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### LAST POSITION

Assistant Professor, University of Vienna (fixed contract, October 2012 – October 2018)

### ACADEMIC CAREER

January 2012 Visiting Lecturer,  
– May 2012 University of California, Berkeley  
  
2005 – 2011 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Universität Konstanz  
Research Group *Limits of Intentionality*  
  
October 2006 Jacobsen Visiting Fellow, *Institute of*  
– March 2007 *Philosophy*, University College London  
  
2001 – 2005 Research Fellow, *Center for Intentionality*,  
Universität Konstanz

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social Ontology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Action

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Practical Inference, Philosophy of Logic

### DEGREES

2005 Dr. phil (*summa cum laude*), Universität Konstanz  
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Gottfried Seebaß and PD Dr. Bernhard Thöle  
2000 Magister Artium FU Berlin (Philosophy, English and German)

## MONOGRAPHS

*Collective Intentionality* (in preparation; introduction invited by Routledge for the *New Problems of Philosophy* series (ed. José Luis Bermúdez); completion projected for 2020).

*Das Bewusstsein erklären* [Explaining Consciousness] (PhD thesis 2005, published online)

<http://kops.uni-konstanz.de/handle/urn:nbn:de:bsz:352-opus-127216>

## EDITED VOLUMES / SPECIAL ISSUES

Townsend, L., Schmitz M., Schmid H.B. (forthcoming 2020). Special Issue: “Group Speech Acts”, *Language and Communication*.

Schmitz, M., Schmid H. B. (2018). Special Issue “Collective Self-Awareness”, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

Schmitz, M., Kobow, B. Schmid, B. (2013). *The Background of Social Reality*. Berlin: Springer.

Seebaß, G., Schmitz, M., Gollwitzer, P. (2013). *Acting Intentionally: Individuals, Groups, Institutions*. Berlin: De Gruyter.

## PAPERS AND CHAPTERS

Schmitz, M. (under review). “Questions, content and the varieties of force”.  
<https://philpapers.org/rec/SCHQCA-3>

Schmitz, M. (forthcoming). “Force, content and the varieties of subject”, in Michael Schmitz, Leo Townsend & Hans Bernhard Schmid (eds.) Special Issue *Group speech acts*, *Language and Communication*.

Schmitz, M. (2019). “The good, the bad and the naïve”, in Christoph Limbeck and Friedrich Stadler (eds.), *The Philosophy of Perception. Proceedings of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society*, 57-74. Berlin: DeGruyter.

- Schmitz, M. (2018). “Force, content and logic”, in Gabriele M. Mras, Paul Weingartner, Bernhard Ritter (eds.), *Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics. Contributions of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society*, Vol. XXVI, 221-23. Kirchberg am Wechsel: Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society.
- Schmitz, M. & Schmid, H.B. (2018). “Introduction”, in Schmitz, M. & H.B. Schmid (eds.), “Special Issue Collective Self-Awareness”, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 49 (1), 7-11.
- Schmitz, M. (2018). “Co-subjective consciousness constitutes collectives”, in Schmitz, M. & H.B. Schmid (eds.), “Special Issue Collective Self-Awareness”, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 49 (1), 137-160.
- Schmitz, M. (2017). “What is a mode account of collective intentionality?”, in Gerhard Preyer and Georg Peter (eds.), *Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality*, 37-70. Berlin: Springer. (With a response by Raimo Tuomela.)
- Schmitz, M. (2016). “A history of emerging modes?”, in *Journal of Social Ontology*, (2)1, 87-103. (Book symposium on Michael Tomasello’s *A Natural History of Human Thinking*; with a response by Michael Tomasello.)
- Schmitz, M. (2015). “Joint attention and understanding others”, *Synthesis philosophica*, 58, 235-251.
- Schmitz, M. (2015) “Wollen und Wahrheit”, in Roughley, N., Schälike, J. (eds.): *Wollen. Seine Bedeutung, seine Grenzen*, 43-70. Münster: Mentis.
- Schmitz, M. (2013). “Practical Knowledge”, in W. Spohn, T. Spitzley, & M. Hoeltje (eds.), *Was dürfen wir glauben? Was sollen wir tun?*, 392-403. DuEPublico. [http://duepublico.uni-duisburg-essen.de/servlets/DerivateServlet/Derivate-33085/GAP8\\_Proceedings.pdf](http://duepublico.uni-duisburg-essen.de/servlets/DerivateServlet/Derivate-33085/GAP8_Proceedings.pdf)
- Schmitz, M. (2013). “Limits of Intention and the Representational Mind”, in G. Seebaß, M. Schmitz & P. M. Gollwitzer (eds.), *Acting Intentionally And Its Limits: Individuals, Groups, Institutions*, 57-84. Berlin: De Gruyter.

