

Curriculum Vitae  
Prof. Dr. Marc V.P. Slors



### BIO

**Marc Slors** (1966) is professor of philosophy of mind and cognition and chair of the section Philosophy of Mind and Language at the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies of Radboud University in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. He did his PhD in philosophy (1997, *cum laude*) at the University of Utrecht, supervised by Marya Schechtman of the University of Illinois at Chicago. After his PhD, he acquired a three-year postdoc grant for a project on emergentism from the Dutch Organization for Scientific Research (NWO). This project was conducted partly at the Katholieke Universiteit Nijmegen and partly at the Australian National University as a visiting fellow of the Research School of Social Sciences. He then obtained a five-year fellowship from the Royal Netherlands Academy of the Arts and Sciences (KNAW). In November 2005 he became full professor of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition at the Radboud University, Nijmegen. He has published on various problems connected to the mind-brain relation. He is frequently invited at international conferences as well as for lectures addressing larger non-academic audiences. Whereas his publications so far were strictly academic, his first book for a wider audience—on free will and the brain—appeared in March 2012 (Amsterdam: Boom). He is currently working on a book on culture and situated cognition.

### Website

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### Education

#### *Master's ('Doctoraal')*

Utrecht University

Date: 28-2-1992

Main subject: Problem of Other Minds

#### *Doctorate*

University: Utrecht University

Date: 16-5-1997 *cum laude*

Promotor: Prof. Dr. R. Heeger, (supervision: Dr. Marya Schechtman, UIC, Chicago, USA and Dr. J.A.M. Bransen)

Title of thesis: *Personal Identity and the Metaphysics of Mind*

### Work experience since graduation

#### *Appointments*

- 11-2005-now, Professor of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, Department of Philosophy at the Radboud University Nijmegen. Tenured term.
- 2-2017 — 3-2017, Visiting Professorial Fellow, University of Wollongong, Australia.
- 6-2003 — 11-2005, Researcher/Lecturer Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Science, Department of Philosophy at the Radboud University Nijmegen. Tenured term. 0.8 fte.
- 6-2001 — 11-2005, Research Fellow of The Netherlands Academy for the Arts and Sciences

at the Radboud University Nijmegen (with extension). Fixed term; tenured term after the extension 6-2003. 0.8 fte.

- 3/1998 — 3-2001, Research Fellow Dutch Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)/University of Nijmegen. Fixed term. 1.0 fte.
- 9-1998 — 1- 1999, Visiting Fellow, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 9/1996 — 3/1998, Lecturer Philosophy of Mind and Action, Utrecht University. Fixed term. 0.5 fte.
- 9/1992 — 9/1996, Junior Research Fellow (AiO), Utrecht University. Fixed term. 1.0 fte.

### *Teaching*

- Over 30 different courses (most of them for a couple of years in a row) at philosophy faculties (Radboud University and Utrecht University mostly) at all levels, mostly on topics in the philosophy of mind, but also on philosophy of science and action theory from 1996 onwards.
- Introductory courses Philosophy for Psychologists (mandatory) for second year psychologists, Faculty of Social Science, Radboud University ( $\pm$  420 students per class; 14 years).
- Neurophilosophy course for Research Master students cognitive neuroscience, Donders Institute, Nijmegen (6 years).

### *Administration*

- Director of the Graduate School for the Humanities, Radboud University Nijmegen (9-2013-9-2015)
- Director of Research of the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies (2012-9-2015)
- Head of Section of Philosophy of Mind and Language, Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, radboud University Nijmegen (2012-now)
- Member of general board of the unity of Faculties of Philosophy, and Theology and Religious Studies (2008-2012)
- Head of board of Examination, Faculty of Philosophy, Radboud University Nijmegen (2010-2011)
- Coordinator of Research, Section Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies (2011-2012)

