

# Dr. phil. Silvia Jonas

*Curriculum Vitae*

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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<i>Born:</i>	1983 (Age 36)	<b>Office address:</b>	
<i>Family:</i>	married		Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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AOS: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mathematics, Epistemology  
AOC: Metaethics, Philosophy of Religion, Aesthetics

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

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**Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP), LMU** since 2017  
*Habilitation post-doc (since 2018)*  
*Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellow (2019-2021)*  
*Minerva Fellow, Max Planck Society (2017-2019)*

**Palliative care for a close family member (9 months)** 2013-2014

**Van Leer Institute and Hebrew University of Jerusalem** 2012-2017  
*Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship*

**Humboldt University Berlin** 2010-2012  
*Dissertation in Philosophy*  
Advisors: Tobias Rosefeldt (Berlin), Michael Inwood (Oxford)

**University of Oxford** 2008-2010  
*BPhil in Philosophy*  
Advisor: A.W. Moore

**University of St. Andrews** 2007-2008  
*MLitt in Philosophy*  
Advisors: Stewart Shapiro, Peter Clark

**Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich** 2002-2007  
*Magister Artium*  
Political Science (major), Philosophy, Religious Studies

**Hebrew University of Jerusalem** 2004-2005  
*Exchange year (12 months)*  
Master program "Society and Politics in Israel"

**High School Graduation (Munich)** 2002

## SHORTLIST PLACEMENTS

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<b>Shortlisted for the Lise-Meitner-Excellence-Program (research group leader, tenure-track)</b>	2018
<i>Max-Planck-Society, Germany</i>	
<b>2nd place on shortlist, Assistant Professorship (tenure track)</b>	2017
<i>Ben Gurion University, Israel</i>	

## DISTINCTIONS

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<b>Robert Bosch Foundation</b>	
Stipendiary of the <i>Fast Track</i> Program for outstanding female scientists ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	
<b>Robert Bosch Foundation</b>	€2,400
Funds for professional coaching	

## RESEARCH FUNDING (TOTAL: €310,900)

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<b>Third-party funds</b>	<b>(total: €248,000)</b>
<b>European Commission</b>	€174,800
Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship (2019-2021)	
<b>Max-Planck-Society</b>	€64,500
Minerva Fellowship (2017-2019)	
<b>LMU Mentoring Program</b>	€860
Funds for a research assistant (2018)	
<b>LMU Mentoring Program</b>	€240
Travel funds for the annual meeting of the Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP) in Jena (2018)	
<b>John Templeton Foundation</b>	\$3,000
Research funds for collaborative work in the interdisciplinary research project <i>Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	
<b>Polonsky Academy</b>	€5,000
Funds for the organisation of the international workshop <i>New Work on Ineffability</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	
<b>Scholarships and Awards</b>	<b>(total: €62,900)</b>
<b>Humboldt University Berlin</b>	€6,600
Dissertation scholarship (2011)	

<b>Konrad Adenauer Foundation</b> Graduate and Dissertation Scholarship (2008-2011)	€39,600
<b>German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)</b> Graduate Scholarship (2007-2008)	€13,200
<b>Rothberg Family Prize</b> Rothberg International School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2004)	\$4,000

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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<b>LMU Mentoring Program (Postdocs)</b> Spokeswoman of the LMU Mentoring Program for female postdocs at the philosophy department at LMU Munich	since 2018
<b>LMU Mentoring Program (Students)</b> Mentor in the LMU Mentoring Program for female students	since 2018
<b>Selection Committee for PhD and Postdoc Fellowships</b> <i>Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy</i>	2018
<b>Polonsky Philosophy Seminar</b> Co-organiser of the <i>Van Leer Philosophy Group</i> and Organiser of the weekly philosophy colloquium at the Polonsky Academy at the Van Leer Institute	2014-2017
<b>Undergraduate Admissions Interviews</b> <i>University of Oxford, Trinity College</i>	2009-2010

## EVENT ORGANISATION

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<b>Fast Track Alumnae Workshop</b> Organiser of the annual meeting of the <i>Fast Track Alumnae</i> of the Robert Bosch Foundation Location: Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich	06/2019
<b>Mini-Workshop “Mathematical Analogies”</b> Co-organiser with Mark Colyvan (University of Sydney) and Mary Leng (University of York) Location: Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy	06/2019
<b>Annual meeting of the Chair of Philosophy of Science</b> Itinerary and organisation (with Alexander Reutlinger, MCMP) Location: Schliersee	05/2019