- Seebaß, G., Schmitz, M. & Gollwitzer, P. (2013). "Introduction" in G. Seebaß, M. Schmitz & P. M. Gollwitzer (eds.), *Acting Intentionally And Its Limits: Individuals, Groups, Institutions*, 1-46. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- Schmitz, M. (2013). "Phenomenology of Action", in H. Pashler (ed.) *Encyclopedia of the Mind*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publication.  
<http://sk.sagepub.com/reference/encyclopedia-of-the-mind/n222.xml>
- Schmitz, M. (2013). "Social Rules and the Social Background", in M. Schmitz, B. Kobow & B. Schmid (eds.) *The Background of Social Reality*, 107-126. Springer.
- Schmitz, M. (2012). "The Background: Nonconceptual, but Representational and Conscious", in Z. Radman (ed.) *From the Body of Knowledge to the Knowing Body*, 57-82. Palgrave MacMillan.
- Schmitz, M. (2011). "Limits of the Conscious Control of Action", *Journal of Social Psychology*, Special Issue *Limits of Intentionality* (eds. P. Gollwitzer, G. Seebaß & F. Wieber), 42(1), 93-98.
- Schmitz, M. (2009). "G.E.M. Anscombe: Intention", & „G.E.M. Anscombe“, Biogramm," in H. Arnold (ed.) *Kindlers Literaturlexikon*.
- Schmitz, M. (2008). "The Microstructure View of the Brain/Consciousness Relation", in H. Bohse & Sven Walter (eds.). *Selected Contributions to GAP.6, Sixth International Conference of the Society for Analytical Philosophy, Berlin, 11–14 September 2006*. (CD-ROM) Paderborn: mentis.
- Schmitz, M. (1999). "Können wir wissen, daß es Dinge gibt, die wir Menschen nicht wissen können?" in J. Mittelstraß (ed.), *Die Zukunft des Wissens*, 112-19, Konstanz: Universitätsverlag Konstanz.
- Schmitz, M. (1999). "Consciousness and Identification", in *Anthropology and Philosophy*, Monographic Issue "Philosophical Approaches to Consciousness" (eds. M. Bianca & L. Malatesti), Vol. 3, No. 2, 103-120.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2018      *Wittgenstein on language and logic, force and content*, Workshop “Wittgenstein on Language, Religion and Culture”, Shahid Beheshti University, Teheran, Dec 3-4 (invited).
- (Group) subjects, force and (non-conceptual) content*, Workshop “Foundations of Sociality”, University Hradec Kralove, November 2-3 (invited).
- Toward a layered account of collective intentionality*, International Conference “Social Ontology 2018”, Tufts University, Boston, August 22-25 (refereed).
- Layers, language, content, consciousness and collectivity*, Workshop “Layers of Collective Intentionality”, Vienna, August 16-18 (invited).
- Transparency and externalism from a 1st person point of view*, Workshop “Transparency and externalism”, Université de Libre, Brussels, June 13-14 (refereed).
- Co-subjective consciousness creates collectives*, Workshop “Collective Identities and Recognition”, Università di Parma, March 1 (invited).
- 2017      *Content, consciousness and collective rules*, Workshop “Groups, norms and practices”, Vienna, November 3-4 (invited).
- Nature, mind, culture*, Workshop “Disciplinarity in archeology” (CE-TAG 2017), Vienna (invited keynote).
- From walking together to the march on Washington*, Workshop “From minimal to complex action”, Milan, September 4 (refereed).
- Co-subjective consciousness constitutes collectives*, ENSO V, Lund, Sweden (refereed). Also at the University of Hradec Kralove (invited).
- Group Mindedness without Group Minds*, European Network for Social Ontology (ENSO) V, Lund, Sweden (invited contribution to a symposium on Kirk Ludwig’s book “From Individual to Plural Agency: Collective Action I”).
- The good, the bad and the naïve*, Wittgenstein Symposium Kirchberg (invited).
- Force, content and the varieties of unity*, Workshop „Force, content and the unity of the proposition“, Vienna, May 19-20 (invited). Also at the University of Hradec Kralove (invited).

