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## Affiliations

**01.12. 2016 - present:** adjunct professor, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, Poland

**01.10. 2013 - 28.02.2016:** research assistant, Institute of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland

## Education

**2013** PhD Philosophy, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland

**Supervisors:** Jerzy Perzanowski, Jozef Bremer

**Committee:** Jan Wolenski, Andrzej Klawiter

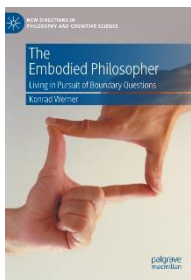
**2008** MA Philosophy, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland

**Supervisor:** Jan Wolenski

## Areas of research

philosophy of perception, philosophy of mind (enactivism/embodied cognition), applied ontology, meta-philosophy

## Books



- *The Embodied Philosopher. Living in Pursuit of Boundary Questions.* Palgrave Macmillan, 2022 (already available)
- *Rzeczywistość z aspektami* [Reality with Aspects], Katedra, 2017 [in Polish]

## Papers:

The Problem of Presentations: How it is that one object is perceptually given in multiple ways, *Synthese* [in print]

Institutions as Cognitive Niches. A Dynamic of Knowledge and Ignorance. In S. Arfini. L. Magnani (eds.) *Embodied, Extended, Ignorant Minds. New Studies on the Nature of Not-Knowing* (Synthese Library), Springer [in print]

- Cognitive confinement: theoretical considerations on the construction of a cognitive niche, and on how it can go wrong. *Synthese* 198, 2021: 6297–6328 doi: 10.1007/s11229-019-02464-7
- (with M. Kiełkiewicz-Werner) From Shared Enaction to Intrinsic Value. How Enactivism Contributes to Environmental Ethics. *Topoi* 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11245-021-09750-5>
- (with M. Kiełkiewicz-Werner) Prospects for internal embodied realism with respect to intrinsic value, *Ethics and the Environment* 26 (2), 2021: 21 – 50 doi 10.2979/ethicsenviro.26.2.02
- Enactment and construction of the cognitive niche: toward an ontology of the mind-world connection, *Synthese* 197, 2020: 1313–1341 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-018-1756-1>
- Cognitive confinement, embodied sense-making, and the (de)colonization of knowledge. *Philosophical Papers* 49 (2) 2020: 339 – 364 doi 10.1080/05568641.2020.1779603
- Structural coupling and the puzzle of surfaces: ontology of boundaries from the minimally cognitive perspective, *Adaptive Behavior* 29 (6), 2020: 601 – 615 doi: 10.1177/1059712320937475
- Philosophical Intuition Is the Capacity to Recognize one’s Epistemic Position. An Old-Fashion Approach Based on Russell, Carnap, Wittgenstein, and Husserl. *Philosophia* 48, 2020: 1725–1751 doi: 110.1007/s11406-020-00195-5
- The Little Word “as.” On Making Contexts and Aspects Explicit, *Axiomathes* 30 2020: 69 – 90, DOI 10.1007/s10516-019-09434-1
- Philosophy in Poland: Varieties of Anti-Irrationalism. A Commitment to Reason without the Worship of Reason, *Philosophia* 48, 2020: 1–32, DOI 10.1007/s11406-019-00074-8
- Pan Cogito wypełnia kwestionariusz. Filozofia eksperymentalna wobec pytania o naturę kompetencji filozoficznej. *Filozofia Nauki* 27, 2019: 87 – 114 [in Polish]
- Coordination produces cognitive niches, not just experiences. A formal constructivist ontology based on von Foerster, *Constructivist Foundations* 12 (3) 2017: 301 – 308
- Zarys internalizmu ekologicznego w filozofii umysłu [An outline of ecological internalism in the philosophy of mind], *Filozofia Nauki* 25 (1) 2017 [in Polish].
- Metaphilosophy of Mind: How Do Minds Investigate Minds? Refutation of the Theocentric View. *Integrative Psychological and Behavioral Science* 51 (1) 2017: 120 – 140 DOI 10.1007/s12124-016-9362-6
- What is it like to be the metaphysical subject? An essay on early Wittgenstein, our epistemic position, and beyond, *Philosophia* 44, 2016: 921 – 946 DOI: 10.1007/s11406-016-9693-z
- Towards a PL-metaphysics of Perception. In Search for the Metaphysical Ground of Constructivism, *Constructivist Foundations* 11 (1) 2015: 148 – 157
- Against Grand Illusion. Some Remarks on Constructivism Coinciding with Realism. In. Ch. Kanzian, J. Mitterer, K. Neges (eds.) *Contributions of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society* Volume XXIII, ALWS, Kirchberg am Wechsel 2015: 334 – 336
- Cognitive Evolution and the Idea of a Global Observer, *Constructivist Foundations* 10 (2) 2015: 245 – 248

Aspectual Shape: Presentational Approach, *Axiomathes* 24 (4), 2014: 427 – 440

The Many Faces of Psychoontology, *Axiomathes* 23 (3), 2013: 525 – 542

Przedmiot badań qua-teorii [in Polish], *Diametros* 31, 2012: 113 – 132

### **Visiting appointments:**

**1.09.2021 - 30.06.2022:** visiting scholar, University of Pittsburgh, USA (Dept. of History and Philosophy of Science; sponsored by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange).