### *PhD Supervision*

#### • Supervised PhD projects

- W. de Muijnck (PhD. 2002, RU, *Dependencies, Connections, and Other Relations. A Theory of Mental Causation*).
- H. Dooremalen (PhD. 2003, RU, *Evolution's Shorthand, A Presentational Theory of the Phenomenal Mind*).
- T. van de Laar (PhD. 2007, RU, *Explicit Science: Methodology-Implying Assumptions behind Scientific Research into Consciousness and Conscious Intentional Action*).
- M. van Leeuwen (PhD. 2008, RU, *Colour and Concepts: a Case Study in the Philosophy of Embodied-Embedded Cognition*).
- D. Strijbos (PhD. 2012, *In a Public Frame of Mind: Understanding Others in Discursive Practice*).
- Maurits in 't Veld (PhD. 2015, *The Hermeneutic Niche: Language within Darwinism*).
- Fleur Jongepier (PhD. 2017, *The Circumstances of Self-Knowledge*, with Prof. Quassim Cassam, University of Warwick, and Prof. Jan Bransen, Radboud University).
- Abramova, E. MA (PhD 2019, *Joint Action: An Enactive, Mechanistic Account*, with dr. Iris van Rooij, Radboud University).
- Anneli Jansen (PhD 2019, *Philosophy of neuroscience* (with dr. C. Klein, Macquarie University Sydney)).
- Bernardo Kastrup (PhD 2019, *Analytical Idealism*, with dr. Leon de Bruin, Radboud

- University)
- Daphne Brandenburg (PhD 2019, *Scaffolded autonomy and self-management* (with prof. Jeanette Kennett, Macquarie University Sydney and prof. J.A.M. Bransen, Radboud University)).
- **Current supervision and co-supervision**
  - Frank van Caspel *Process metaphysics and mental causation* (with prof. C.R. Palmerino, Radboud)
  - Teodor Negru *Enactivism, autonomy and free will* (PhD expected 2019)
  - Roy Dings *Pre-reflective and reflective self-awareness* (with prof. G. Glas, VU)
  - Charlotte Deelen *Collective agency and collective responsibility* (with prof. G. van Solinge, Radboud University)
  - Frank Hartmann, *Philosophy of cognitive neuroscience* (with dr. H. Ghijsen, Radboud University)
- **Head/member of manuscript committee:**
  - L.C. de Bruin (Leiden University)
  - S.M. van Geelen (Utrecht University)
  - L. de Nul (University of Antwerp)
  - J. Degenaar (Groningen University/University of Antwerp)
  - D.W. Rietveld (University of Amsterdam)
  - E. Maier (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - C. Bary (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - N. van Leusen (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - B. Knudsen (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - M. Kestra (University of Amsterdam)
  - D. Horstkötter (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - L. Feenstra (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - S. Voerman (University of Tilburg)
  - A. de Vries (Groningen University)
  - L. Feenstra (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - V. Bohl (University of Tartu)
  - F. Hasselman (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - S. Tarenskeen (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - N. Kienstra (Radboud University Nijmegen)
  - B. Donders (University of Antwerp)
  - A. van Stee (Leiden University)
  - J. Bruineberg (University of Amsterdam)
  - F. Degli Angeli (University of Parma)

#### *Research Panels (National and International)*

- Member of the ESF college of expert reviewers 2019-2021
- Member of the ERC SH4 Starting Grant panel, 2015, 2017, 2019.
- Member of National Initiative Brain and Cognition, NWO, programme 'Brain and Cognition: an Integrated Approach' (BCIA), 2012-2017.
- Member of NWO VICI panel alfa/gamma sciences, NWO, 2012.
- Member of NWO VICI panel humanities, NWO, 2011.

#### *Other committees*

- Member of the Open-Access committee of the Radboud University (2013-2016)
- Member of the Radboud Science Awards Committee (2014-2016)
- Member of the board of the section Theoretical Philosophy of the Netherlands National Research School of Philosophy (2013-now)

#### *Reviewing*

- I reviewed grant proposals for NWO (Netherlands organization for scientific research), FWO

- (Flemish organization for scientific research), ERC (European Research Council),
- I reviewed papers for over 30 international journals
- I reviewed books for Springer, Kluwer, MIT press and Oxford university Press

### *Editorial board*

- Associate Editor of *Philosophical Explorations: an International Journal of Philosophy of Mind and Action*, Taylor and Francis (Routledge), 2005-2019.

