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# Curriculum Vitae

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## Research interests

Philosophy of Biology  
Values in Science  
Scientific Classification  
Bias in Philosophy

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## Work

2018 – 2019: Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for Logic and Philosophy of Science, KU Leuven.

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## Education

2018: **PhD in History and Philosophy of science**, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge. Supervisor: Tim Lewens.

Dissertation: *Radical Pluralism, Ontological Underdetermination, and the role of values in species classification*. Available online at <https://www.repository.cam.ac.uk/handle/1810/274358>.

Committee: Thomas Reydon (Hannover, external examiner) and Jacob Stegenga (Cambridge, internal examiner). Viva passed with no corrections 1/03/2018.

2014: **MA in Cognition and Culture**, QU Belfast, *with commendation*

2013: **MPhil in Philosophy (Analytic Philosophy)**, KU Leuven (Belgium), *summa cum laude*

2011: **MA in Philosophy**, KU Leuven (Belgium), *magna cum laude*

2010: **BA in Philosophy with a minor in History**, KU Leuven (Belgium), *magna cum laude*

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## Publications

- 2019** Conix, S. In defence of taxonomic governance. *Organisms, Diversity & Evolution*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13127-019-00391-6>
- 2018** Conix, S. Integrative Taxonomy and the Operationalization of Evolutionary Independence. *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*, 8(3): 587–603. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13194-018-0202-z>  
*This paper won the EPSA 2017 graduate student essay prize.*
- 2018** Conix, S. Values, regulation, and species delimitation. *Zootaxa* 4415(2): 390–392. <http://dx.doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.4415.2.9>
- 2018** Conix, S. Radical pluralism, classificatory norms and the legitimacy of species classifications. *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science C*, 73: 27–34. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.shpsc.2018.11.002>

- In review**
- Against natural kind eliminativism
  - Underdetermination and the value-ladenness of enzyme classification
  - Conservation biology and taxonomy: value-laden and interdependent
  - Measuring species
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## **Presentations**

### **Refereed**

Upcoming. *Bias in moral philosophy*. Biases in Science April 2019, LMU, Munich  
2017. *Measurement and the Operationalization of Species*. EPSA 2017, Exeter  
2016. *The role of conservation values in species classification*. Phil. of Biology in the UK, Bristol  
2016. *Taxonomic inflation: values in species classification*. Ger. Soc. for Phil. of Sci., Hannover

### **Other**

2018. *Measuring evolutionary independence*. CLPS Brown Bag Seminar, Leuven.  
2018. *Against natural kind eliminativism*. CLPS Brown Bag Seminar, Leuven.  
2016. *Taxonomic inflation and value-laden taxonomy*. HPS Cambridge Philosophy Workshop  
2015. *Species and individuality*. Summer school 'Biological Individuality', Gut Sigger (Germany)

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## **Teaching Experience**

Supervisions, 'Introduction to Philosophy of Science', HPS Cambridge, 2015, 2016, 2017  
Supervisions, 'Philosophy of Biology', HPS Cambridge 2015, 2016  
Supervisions, 'Metaphysics, Epistemology and the Sciences', HPS Cambridge, 2015, 2016, 2017  
Supervisions, 'Ethics and Politics of Science and Medicine', HPS Cambridge, 2017  
Seminar with Bachelor-thesis, 'Values, Science and Society', KU Leuven, 2018-2019

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## **Funding and Awards**

2017            EPSA Graduate Student Essay Prize (€500), for the paper 'Integrative Taxonomy and the Operationalization of Evolutionary Independence'

2017            PhD Completion Grant HPS Cambridge (£2500)

2014            Cambridge AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP) - AHRC - Walker Studentship (PhD tuition and College fees, worth £24 282)

2014            SHSS PhD Bursary Maintenance Award (PhD stipend, worth £36 600)

2013            MA fees Cognition and Culture at Queen's university Belfast (worth £5500)

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## **Admin experience**

Coordinator of Philosophy Workshops (bi-weekly), HPS Cambridge, 2015, 2016  
Co-organization conference 'Human Success', Leuven, June 2019  
Organization workshop 'Alternatives to project-based funding', Leuven, May 2019

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## **Service to profession**

Reviewing for *Topoi*, *Transdisciplinary insights*.

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## **Languages**

Dutch: native  
English: highly proficient  
French: good command  
German: basic knowledge

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## **References and contacts**

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