, which allowed me to get extremely useful feedback on my work and collaborate with skilled researchers.

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All the best,
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