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Education

- 2010-2016 Habilitation project on *Suárez's Metaphysics of Modality* at the Humboldt-University of Berlin.
- 2007-2010 Ph.D. at the Humboldt University of Berlin within the Leibniz-Award-Project "Transformations of Mind". Dissertation: *Finalursachen in der frühen Neuzeit – Eine Untersuchung der Transformation teleologischer Erklärungen (Final causes in Early Modern Philosophy – An Investigation of the Transformations of Teleological Explanations)*. Supervisors: Dominik Perler and Johannes Haag. Defended on the 2nd of February 2010; Predicate: *summa cum laude*).
- 2006 M.A. at the Humboldt University of Berlin. Masterthesis: *Kausalität und Inferenz: Eine Untersuchung zum kausalen und begrifflichen Zusammenhang bei Spinoza (Causality and inference: an inquiry into causal and conceptual relations in Spinoza)*.
- 2004-2006 Hauptstudium at the Humboldt University of Berlin in Philosophy, German Literature and Mathematics.
- 2001-2004 Grundstudium at the University of Basel (Switzerland) in Philosophy, German Literature and Mathematics.
- 2000 Matura Typus A at Gymnasium Münchenstein (near Basel, Switzerland) (Swiss university-entrance diploma including exams in Latin and Greek)

Academic Positions

- Since 2016 Professor for the History of Philosophy at the University of Hamburg
- Spring 2013 Visiting Researcher at Yale University (USA)
- Fall 2012 Visiting Researcher at the University of Toronto (Canada)

- Since 2009 Research assistant to the Chair in Theoretical Philosophy at the Humboldt University of Berlin
- 2004-2006 Student assistant to the Chair in Theoretical Philosophy at the Humboldt University of Berlin.
- 2003-2004 Student assistant to the Chair in Theoretical Philosophy at the University of Basel.

Area of Specialization Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Mind in Early Modern and Late Medieval Philosophy

Area of Competence Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Medieval Philosophy, Early Modern Meta-Ethics

Languages

- Greek: reading
 Latin: reading
 English: speaking, writing, and reading
 French: speaking, reading
 German: native language

Scholarships and Awards

- 2011 Scholarship by the Janggen-Pöhn-Foundation for spending a year in North America (winter term 2012 at the University of Toronto; summer term at Yale University)
- 2010 Humboldt-Preis for my Dissertation *Finalursachen in der frühen Neuzeit – Eine Untersuchung der Transformation teleologischer Erklärungen*
- 2007-2009 Ph.D. scholarship in the project “Transformations of Mind: Philosophical Psychology, 1500-1750”
- 2007 Award of the “Carl und Max Schneider Stiftung” for the best M.A. Thesis
- 2001-2009 Member of the Swiss Study Foundation
- 2000 Award for the best Matura 2000

Research

1. Book

- 2010 *Finalursachen in der frühen Neuzeit – Eine Untersuchung der Transformation teleologischer Erklärungen*, Berlin, New York, de Gruyter.

2. Editorship

- Forthcoming* Special issue about “The Facts Behind the *Formulae*: Revisionary Metaphysics in the Middle Ages”, in *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* 14 (2022), together with S. Schierbaum.
- 2019 *Sceptical Paths: Essays on Scepticisms from Antiquity until the Early Modern Period and Beyond*, co-edited with G. Veltri, R. Haliva, and E. Spinelli. Berlin, Boston: de Gruyter.
- 2018 *Philosophy of Mind in the Late Middle Ages and the Renaissance*, vol. 3 of the Series *The History of Philosophy of Mind*, ed. by Ch. Shields & R. Copenhaver, London, Routledge.
- 2013 *Dispositionen, Texte aus der zeitgenössischen Debatte*, Berlin, Suhrkamp. (Anthology of contemporary texts on the metaphysics of dispositions in German translation), together with B. Vetter.
- 2011 Special issue about “Final Causes and Teleological Explanations”, in *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* 14 (2011), together with D. Perler.