**4.05.2018 - 30.05.2018:** visiting faculty, University of Groningen, the Netherlands (Dept. of Theoretical Philosophy; sponsored by the European Philosophy of Science Association Fellowship).

**01.03.2016 - 28.02.2017:** visiting scholar, Columbia University, New York, USA (Dept. of Philosophy; sponsored by the Polish governmental post-doc program "Mobility Plus").

**12.09.2015 - 14.12.2015:** visiting faculty, Indiana University Bloomington, USA (Dept. of History and Philosophy of Science; sponsored by the Jagiellonian University and IU Bloomington).

### **References**

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### **Talks**

**2021.11.30** “Confined truth and cheap beliefs in the times of filter bubbles”, The Truth Without Borders workshop, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand (online talk)

**2021.11.30** “The tension between structure and change. Exploring the metaphysical underpinning of Olga Tokarczuk’s *Flights*” Indiana University Bloomington, Polish Studies Center, Bloomington IN, USA (online talk).

**2021.10.12** “Defining institutions in terms of epistemic dependencies. A shared objective of the social and cognitive sciences”, Center for Philosophy and History of Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA. Available online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DhfaErHCAw&t=3973s>

**2021.08.23** “Embodied institutions, ignorance and opportunity” The Enacting Chance workshop, Lorentz Centre, Leiden, The Netherlands (online talk), available online: <https://www.academia.edu/video/lvAaa1>

**2019.10.19** “The Enacted Given”, Demystifying the Given, Beijing, China

**2018.08.23** "Cognitive Confinement", Social Ontology Conference, Boston MA, USA

**2018.05.30** “The Bucket Theory of Mind”, University of Groningen, Dept. of Theoretical Philosophy, The Netherlands.

**2017.08.19** "Experimental Metaphilosophy and the Need for Qualitative Methods", Buffalo Experimental Philosophy Conference, Buffalo NY, USA

**2017.03.25** "Why there presents something rather than nothing? From experimental phenomenology to metaphysics (and backwards)" Issues In Contemporary Phenomenology, Polish Academy of the Sciences, Warsaw, Poland

**2016.10.20** "Mind and Places. Ontology of location and the two kinds of enactivism", Indiana University Bloomington, Dept. of History and Philosophy of Science, USA

**2016.10.19** "Varieties of Polish Anti-irrationalism", Indiana University Bloomington, Polish Studies Center, USA

**2016.08.11** "Minds and Niches" Columbia University, Dept. of Philosophy, New York, USA (summer graduate seminar)

**2015.12.11** "Perspective shifters" Indiana University Bloomington, Dept. of Psychological and Brain Science (Robert Goldstone's Lab), USA.

**2015.08.15** "Against Grand Illusion" 38th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria.

### **Teaching**

**2019/2020** Epistemologia [*Epistemology*], University of Warsaw

**2019/2010** Filozoficzne problemy nauk [*Philosophy of science*]. University of Warsaw

**2018/2019** Perception, Representation, Enaction: In Search of the Mark of the Cognitive, *in English*, University of Warsaw

**2017/2018** Reprezentacja [*Representation: An introduction*], Jagiellonian University

**2016/2017** Świat i jego (re)prezentacje z perspektywy filozoficznych podstaw kognitywistyki (*The world and its (re)presentations from the perspective of the philosophical foundations of cognitive science*), Jagiellonian University;

**2016/2017** Percepcja [*Perception: An Introduction*], Jagiellonian University

**2010/2011; 2011/2012; 2012/2013** Filozofia umysłu [*Philosophy of Mind*], Jagiellonian University

**2011/2012** Podstawowe problemy kognitywistyki: świadomość [*Fundamental problems of cognitive science: consciousness*], Jagiellonian University.

#### **Research grants:**

**2020 – 2023** Grant No 2019/33/B/HS1/01764 provided by National Science Centre, Poland

**2016 – 2019** Grant No 2016/20/S/HS1/00046 provided by National Science Centre, Poland

#### **Empirical research**

**2014 – 2015** in collaboration with the Consciousness Lab, Institute of Psychology, Jagiellonian University, I investigated the phenomenon of sensory substitution on the basis of mixed behavioral + qualitative studies with the equipment called Enactive Torch.

#### **Awards:**

**2018** European Philosophy of Science Association Fellowship

**2017 – 2019** Scholarship of the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education for young scholars