

Dear members of the Executive Committee of BPPA,

I am a second-year MPhilStud student currently studying at King's College London, working on issues about causation and causal explanation. For the upcoming BPPA election, I would like to apply for the role of Vice President. My motivation in applying for the VP role is straightforward: having previously served as the Diversity and Inclusion Officer at BPPA for the year 2023, I thoroughly enjoyed the journey, and it later came to my realization that there was just one project that I wish we could have implemented. If elected, I wish to bring this project into fruition, together with the other members of the EC team of BPPA.

The project I have in mind is one that aims to provide information and guidance related to philosophy graduate school applications to students from disadvantaged background who may have difficulty acquiring this information otherwise. The goal is to state norms and expectations associated with graduate school applications, which are assumed to be obvious but are never actually discussed, explicitly to students whose lack of information or "connection" may otherwise put them at a disadvantage when applying to graduate school. The present plan is to run an online seminar series, with each seminar aiming to address one single topic related to graduate school applications, such as deciding where to apply, putting together an application package, assessing programs and potential advisors, job prospects of philosophy PhDs, etc.

This project, as you may tell, is already fairly developed on paper. The only thing left is execution. Having served on the EC board at BPPA before, I have acquired the relevant skills and commands to liaise with different universities and relevant parties, and I believe that I am well equipped to bring this project into full fruition in due time. Further, since Pablo Dopico (the previous president of BPPA), with whom I have been talking about this project for quite some time, is also running again this term, I believe the collaboration between us (if elected) will be extremely efficient: we have worked together before, and he is extremely familiar with the development of this project.

Aside from this project, I also plan to help coordinating the other major events BPPA hosts, including the Annual Conference and Masterclass, regional conferences, and our seminar series. Given my previous time served at BPPA, I am well familiar with how these events run and what work needs to be done, therefore the handing of power would be fairly smooth and requires no extra work. And I believe the Vice President role has the right amount of flexibilities that shall allow me to maximize my experiences and ambition in helping BPPA grow more influential.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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