3. Articles

- Forthcoming* “Leibniz on Powers and Abilities”, in *Powers and Abilities in Early Modern Philosophy*, ed. by S. Bender & D. Perler, London: Routledge.
- “Two Kinds of Grounding? Suárez on Natural Resultance and Foundation”, in *Grounding in Medieval Philosophy*, ed. by M. Roques Leiden, Brill.
- “Das Leib-Seele-Problem in der Frühen Neuzeit”, in *Handbuch Philosophie des Geistes*, ed. by V. Hoffmann-Kolß & N. Rathgeb, Stuttgart: Metzler.
- 2021 “Spinoza Against the Skeptics”, in *A Companion to Spinoza*, ed. by Yitzhak Melamed, Malden: Wiley, Blackwell, 276-285 (DOI: 10.1002/9781119538349.ch26)
- 2020 “Epistemic Responsibility in an Occasionalist World. Malebranche’s Theory of Judgment”, in *Active Cognition. Challenges to an Aristotelian Tradition*, ed. by A. M. Mora-Márquez & V. Decaix, Cham: Springer, 133-162. (DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-35304-9_7).
- “Causation and Cognition in Malebranche”, in *Causation and Cognition in Early Modern Philosophy*, ed. by S. Bender & D. Perler, London: Routledge. 83-104.
- “Certainty: Last Champions and Beyond”, in *Medieval and Early Modern Epistemology: After Certainty*, ed. by G. Klima, M. Klein & A. Hall, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 57-69.

- “Leibniz’ metaphysische Begründung des Rechts”, in *Rechts- und Staatsphilosophie bei G. W. Leibniz*, ed. by T. Altwicker, F. Cheneval & M. Mahlmann, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 53-61.
- 2019 “Three Varieties of Early Modern Scepticism”, in *Sceptical Paths: Essays on Scepticisms from Antiquity until the Early Modern Period and Beyond*, ed. by G. Veltri, R. Haliva, E. Spinelli & S. Schmid. Berlin, Boston: de Gruyter, 181-201.
- “Frühe Neuzeit”, in *Handbuch Erkenntnistheorie*, ed. by M. Grajner & G. Melchior, Stuttgart: Metzler, 21-27. (DOI: 10.1007/978-3-476-04632-1_3)
- 2018 “Potentialities in the Middle Ages – The Latin Tradition”, in *Handbook of Potentialities*, hg. von K. Engelhard & M. Quante, Dordrecht: Springer, 123-153.
- “Introduction: Aristotelianism, Humanism, and Platonism: Three Pillars for Thinking about the Mind between 1300 and 1600”, in *Philosophy of Mind in the Late Middle Ages and the Renaissance*, ed. by S. Schmid, London: Routledge, 1-21.
- 2016 “Handlungstheorie der Frühen Neuzeit”, in *Handbuch Handlungstheorie: Grundlagen, Kontexte, Perspektiven*, ed. by M. Kühler & M. Rüter, Stuttgart, Weimar: Metzler, 34-44.
- “The Intrinsic Directedness of Leibnizian Forces”, in *Für unser Glück oder das Glück anderer’ Vorträge des X. Internationalen Leibniz-Kongresses*, vol. 5, ed. by W. Li et al., Hildesheim: Olms, 131-141.
- 2015 “Faculties in Early Modern Philosophy“, in *The Faculties: A History*, ed. by D. Perler, Oxford, New York: OUP, 150-197.
- “Suárez on Efficient Causality: The Metaphysics of Production”, in *Suárezian Causes*, ed. by J. L. Fink, Leiden: Brill, 85-121. (DOI: 10.1163/9789004292161_006)
- “Finality without Final Causes? – Suárez’s Account of Natural Teleology” in *Ergo* 2/16 (2015), 393-425. (DOI: 10.3998/ergo.12405314.0002.016)
- 2014 “Spinoza on the Unity of Will and Intellect”, in *Partitioning the Soul: Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Debates*, ed. by K. Corcilius & D. Perler, Berlin & New York: de Gruyter, 245-270.
- “Suárez and the Problem of Final Causation”, in *Suárez’s metaphysics. Disputationes metaphysicae in their systematic and historical context*, ed. by L. Novák, Berlin, New York: de Gruyter, 293-308.
- 2013 “Teleologie und Potentialitäten – Gedanken über eine aristotelische Herausforderung”, in *Handlung und Vermögen*, ed. by A.S. Spann & D. Wehinger Paderborn: Mentis, 63-92.
- “Einleitung” in *Dispositionen, Texte aus der zeitgenössischen Debatte*, ed. by B. Vetter & S. Schmid, Berlin: Suhrkamp, 7-57 (with B. Vetter).