**Workshop: New Work on Ineffability**

05/2016

Organisator of the international workshop *New Work on Ineffability* ([Link](#))

Location: Polonsky Academy, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

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**COOPERATIONS**

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**Interdisciplinary project “Science and Religion”** ([Link](#))

2017-19

Funded by the John Templeton Foundation; international and interdisciplinary research group; joint publication with Karl Svozil (Institute for Theoretical Physics, Technical University Vienna)

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**SUPERVISION**

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**Supervision of a research assistant**

2019

Supervision of the preparation of a literature review on mathematical analogies in the history of philosophy

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**DIDACTIC TRAINING**

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**Workshop “Inclusivity in the philosophy classroom” (Panel-Member)**

06/2019

*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*

Topics: Improving the integration of women and minorities in philosophy seminars; strategies to increase inclusivity; gender competence ([Link](#))

**Seminar “Argumentative techniques for the academic context”**

2018

*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*

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**SKILLS**

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**Languages**

German (Native language); English (fluent); Hebrew (fluent); French (very good)

**Computer skills**

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X; Wordpress; MS Office

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**REFEREEING**

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- Analysis
- Bloomsbury
- Erkenntnis
- European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP.9)
- Irvine-Munich-PoliMi-Salzburg Conference in Philosophy and Foundations of Physics (IMPS2018)
- KRITERION–Journal of Philosophy
- Palgrave Macmillan
- Ratio

## MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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- American Philosophical Association (APA)
- German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP)
- German Society for Philosophy (DGPhil)
- Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP), Germany
- The Aristotelian Society
- The Oxford Union

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monograph

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**Ineffability and its Metaphysics: The Unspeakable in Art, Religion, and Philosophy** 2016  
Palgrave Macmillan, New York

**Reviews** by Keith Ward for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* ([Link](#)); by Guy Bennett-Hunter for *The Expository Times* ([Link](#)); by Sebastian Gäb for *Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur* ([Link](#)); by Carrie Figdor for *New Books in Philosophy* ([Link](#)); by William Franke and Chance Woods for *The Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory* ([Link](#)); by Sameer Yadav for the *Journal of Analytic Theology* ([Link](#))

**Book symposium** (invited) at Cornell University (8. May 2017)

### Articles (peer-reviewed)

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**Mathematical Indispensability and Arguments from Design** under review  
(with Karl Svozil)

**Mathematical and moral disagreement** forthcoming  
*The Philosophical Quarterly*, Volume tba

**Word and object: divine language** forthcoming  
In: D. Frank and A. Segal (eds.), *Cambridge Critical Guide to Maimonides's Guide of the Perplexed*, Cambridge University Press.

**Modal Structuralism and Theism** 2018  
In: Fiona Ellis (ed.), *New Models of Religious Understanding*, Oxford University Press.

**Aesthetic Ineffability** 2017  
*Philosophy Compass*, Vol. 12 No. 2.

**Access Problems and Explanatory Overkill** 2017  
*Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 174 No. 11.

**Mathematical and Religious Belief** 2016  
In: Rico Gutschmidt, Thomas Rentsch (ed.), *New Positions on a Timeless Question*. Münster: Mentis.

**On Mathematical and Religious Belief, and On Epistemic Snobbery** 2015  
*Philosophy*, Vol. 91 No. 1.

**Against Metaphysics Running Amok: Hegel, Adorno, and the Ineffable** 2013  
In: Lisa Herzog (ed.), *Hegel's Thought in Europe*. Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan.

### Reviews

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**Fiona Ellis' God, Value, and Nature, OUP 2014** 2015  
*Philosophy*, Vol. 91 No. 2.