### **Research Grants**

- Radboud University Collaboration Grant “Translating Neuroscientific Knowledge”, € 80,000.
- NWO (Dutch Organization for Scientific Research) Programme “Self-Management in Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine” (2 PhD projects, 2 postdoc projects); ± € 750,000.
- NWO (Dutch Organization for Scientific Research) project (PhD) “The Malleability of Mind”, (9-2012 — 9 2016); ± € 200,000.
- NWO (Dutch Organization for Scientific Research) project (PhD) “Mind and Narrativity”, (10-2011 — 10-2015); ± € 200,000.
- KNAW (Royal Netherlands Academy of the Arts and Sciences); extension of project “In Defence of a New Emergentism”, (11-2004 — 4-2008); postdoc, 2 years.
- KNAW (Royal Netherlands Academy of the Arts and Sciences); project “In Defence of a New Emergentism”, (5-2001 — 11-2004); postdoc, 3 years.
- NWO (Dutch Organization for Scientific Research); Project “Mind, Ontology, and Explanation”, (3-1998 — 3-2001), supervision: Prof. A.A. Derksen (KUN); postdoc, 3 years.
- NWO (Dutch Organization for Scientific Research); Project “Positieve schriftelijke wilsverklaringen, i.h.b. in de geestelijke gezondheidszorg” (*philosophical section*), (9-1999 — 9-2002), supervision: Prof. T. Van Willigenburg (EUR), Prof. J.K.M. Gevers (UvA), Prof. M.C.H. Donker (EUR/Trimbos instituut), postdoc, 3 years.

### **Publications**

#### **Books (monographs)**

- Slors, M.V.P. de Bruin, L.C. and Strijbos, D., *Philosophy of Mind, Brain and Behaviour*, Amsterdam: Boom, 2015.
- Slors, M.V.P., *Dat had je gedacht! Brein, bewustzijn en vrije wil in filosofisch perspectief*, Amsterdam: Boom, 2012
- Slors, M.V.P., *The Diachronic Mind*, Philosophical Studies Series, Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers 2001.

#### **Books (edited volumes)**

- Sie, M.M.S.K., Slors, M.V.P., and van den Brink, H.H.A. (eds.), *Reasons of One’s Own*, Ashgate Publishers, 2004.
- Haaften, W. van, B. Musschenga, B. Spiecker and M.V.P. Slors (eds.), *Personal and Moral Identity*, Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2002.
- Bransen, J.A.M. and Slors, M.V.P. (eds.), *The Problematic Reality of Values*, Assen: van Gorcum, 1996.

#### **Forthcoming journal articles**

- Abramova, E., Slors, M., Müller, B, and van Rooij, I. (forthcoming). Joint Simon Effect in Movement Trajectories.
- Strijbos, D. and M.V.P. Slors (forthcoming). Dimensions of self-management in psychiatry.
- Slors, M. (forthcoming). A cognitive explanation of the perceived normativity of cultural conventions.

#### **Journal articles**

- Van Stee, A. and Slors, M. (2019). The ethics of counting neural activity as proof. *American Journal of Bioethics*.

