

## Michael Yudanin

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### Areas of Interest

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- ***Philosophy of freedom***

Exploration of the relationship between freedom and liberty, where the former is seen as human capacity and the latter – as its socio-political accommodation. Consequently, the unfolding of freedom will impact the development of the institutions of liberty, which can be conceptualized within the Hegelian framework as different forms of the relation of freedom to itself, and in terms of the information theory – as a development of data into information and knowledge.

- ***Ethics***

Researching the thesis of two distinct sources of ethics: the universal component of justice that can be described in terms of the classical Kantian ethics of the *Groundwork*, and the particular component of mercy that has a physiological source. Human morality seems to need both of these components that are playing the respective roles of moral form and moral content.

- ***Systematic philosophy***

I'm greatly interested in the philosophical systems of Kant and Hegel, and specifically in the relationship between form and content in ethics and other areas.

- ***Wittgenstein's Language Games***

I believe that Wittgenstein's paradigm of language games, understood as not merely linguistic but pertaining to any manipulation of meaning, can be of a great value to analyzing multiple philosophical problems. Currently I'm exploring possible benefits of categorizing language games.

### Education

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University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

PhD in Philosophy – in progress, since Spring 2009

Total hours earned (as of April 2013): 45

Seminars and courses in a variety of areas including:

- Deductive systems / formal logic
- Ethics
- Ancient philosophy
- Philosophy of mind
- Philosophy of science
- Political philosophy
- Philosophy of language
- Metaphysics
- Political economy
- Kant, Hegel, Wittgenstein

GPA: 3.85

University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield, Illinois

MA, Individual Option (concentration in Philosophy) – transferred to UGA, Spring 2009

GPA: 4.0

Bar-Ilan University, Israel

BA in Social Sciences – Micro (Psychology, Sociology, Criminology)

*magna cum laude*

## **Publications**

*Merciless Justice: the Dialectic of the Universal and the Particular in Ethics.*

Stranitsi, 16:1, 2012 (In Russian)

## **Conferences**

*Freedom and Liberty: the relationship of enablement*

Seventh International Conference on Applied Ethics

October 26, 2012, Center for Applied Ethics and Philosophy, Hokkaido University,  
Sapporo, Japan

*Merciless Justice: the Dialectic of the Universal and the Particular in Ethics*

International Interdisciplinary Conference on Meaning, Culture and Values

January 5, 2012, New Delhi, India

## **Teaching Experience**

Software Testing courses through the International Institute for Software Testing, 2008-DATE

Hundreds of hours of teaching software professionals courses in test management, process improvement, and other aspects of software testing.