**Howard Wettstein's The Significance of Religious Experience, OUP 2012** 2014  
*Religious Studies*, Vol. 50 No. 1.

<b>David Chalmers' Constructing the World, OUP 2012</b> <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> , Vol. 64 No. 257.	2014
<b>Science communication</b>	
<b>"Are You An Illusion?"</b> <i>Institute of Arts and Ideas Podcast series "Philosophy of our times"</i> , ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2019
<b>"Auf ein Wort" – Interview with Michel Friedman (Topic: Mathematics)</b> <i>Deutsche Welle</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2019
<b>Are questions about God rookie questions? (in German)</b> <i>Praefaktisch. A Philosophy Blog</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2019
<b>What mathematics can teach us about debating (in German)</b> <i>Süddeutsche Zeitung, Feuilleton, 7. Januar 2019</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2019
<b>Radio interview on "Learning from mathematics means learning discussion and pluralism"</b> <i>Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk (MDR), 7. Januar 2019</i>	2019
<b>What's hot in Mathematical Philosophy?</b> <i>The Reasoner, Vol. 12, No. 8</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2018
<b>Unspeakable things: Life's most meaningful experiences can leave us tongue-tied. What can be said, let alone understood, about what's unsayable?</b> <i>Aeon. A digital magazine of ideas and culture</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2017
<b>Whereof one cannot speak</b> <i>Alaxon. A digital magazine for thoughts, articles of notes and new ideas</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2017
<b>Interview on "God, Science, and Ineffable Knowledge"</b> <i>Templeton Foundation.</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2017
<b>Interview on "Ineffability and its Metaphysics" Monograph</b> <i>New Books in Philosophy.</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2016
<b>Book launch and panel discussion of "Ineffability and its Metaphysics" Monograph</b> <i>Polonsky Academy, Van Leer Institute.</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2016

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited presentations

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<b>University of Bremen</b> Philosophical colloquium Presentation title: "Philosophy and the mathematical narrative"	11/2019
<b>University of Regensburg</b> Philosophical colloquium Presentation title: "Realism and Pluralism"	10/2019
<b>Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy</b> "Topics in Logic" Seminar Presentation title: "Mathematical Pluralism"	07/2019
<b>Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich</b> Art history conference "Dispositive-Explorations, now" Presentation title: "Objectivity and Pluralism: Incompatible?"	06/2019
<b>John Templeton Foundation</b> Workshop Series: <i>Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion</i> Location: Casablanca, Marokko und Amman, Jordanien Presentation title: "Order, Patterns, Correlations: Empirical regularities and meta-empirical explanations"	06/2019
<b>HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, Hay-on-Wye, UK</b> Institute for Arts and Ideas Presentation title: "The Mathematics of Thought"	05/2019
<b>Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich</b> Faculty of Philosophy Library Night Presentation title: "How mathematics influences our conception of reality"	05/2019
<b>Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy</b> Salzburg-Irvine-Munich Workshop Series Presentation title: "Realism and Disagreement"	03/2019
<b>Frankfurt School of Finance and Management</b> Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Metaethics and Metamathematics"	11/2018
<b>University of Erlangen-Nürnberg</b> Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Mathematical and Moral Realism, and the Problem of Disagreement"	11/2018
<b>Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP)</b> Workshop: <i>Analogical Reasoning in Mathematics and Science</i> Presentation title: "Analogical Reasoning and Non-empirical Domains"	10/2018
<b>Cologne University</b> Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Mathematical and Moral Disagreement"	10/2018
<b>Munich University</b> <i>MCMP Summer School for female students</i> Presentation title: "Mathematics: A model for Ethics, Aesthetics, and Religion?"	07/2018

<b>John Templeton Foundation</b>	06/2018
Workshop: <i>Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion</i>	
Location: Ohrid, Republic of North Macedonia	
Presentation title: "Spurious Correlations and Emergence"	
<b>Munich Center for Ethics, Munich University</b>	05/2018
Workshop 'Werkstattgespräch': <i>Women in Philosophy</i>	
Presentation title: "Pluralist mathematics: How foundational debates in mathematics might change the way philosophers understand realism"	
<b>Max Planck Society</b>	04/2018
Meeting of Minerva Fellows	
Presentation title: "Mathematics Analogies"	
<b>Munich University</b>	04/2018
Workshop: <i>Foundations in Mathematics: Modern Views</i>	
Presentation title: "Why should philosophers care about the foundations of mathematics?"	
<b>Cornell University</b>	05/2017
Workshop on my monograph <i>Ineffability and its Metaphysics</i>	
Presentation title: "Ineffability"	
<b>Tel Aviv University</b>	01/2017
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy	
Presentation title: "Philosophy and the Mathematical Paradigm"	
<b>Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science, Tel Aviv</b>	11/2016
Institute Colloquium	
Presentation title: "Analogical Reasoning about Non-empirical Domains of Truth"	
<b>University of Kent</b>	11/2016
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy	
Presentation title: "Realism, Evolution, and the A priori"	
<b>Haifa University</b>	11/2016
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy	
Presentation title: "Debunking vs. Safety: Realism and Arguments from Evolution"	
<b>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b>	06/2016
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy	
Presentation title: "Access Problems and Explanatory Overkill"	
<b>University of London, Heythrop College</b>	03/2016
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy	
Presentation title: "Self-acquaintance"	
<b>University of Oxford</b>	03/2015
Workshop: <i>New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology</i>	
Presentation title: "A Case for Religion in Light of Mathematics"	
<b>The Polonsky Academy, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute</b>	07/2014
Academy Colloquium	
Presentation title: "Symmetries Between Mathematical and Religious Belief"	
<b>Association for the Philosophy of Judaism</b>	01/2013
Online-Symposium on J. Golding's 'The rationality of being a traditional religious Jew'	
Presentation title: "Is Religious Rationality Insular Rationality?"	