- Slors, M. (2019). Two distinctions that help to chart the interplay between conscious and unconscious volition. *Frontiers in Psychology*.
- Slors, M. (2019). Symbiotic cognition as an alternative for socially extended cognition, *Philosophical Psychology*.
- Slors, M, Francken, J. and Strijbos, D. (2019). Intentional Content in Psychopathologies Requires an Expanded Interpretivism. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- Abramova, E. and Slors, M. (2018). Mechanistic Explanations for Enactive Sociality. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-018-9577-8>
- Slors, M.V.P. (2018), "Interpretivism and the Meaning of Mental State Ascriptions", *Studia Philosophica Estonica* 10 (2), 18-27.
- Abramova, E., M.V.P. Slors, and I. van Rooij (2017), "Enactive Mechanistic Explanation of Social Cognition", *CogSci 2017*.
- Slors, M.V.P. (2017). Tussen wetenschap en dagelijks leven", *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte* 107 (2), 205-209.
- Francken, J. and M.V.P. Slors (2017), "Neuroscience and everyday life: Facing the translation problem", *Brain and Cognition* 120, 76-74. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.bandc.2017.09.004>
- Janssen, A., C. Klein and M.V.P. Slors (2017), "What Is a Cognitive Ontology, Anyway?", *Philosophical Explorations* 20 (2), 1-6.
- Slors, M.V.P. and Abramova, E. (2015), "Social Cognition in Simple Action coordination: a Case for Direct Perception", *Consciousness and Cognition* 36, pp. 519-531.
- Slors, M.V.P. (2015), "Two Improvements to the Intentional Stance Theory: Hutto and Satne on Naturalizing Content", *Philosophia* 43 (3), pp. 579-591.
- Francken, J. and M.V.P. Slors, (2014), "From Commonsense to Neuroscience and Back: Commonsense Cognitive Concepts in Cognitive Neuroscience", *Consciousness and Cognition* 29, pp. 248-258; <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.concog.2014.08.019>.
- Slors, M.V.P. and F. Jongepier (2014), "Mineness Without Minimal Selves", *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 21 (7-8), pp. 193-219.
- De Bruin, L.C., Strijbos, D.W. and Slors, M.V.P. (2013), "Situating Emotions: From Embodied Cognition to Mindreading", *Topoi*, DOI 10.1007/s11245-013-9200-0.
- Slors, M.V.P. (2013), "Conscious Intending as Self-Programming", *Philosophical Psychology*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2013.803922>
- Slors, M.V.P. (2012), "The Model-Model of the Theory-Theory", *Inquiry* 55 (5), pp. 521-542.
- Slors, M.V.P., (2012), "Belichaamde sociale cognitie: consequenties voor 'theory of mind'", *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte* 104 (3), pp. 189-206.
- De Bruin, L., Strijbos, D. and Slors, M.V.P. (2011), "Early Social Cognition: Alternatives to Implicit Mindreading", *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 2(3), pp. 499-517.
- Van Elk, M., Slors, M.V.P. and Bekkering, H. (2010), "Embodied language comprehension requires an enactive paradigm of cognition", *Frontiers in Psychology* 1:234, doi 10.3389/fpsyg.2010.00234.
- Slors, M.V.P., (2010) "Neural Resonance: Neither Simulation, Nor Perception", *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 9 (3), 437-458.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Het onbewuste zelf. Of waarom we ons niet blind moeten staren op de 'illusie van bewuste wil'", *Wijsgerig Perspectief* 50 (1), 2010, pp. 26-33.
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- Slors, M.V.P. and Macdonald, C. A., "Rethinking Folk-Psychology: Alternatives to Theories of Mind", *Philosophical Explorations* 11 (3), 2008, pp. 153-62.
- Slors, M.V.P., "The Importance and Limits of Phenomenological Philosophy of Mind", *Abstracta* 4, 2008, pp. 34-44.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Intentional Systems Theory, Mental Causation and Empathic Resonance", *Erkenntnis* 67, 2007, pp. 321-36.
- Azari, N.P. and Slors, M.V.P., "From Brain Imaging Religious Experience to Explaining Religion: a Critique", *Archiv für Religionspsychologie* 29, 2007, pp. 67-85
- Slors, M.V.P., M.M.S.K. Sie & H.H.A. van den Brink, "Het probleem van eigen redenen", *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte* 97 (4), 2005, pp. 268-75.

- Slors, M.V.P., "The Problem of Care for One's Own Future States", *Philosophical Explorations* 7 (2), 2004, pp. 183-195.
- Slors, M.V.P., "The Closest Continuer View Revisited," *Croatian Journal of Philosophy* IV (12), 2004, pp. 1-17.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Epiphenomenalism and Cross-Realisation Induction," *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 65, 2002, pp. 15-36.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Personal Identity, Memory, and Circularity: an Alternative for Q-Memory," *Journal of Philosophy* 98 (4), 2001, pp. 186-214.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Personal Identity, Self-Consciousness and The Paradox of Self-Consciousness", Review, *European Journal of Philosophy* 9 (1), 2001, pp. 126-31.
- Slors, M.V.P., "A Reply to Igor Douven," *philosophical Explorations* 2 (2), 1999, pp. 150-2.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Two Conceptions of Psychological Continuity", *Philosophical Explorations* 1 (1), 1998, pp. 59-78.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Why Functional Properties can be Emergent Properties", *Intellectica* 25, 1998, pp. 59-65.
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- Slors, M.V.P., "Realisme zonder Representatie", *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte* 87 (1), 1995, pp. 15-32.

#### Edited Special Issues

- Janssen, A., C. Klein and M.V.P. Slors (eds.), *Cognitive Ontologies in Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Psychiatry*, *Philosophical Explorations* 20 (2), 2017.
- Slors, M.V.P. and Macdonald, C.A. (eds.), *Rethinking Folk-Psychology: Alternatives to Theories of Mind*, *Philosophical Explorations* 11 (3), 2008.
- Slors, M.V.P. and Walter, S. (eds.), *Mental Causation, Multiple Realization and Emergence*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 65, 2002.

