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Jan Slaby is Professor in Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Emotion at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.

My work spans the area between the philosophy of mind, construed broadly, social philosophy and philosophy of human and mind sciences. A key aim of my research is to develop an integrative account of the social constitution of the human mind by combining enactivism, extended mind and embodied mind approaches with emphasis on emotion and affect. Another orientation is toward the affective dynamics of social interaction and toward a 'political philosophy of mind'. As regards philosophy of science, I am interested in the nature and methodological role of concepts in both the humanities and natural science research, and I have developed a critical perspective on the explanatory range and methodological potential of human neuroscience. A more recent research interest is in interdisciplinary affect studies, and on bringing a discussion of philosophical methodology in conversation with recent work in cultural studies, including approaches from feminist, postcolonial and critical race theory.

With Suparna Choudhury (McGill University), I am an initiator of the *Critical Neuroscience initiative* that develops a multi-perspectival contextualization of the human neurosciences, responding critically to the claim of an alleged 'neuro-revolution' in the human sciences, the humanities and the academy at large.

Academic Employment

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| 2016 – | Professor (W2, 5 year temporary contract) of Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Emotion at the Institute of Philosophy at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany |
| 2010 – 2016 | Junior Professor (non-tenured assistant professor) in Philosophy of Mind at the Research Cluster of Excellence "Languages of Emotion" and the Institute of Philosophy at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany. |
| 2008 – 2010 | Assistant Professor (<i>Akademischer Rat</i>) at the Institute of Philosophy of the Philipps-University, Marburg. Area: Theoretical Philosophy |
| 2006 – 2008 | Research fellow (full-time) in the research project "Animal emotionale – emotions as missing link between perception and action" |

(Osnabück/Bonn), funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, conducted at the Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Osnabrück

2003 – 2006 Teaching and research assistant (full-time) at the Institute of Cognitive Science of the University of Osnabrück (in the working group “Philosophy of Cognition” led by Prof. Achim Stephan)

Education

2006 PhD degree in Philosophy and Cognitive Science, University of Osnabrück. PhD thesis on the intentionality and existential dimension of human emotion; German title: *Gefühl und Weltbezug*; Grade: *summa cum laude*

2002-2006 PhD studies in the Graduate Program of Cognitive Science at the University of Osnabrück (complementing full employment as a research & teaching assistant in Philosophy of Cognition)

10/2001 Examination (Magister Artium), grade 1,1 (A)

MA Thesis (Philosophy). “Evolution, Mind, and Human Nature. A Critique of Evolutionary Psychology”; Humboldt University, Grade: 1,0 (A)

1996–2001 Undergraduate studies at the Humboldt University Berlin in Philosophy (major), Sociology and English Language and Literature

Key Publications

Monograph

Slaby, J. (2008). *Gefühl und Weltbezug. Die menschliche Affektivität im Kontext einer neo-existentialistischen Konzeption von Personalität*. Paderborn: mentis 2008.

Edited Volumes

Mühlhoff, R., Breljak, A., & **Slaby, J.**, eds., (2019). *Affekt Macht Netz: Auf dem Weg zu einer Sozialtheorie der digitalen Gesellschaft*. Bielefeld: transcript.

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Röttger-Rössler, B., & **Slaby, J.**, eds., (2018). *Affect in Relation: Families, Places, Technologies*. New York: Routledge.

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- Slaby, J., & Gallagher, S.** (2015). Critical Neuroscience and Socially Extended Minds. *Theory, Culture & Society* 32, 2015, 33-59.
- Slaby, J.** (2015). Affectivity and Temporality in Heidegger. In: M. Ubiali & M. Wehrle (eds.). *Feeling and Value, Willing and Action*. *Phaenomenologica* 216 (pp. 183-206). Dordrecht: Springer.
- Slaby, J.** (2014). Empathy's Blind Spot. *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy* 17(2), 249-258.
- Slaby, J.** (2014). Emotion and the Extended Mind. In: Salmela, M., & von Scheve, C., eds., *Collective Emotions* (pp. 32-46). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Slaby, J., & Wüschner, P.** (2014). Emotion and Agency. In S. Roeser & C. Todd (eds.). *Emotion and Value* (pp. 212-228). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Slaby, J.** (2014). Sichtbarkeit des Geistes. Die Auflösung des Dualismus von Innerem und Äußerem. In: C. Barth & D. Lauer (eds.). *Die Philosophie John McDowells*. Paderborn: mentis.
- Slaby, J., Paskaleva, A., and Stephan A.** (2013). Enactive Emotion and Impaired Agency in Depression. *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 20 (No. 7-8), 33-55.
- Slaby, J.** (2012). Affective Self-Construal and the Sense of Ability. *Emotion Review* 4(2), 151-156.
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- Schmitz, H., Müllan, R. O., & **Slaby, J.** (2011). Emotions Outside the Box – the New Phenomenology of Feeling and Corporeality. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 10, 2011, 241-259.
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- Choudhury, S., Nagel, S., & **Slaby, J.** (2009). Critical Neuroscience: Linking Neuroscience and Society through Critical Practice. *BioSocieties* 4(1), 61-77.
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- Slaby, J.** (2008). Affective Intentionality and the Feeling Body. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 7(4), 429-444.

Research Grants & Involvement in Research Projects

Co-PI and member of the Governing Board ('Vorstand') of the Collaborative Research Center *Affective Societies* at Free University Berlin, funded by the DFG

- first funding phase 2015-2019, total funding sum: € 8,5m
- second funding phase: 2019-2023, total funding sum: € 9m (final decision pending after positive reviewers' recommendation with grade "excellent")

PI of the subproject "Changing Repertoires of Emotion" of the Collaborative Research Center *Affective Societies* at Free University Berlin, funded by the DFG

- first funding phase 2015-2019, project funding sum € 265.000
- second funding phase: 2019-2023, project funding sum: € 456.000 (final decision pending after positive reviewers' recommendation with grade "excellent")

Member of the DFG Cluster of Excellence "Languages of Emotion" at Free University Berlin, 2010-2012; personal funding sum awarded € 60.000

PI of the project "Neuroscience in Context. Critical Perspectives, Neuroethics, and Anthropology", funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, as part of the "European Platform for Life Sciences, Mind Sciences, and the Humanities"; funding period 11/2007-04/2010, funding sum 135.200 €.

Member and core contributor to DFG/AHCR project "Emotional Experience in Depression" (2008), principal investigators: Dr. Matthew Ratcliffe (Durham, UK) and Prof. Achim Stephan (Osnabrück). <http://philosophyofdepression.wordpress.com/>

Core contributor to the successful grant proposal for research project "animal emotionale" (2005), Volkswagen Foundation. www.animal-emotionale.de, funding sum 400.000 €.