**American Philosophical Association** 12/2012  
Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta  
Presentation title: "Ineffability Assertions"

**University of Oxford** 05/2010  
Ockham Society for Philosophy  
Presentation title: "Ineffability Assertions"

### **Further presentations**

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**European Society for Analytic Philosophy (ESAP)** 08/2017  
9. International Congress of the European Society for Analytic Philosophy  
Presentation title: "Analogical Reasoning and A Priori Truth"

**The Aristotelian Society** 07/2017  
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society  
Location: University of Edinburgh  
Presentation title: "Reasoning by Analogy"

**Institute for Advanced Studies, University of London** 06/2016  
Conference: *Investigating Conscious Acquaintance*  
Presentation title: "Conscious Acquaintance and Ineffable Knowledge"

**German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP)** 09/2015  
Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP.9)  
Presentation title: "Abstract Belief and its Rational Acceptability"

**University of Cambridge** 11/2011  
Conference: *Music and Transcendence*  
Presentation title: "On the Metaphysical Structure of Ineffable Content in Music"

**German Society for Philosophy (DGPhil)** 09/2011  
12. Congress of the German Society for Philosophy  
Location: Munich University  
Presentation title: "Can There Be Extended Simples?"

**Humboldt University Berlin** 07/2011  
Berlin–Princeton Graduate Conference  
Presentation title: "A Separate Reality: Enquiry into the Nature of Ineffability"

**Israeli Philosophical Association** 02/2011  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Presentation title: "Ineffability and Haecceities"

**Salzburg University** 09/2011  
Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA)  
Presentation title: "Against Metaphysics Running Amok"

## TEACHING

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- Student colloquium (mandatory course)** WS 2019/20  
*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*  
Student presentations of their BA- and MA-theses
- Knowledge and Reality** WS 2019/20  
*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*  
Introductory seminar in epistemology and metaphysics for BA students  
Topics: defining knowledge; theories of belief justification; material constitution; theories of persistence and change
- The Philosophical Divide: Differences and Similarities between Analytic and Continental Philosophy** SS 2019  
*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*  
Seminar in theoretical philosophy for BA students  
Topics: origins of the divide; methodological particularities; contrasting perspectives on questions concerning logic, epistemology, and metaphysics
- God, Belief, Justification: Topics in Analytic Philosophy of Religion** WS 2018  
*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*  
Introduction to philosophy of religion for BA-students  
Topics: arguments for the existence of God; rationality and justification of religious belief; the problem of evil; explanations of religious experiences
- Indispensability Arguments for Realism** SS 2017  
*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*  
Seminar in philosophy of mathematics for MA- and advanced BA-students  
Topics: indispensability and ontological commitment; confirmational holism; unwanted entailments
- From Existence to Expression** WS 2015/16  
*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*  
Introduction to contemporary metaphysics for BA- and MA-students  
Topics: necessary existents; identity; perspective; language and conceptualisation
- Mathematics, its Foundations, and their Implications** SS 2014  
*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*  
Introduction to philosophy of mathematics for MA-Students  
Topics: foundations of mathematics; ontological implications of set theory; mathematical Platonism; fictionalism; and structuralism
- Aesthetics and Critical Philosophy** SS 2010  
*University of Oxford, Trinity College*  
Introduction to philosophical aesthetics and critical philosophy for BA-students  
Topics: the aesthetic theories of Kant, Schopenhauer, Wittgenstein, Heidegger, and Adorno; art and truth; artistic expression and the expressiveness of art

**Political Theory and Philosophy I**

SS 2006

*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*

BA-tutorial and exam preparation

Topics: the political theories of Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, and Hobbes

**Political Theory and Philosophy II**

SS 2006

*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*

BA-tutorial and exam preparation

Topics: the political theories of Locke, Rousseau, Weber, and Rawls