- 2011 “Zwecke, Handlungen und Streben bei Spinoza: zwischen Teleologie und Naturalismus“ in *Departure from Modern Europe*, ed. by H. Busche, Hamburg, Meiner 2011, 193-206.
- “Teleology and the dispositional theory of causation in Thomas Aquinas”, in *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* 14 (2011), 21-39.
- “Introduction: Final Causes and Teleological Explanations”, *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* 14 (2011), 11-19 (with Dominik Perler).
- 2010 “Trägheit und Streben: Spinozas Versuch einer natürlichen Teleologie” in *Nature et surnaturelle. Philosophies de la nature et métaphysique aux XVIe-XVIIIe siècles*, hg. von V. Alexandrescu & R. Theis, Hildesheim: Olms 2010, 137-149.
- “Erkenntnis, Bedeutung und Wahrheit – faktischer und epistemischer Gehalt von Ideen” (together with Pedro Stoichita), appears in *Ideentheorien in der frühen Neuzeit*, Berlin, New York: de Gruyter, 142-159.
- “Intentionalität, Repräsentation und Phänomenologie” (together with Julia Borcherding), appears in *Ideentheorien in der frühen Neuzeit*, Berlin, New York: de Gruyter, 232-251.
- 2008 “Wahrheit und Adäquatheit bei Spinoza”, in *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 62.2, 209-232.
- 2006 “Repräsentationalismus, Halluzinationen und Universalien - Ontologische Überlegungen zu Fred Dretskes Repräsentationalismus”, in *Facta Philosophica* 8, 53-77.
4. *Reviews & Lexicon Entries*
- Forthcoming* Entries on “Affirmation”, “Belief”, “Falsity and Error”, “Scholasticism” in *Spinoza Lexicon*, ed. by K. Hübner & J. Steinberg, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- „Suárez on Causation“, in *Conimbricenses.org Encyclopedia*, ed. by Mário Santiago de Carvalho & Simone Guidi.
- 2020 “Faculties in Early Modern Philosophy”, in *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, ed. by D. Jalobeanu & Ch. T. Wolfe, Cham: Springer, 1-7.
URL: <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9_225-1>.
- 2018 “Wolfgang Bartuschat: Spinozas Briefwechsel, Hamburg: Meiner” in *Renaissance Quarterly* 71/3, 1160-1162
- 2017 “Intuition/ Anschauung”, in *Enzyklopädie der Neuzeit Online*, edited by Friedrich Jaeger & Gerald Hartung (area editor), Leiden: Brill, 2017.
URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/2468-3418_dnp09_a6025000>.
- 2013 “Valtteri Viljanen: Spinoza’s Geometry of Power, Cambridge, Massachusetts, CUP 2011”, in *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 95.3, 360-363.

- 2010 “Robert Schnepf: *Die Frage nach der Ursache*, Berlin, New York de Gruyter 2006”, in *Philosophisches Jahrbuch* 117.2, 429-433.
- 2009 “Michael Della Rocca: *Spinoza*, London: Routledge 2008”, in *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 63.2, 338-342.
- 2007 “Ausweg Wachstum? Arbeit, Technik und Nachhaltigkeit in einer begrenzten Welt”, ed. by the Deutscher Studienpreis. Wiesbaden: Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften 2007, in *Studia Philosophica* 66 (2007), 245-248.

Academic Services

- 2019-2021 Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Universität Hamburg
- Since 2019 Co-Editor (together with Dominik Perler & Julia Jorati) of the book series *Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy* (= *MEMP*), Basel: Schwabe Verlag.
- Since 2018 Section Editor for the Early Modern Period for the *Ergo* – and open access Journal of Philosophy.
- Since 2016 Co-Director of the *Maimonides Center for Advanced Studies: Jewish Scepticism* (Kollegforschergruppe funded by the German Research Foundation)
- 2011-2016 Deputy of the Mittelbau (i.e. the non-professorial faculty) of the Institute of Philosophy at Humboldt-University of Berlin.
- 2010 Institution of a network for PhD students in Philosophy at the Department for Philosophy at the Humboldt-University of Berlin.
- 2009-2016 Student Advisory Service for the BA in Philosophy at the Department for Philosophy at the Humboldt-University of Berlin.
- 2005-2006 Member of the commission for the evaluation of tutorials at the Department for Philosophy at the Humboldt-University of Berlin.

Refereeing for (selection): Routledge, Brepols, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Theoria*, *Zeitschrift für Philosophische Forschung*.