#### Contributions to books

- Slors, M.V.P., "Philosophy of Mind", Ch. 5 *Analytische Filosofie* (C. Buskes en H. Simissen, red.), Open Universiteit, Nijmegen: Vantitlt, 2014.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Thomas Metzinger", *Handboek hedendaagse Duitse filosofie*, Amsterdam: Boom, 2012.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Dennett over het Mind-Body probleem", in *De Menselijke geest*, Stichting Instituut voor Filosofie, Amsterdam, 2012.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Vrije wil en neurowetenschap", in Sie, M.M.S.K. (ed.), *Hoezo Vrije Wil?*, Lemniscaat, 2011, pp. 159-170.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Bewustzijn, introspectie en wetenschap", in J.A.M. Vermeulen, J.A. den Boer en M.M.A. Derix (red.), *Onderzoek naar bewustzijn*, Boom 2011, pp. 21-44.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Sociale Cognitie en 'theories of mind'", in D.A.J.P. Denys en G. Meynen (red.), *Handboek psychiatrie en filosofie*, Amsterdam: De Tijdstroom, 2011 (hoofdstuk 8).
- Slors, M.V.P., "Philosophy of Mind in wetenschappelijke context: een beknopt overzicht", in J.A. den Boer, G. Glas en A. Mooij (eds.), *Kernproblemen van de psychiatrie*, Amsterdam/Meppel: Boom, pp. 1-20, 2008.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Redelijkheid en Lichamelijkheid", in Becker, M. (ed.), *Het Redelijke Beest*, Budel: Damon, 2008, pp. 89-104.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Looking for the Real Enemy", in A. Leist (ed.), *Action in Context*, Berlin/New York: De Gruyter, 2007, pp. 254-60.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Idiosyncratic Practical Reasoning and the Nature of Mental State Attribution", in Sie, M.M.S.K., M.V.P. Slors and H.H.A. van den Brink, 2004, pp. 193-206.
- Slors, M.V.P., Sie, M.M.S.K., and H.H.A. van den Brink, "Introduction", in Sie,

- M.M.S.K., M.V.P. Slors and H.H.A. van den Brink 2004, pp. 1-20.
- Slors, M.V.P., and Sven Walter, "Mental Causation, Multiple Realization and Emergence: an Introduction," *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 65, 2002, 1-13.
  - Slors, M.V.P., "Multiple Realisation, Projectibility and Non-Reductivism", in João Sáàgua (ed.), *Proceedings of Mind and Action III*, Lisbon, 2003.
  - Slors, M.V.P., "Een de patstelling in het qualia-debat," in Leilich, J., P. Reynaert, and J. Veldeman (eds.), *Fenomenaal Bewustzijn*, Leuven: Peeters, 2002, pp. 257-70.
  - Slors, M.V.P., "Multiple Realisability, Projectibility, and the Metaphysics of Non-Reduction," in Derksen, A.A. (ed.), *Moving Ahead: Philosophy of Mind and Realism*, Amsterdam: Dutch University Press, 2001, 75-92.
  - Slors, M.V.P., "Personal Identity and Responsibility for Past Actions", in A. van den Beld (ed.), *Moral Responsibility and Ontology*, Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2000, 63-76.
  - Slors, M.V.P., "Two Claims that can Save a Non-reductive Account of Mental Causation", in Bransen, J.A.M. and Cuypers, S. E. (eds.), *Human Agency, Deliberation, and Causality*, Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1998, 225-48.
  - Slors, M.V.P., "Against the Need for a Separate Ontology of Values", Bransen, J.A.M. and Slors, M.V.P. (eds.), *The Problematic Reality of Values*, Assen: van Gorcum, pp. 13-27, 1996.
  - Slors, M.V.P., "Comments of Professor Goldstein's 'Pain's Intrinsic Value and Ethical Anti-realism'", in Bransen, J.A.M. and Slors, M.V.P. (eds.), *The Problematic Reality of Values*, Assen: van Gorcum, pp. 50-3, 1996.

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- Slors, M.V.P., "Hirsi Ali slaat debat emancipatie dood", *Volkskrant* 8-11-2002
- Slors, M.V.P., "Moslims zijn niet achtelijker dan wij", *NRC Handelsblad*, 13-6-2002
- Slors, M.V.P., *Personal Identity and the Metaphysics of Mind*, Dissertatie Universiteit Utrecht, *Questiones Infinitea* Vol. 18, 1997.
- Slors, M.V.P., "Doodstraf is geen betere waarborg tegen criminelen", (met Bert van den Brink), *NRC Handelsblad* 1-10-1994