*The intentionality of experience* (commentary on Galen Strawson), Workshop “Cognitive Phenomenology”, Vienna, May 18 (invited).

2016 *Joint Attention and understanding others*, Workshop “Social Cognition”, Bogazici University, Istanbul, December 16-17 (invited).

*Varieties of Action Experience – Commentary on Patrick Haggard*  
Workshop “Action, Perception, and Prediction”, Vienna, November 18 (invited).

*Subject, Force, Content – Debunking the Frege Point*  
Berkeley Social Ontology Group (BSOG), UC Berkeley, September 14 (invited).

*Self-Awareness Singular and Plural*  
Collective Intentionality X, The Hague, Netherlands, September 2 (refereed).

*Subject, Mode, Force*  
Workshop “Group Speech Acts”, Vienna, August 26-27 (invited).

*How to be a naïve realist about world and mind*  
Workshop on Searle on perception, University of Bochum, May 18 (refereed).

*Self-Awareness Singular and Plural*  
Berkeley Social Ontology Group (BSOG), UC Berkeley, February 24 (invited).

2015 *Could we create a machine that has consciousness and free will?*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vienna Conference on Consciousness, Vienna, November 7 (invited).

*Towards a subject mode account of collective intentionality*  
ENSO IV, Palermo, September 25 (refereed).

*Does experience provide reasons for belief?*  
GAP. 9, September 17 (refereed). Also at Workshop “Perception and the unity of the proposition”, Business University, Vienna, May 30 (invited)

*Collective Self-Awareness as Constitutive of Collectivity*  
Workshop “Collective Self-Awareness”, University of Vienna, September 8 (invited).

*Does experience provide reasons for belief (and against skepticism)?*  
Workshop “The Factive Turn in Epistemology”, May 8 (refereed).

*A subject mode account of collective intentionality*  
“We”-Distributive and Collective – Vienna-Copenhagen Workshop, Vienna, March 30 (invited).

- 2014 *A Layered View of Mind & Culture*, Conference “Mind and Culture”, Institute of Philosophy, Zagreb, December (invited).
- Emotion, Interaction and Groups*, Tübingen International Summer School (TISS), Tübingen, September (invited).
- Empathy, Emotion and Joint Attention*, Tübingen International Summer School (TISS), Tübingen, September (invited).
- The Nature and Varieties of Empathy*, Tübingen International Summer School (TISS), Universität Tübingen, September (invited).
- Joint Attention as Affective, Intentional and Relational*, Berkeley Social Ontology Group (BSOG), UC Berkeley, September (invited).
- Some modes of Social Action Explanation*, Collective Intentionality IX, Indiana University, Bloomington, September (invited symposium talk).
- Das Bewusstseinsrätsel aufgelöst* [The Mystery of Consciousness dissolved], Sommerschule der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Überlingen, August (invited evening lecture).
- Layers of Collectivity – From Joint Attention to Corporate Actors*, Philosophy Lectures, Vienna, March (invited).
- 2013 *An Intentionalist We-Mode Account of Joint Attention*, ENSO III, University of Helsinki, October (refereed).
- Wollen und Wahrheit* [Willing and Truth], Workshop “Wollen: Grenzen und Bedeutung”, Konstanz, March (invited).
- Praktisches Schließen* [Practical Inference], Logik-Café, Vienna, January (invited).
- 2012 *In Defense of Nonconceptual Intentional Content*, Workshop “Radical Enactivism”, Bochum, October (refereed).
- Practical Knowledge*, Meeting of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), Konstanz, September (refereed).
- From We-Mode to Role-Mode*, Collective Intentionality VIII, University of Manchester, August (refereed).
- The Mystery of Consciousness dissolved*, Berkeley Social Ontology Group (BSOG), UC Berkeley (invited).

- The Good, the Bad, and the Naïve*, Graduate Seminar “Perception” (John Searle), UC Berkeley (invited).
- 2011 *Mode as representational: From We-Mode to Role-Mode*, ENSO II, Conference of the European Network on Social Ontology, Rome (refereed).
- Action, Intention, Institution*, Conference “Acting Intentionally: Individuals, Groups, Institutions. Interdisciplinary Approaches”, Konstanz (invited).
- From We-mode to Role-mode*, The Helsinki Colloquium on Social Ontology, University of Helsinki (invited).
- 2010 *Mode as representational: The Case of Collective Intentions*, Collective Intentionality VII, Universität Basel (refereed).
- Kollektive Intentionalität und das Verstehen Anderer* (with Henrike Moll), Symposium “Limits of Intentionality“, Konstanz (invited).
- Mode Logic*, Social Ontology Group, University of California, Berkeley (invited).
- 2009 *We-modes of Attending and Acting*, Conference “Joint Attention”, Bentley College, Boston (refereed).
- Background Sense of the Other*, Social Ontology Group, University of California, Berkeley (invited).
- The Intentional Content and Structure of Motor Experience*, Poster, 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC 13), Berlin (refereed).
- 2008 *The Construction of Social Reality: Participation-Dependence vs. Observer-Dependence*. Konstanzer Meisterklasse “Construction and Boundaries”, with Thomas Luckmann, Fredrick Barth and John Searle (refereed).
- The Role of the Background in the Creation, Maintenance and Collapse of Institutions*. Conference “Collective Intentionality VI”, University of California, Berkeley (refereed).
- Steps towards a Taxonomy of Layers of Collective Intentionality and their Relations*. Conference “Limits of Intentionality“, Konstanz (invited).
- 2007 *Der Hintergrund: Eine Grenze der Intentionalität?* Lecture series „Psychiatrie, Philosophie, Psychologie und Soziologie im Dialog“, Zentrum für Psychiatrie Reichenau (invited).



*The Background: Nonconceptual, but Representational and Conscious*, Conference “Backgrounding: From the Body of Knowledge to the Knowing Body”, Interuniversity Dubrovnik (invited).

*Agency: Experiencing Causality*, Workshop „The Phenomenology of Agency”, Institute of Philosophy, University College London. Versions of this talk were also presented at a symposium and a summer school of the research group “Limits of Intentionality” (all invited).

2006 *Nonconceptual Intentionality: Action and Perception*, Centre for Research in Cognitive Science, University of Sussex (invited).

*Agency: Experiencing Causation*, Workshop “The Phenomenology of Agency” Université de Fribourg (invited).

*The Problem of Mental Causation dissolved*, Institute of Philosophy, University College London (invited).

Commentary on Brian McLaughlin’s *Does Mental Causation Require Psychophysical Identities?*, Workshop “Physicalism and Beyond”, FU Berlin (invited).

*The Microstructure View of the Brain-Consciousness Relation*, 6. Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für analytische Philosophie (GAP.6), Berlin (refereed).

*The Nonconceptual Intentional Content of the Bodily Experience of Acting*, Poster, 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC 10), University of Oxford (refereed).

*Moduslogik*, Institut für Philosophie, Universität Leipzig (invited).

*Moduslogik oder die Einbeit der deduktiven Vernunft*, Philosophisches Kolloquium, Fachbereich Philosophie, Universität Konstanz (invited).

2005 *A Logic for Non-Cognitivism*, Symposium “Good and Right, Free and Reasonable. Discussions with Michael Smith”, Konstanz (invited).

2004 *Consciousness: Central, but not Essential for Intentionality*, Vortrag beim 27. int. Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel (refereed).

*Der Kontext des praktischen Schließens*, Workshop “Handlungen und Kontexte“, Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen (invited).

2003 *Selbstbewusstsein jenseits des Dualismus der ersten und dritten Person*, GAP 5, Bielefeld (refereed). Also given at the Philosophiedepartment, LMU München (invited).

*Having and Instantiating Properties*, Commentary on David Armstrong's *Four disputes about properties*, Workshop "Properties, Modalities, and States of Affairs", Konstanz (invited).

2002 *Showing the Mental to be (Really) Physical. Is It Possible? Is it Necessary?*, Workshop "Mental and Physical Reality: Discussions with Galen Strawson", Konstanz (invited).

2001 *Mentale Verursachung und Kausale Komposition*, Kolloquium des Fachbereichs Philosophie, Universität Konstanz (invited).

2000 *The Unity of the Concept of Consciousness*, Poster, ASSC 4, Bruxelles (refereed).

1999 *Können wir wissen, daß es Dinge gibt, die wir Menschen nicht wissen können?*, XVIII. Deutscher Kongreß für Philosophie, Konstanz (refereed).

*Bewusstsein und Identifikation*, Philosophischer Kreis, FU Berlin (invited).

1998 *Consciousness and Identification*, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC 2), Bremen (refereed).

*Im Kopf und um den Kopf herum*, Philosophischer Kreis, FU Berlin (invited).

## TEACHING

SS 2018 VO-L "Subject, Mode, Force II" (in English), Seminar Wittgenstein "Philosophische Untersuchungen"

WS 2017 VO-L "Subject, Mode, Force I" (in English), "Rhetorik & Argumentationstheorie"

SS 2017 VO-L "Subject, Mode, Force" (in English), SE "Michael Tomasello: A natural history of human thinking" (in English)

WS 2016 "Rhetorik & Argumentationstheorie", Seminar "Kollektive Intentionalität"

SS 2016 VO-L "Subject, Mode, Force" [lecture course in English], Seminar Schopenhauer "Über die vierfache Wurzel des Satzes vom zureichenden Grund"

WS 2015 "Rhetorik & Argumentationstheorie", Seminar "Austins Erben: Neuere Kontroversen um die Sprechakttheorie" (with Gerhard Thonhauser)

SS 2015	VO-L “Einführung in die theoretische Philosophie”, “Rhetorik & Argumentationstheorie”
WS 2014	VO-L “Einführung in die Philosophie des Geistes”, Seminar “Sprechakttheorie”
SS 2014	VO-L “Einführung in die Philosophie des Geistes”, Seminar “Praktisches Schließen”
WS 2013	Seminar “Gemeinsam Wahrnehmen und Handeln”, VO “Einführung in die Philosophie des Geistes”
SS 2013	VO-L “Einführung in die theoretische Philosophie”, Seminar “Wahrnehmung”, “Rhetorik & Argumentationstheorie”
WS 2012	“Rhetorik & Argumentationstheorie”
SS 2011	Der Hintergrund kollektiver Intentionalität (with Dr. Werner Binder),
WS 2010/11	Hauptseminar “Geist, Sprache und Gesellschaft” (with Prof. Bernward Gesang), University of Mannheim
WS 2009/10	Hauptseminar “Die Gedankensprache“ (with Dr. Thomas Krödel), University of Konstanz.
SS 2008	Hauptseminar “Kollektive Intentionalität“ (with Dr. Anja Achtziger and Dr. Christoph Schneider) Hauptseminar „Bewusstsein und Neurobiologie“ (with Prof. Giovanni Galizia), University of Konstanz.
WS 2007/8	Hauptseminar „John Searle: Intentionalität“, University of Konstanz.
SS 2007	Seminar „Bewusstsein“, University of Konstanz.
SS 2006	“Einführung in die Philosophie des Geistes”, Zentrum für Psychiatrie Reichenau.
SS 2006	Seminar „Handlungstheorie“, University of Konstanz.
WS 2005/2006	Seminar „Tractatus“ (with Dr. Wolfgang Freitag) University of Konstanz.
SS 2002	Seminar „Bewusstsein“ (with PD Dr. Bernhard Thöle) University of Konstanz.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY**

Workshop “Layers of Collective Intentionality”, Universität Wien (with Hans Bernhard Schmid), August 2018.

Workshop “Force, content, and the unity of the proposition”, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien (with Gabriele Mras), May 2017.

Workshop “Action, Perception, and Prediction” (with Ulrich Ansorge), Universität Wien, November 2016.

Workshop “Group Speech Acts”, Universität Wien (with Hans Bernhard Schmid), August 2016.

Workshop “Collective Self-Awareness”, Universität Wien (with Hans Bernhard Schmid), August 2015.

Workshop “Intentionality & Institution”, Universität Konstanz (with Marcel Weber), 2011.

Founding meeting of the European Network for Social Ontology (ENSO) “The Background of Institutional Reality“, Universität Konstanz (with Beatrice Kobow, Hans Bernhard Schmid und Trevor Wedman), 2009.

Lecture series “Psychiatrie, Philosophie, Psychologie und Soziologie im Dialog“, Zentrum für Psychiatrie Reichenau (with Johannes Rusch), 2008-2010.

Workshop “Phenomenology of Agency“, Institute of Philosophy, University College London (with Tim Crane), 2007.

Workshop “Mental and Physical Reality: Discussions with Galen Strawson”, Universität Konstanz (with Christoph Fehige), 2002.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Board Member, International Social Ontology Society (ISOS), since August 2018.

Search Committee member Chair for Theoretical Philosophy, Universität Wien 2013.

ERASMUS Coordinator Incoming, since 2015, Universität Wien.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association, Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (GAP), International Social Ontology Society (ISOS).

### **REFEREEING**

*For Springer, Dialectica, Synthese, Journal of Social Ontology, Theoria, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Journal of Philosophical Research, Topoi, Mind, and others.*