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Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Philosophy of mind (phenomenal consciousness, mental representation, perception, introspection), philosophy of colour, philosophy of psychology, philosophy of AI

AOC: Epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of science, ancient philosophy

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main (2019–2024)

- *Dissertation: Structuralist Representationalism – An Alternative to Tracking Representationalism and the Phenomenal Intentionality Theory*
- *Supervisors: Prof. Wolfgang Barz and Prof. Friedemann Buddensiek*
External examiner: Prof. Angela Mendelovici
- *Final grade: summa cum laude (defended in November 2024)*

M.A. in Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main (2016–2019)

B.A. in Governance and Public Policy, University of Passau (2011–2015)

Publications and Works in Preparation

Journal articles (peer-reviewed):

- Weger, Daniel (2024): *Representationalism and Molyneux's Question: An Intermodal Approach based on Quality Space Theory*. In: Glenney, Brian and Ferretti, Gabriele (eds.): "Special Issue: Molyneux's Question Today". *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences*, 5.
- Weger, Daniel (2022): *Is Representationalism Committed to Colour Physicalism?* *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, 22 (64), pp. 1–20.

Book chapters:

- Weger, Daniel (2024): *Teaming Up: What Do Collaborations in Rap Music Tell Us About Musical Groups?* In: Jansen, Ludger and Petersen, Thorben (eds.): "The Ontology of Music Groups. Identity, Persistence, and Agency of Creative Groups". London: Routledge, pp. 173–196.

In preparation:

- *Representationalism Reconsidered: A Structuralist Theory of Phenomenal Consciousness (book manuscript)*

- *A primer on structuralist representationalism (research article)*
- *An error-theoretic account of phenomenal intrinsicism (research article)*
- *Structuring Qualities: From Carnap's Quasi-Analysis to Quality Space Theory (research article)*

Research Grants

- Walter Benjamin Fellowship for the research project "Can AI Systems Perceive?" provided by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
Hosted at the University of Leeds by Prof. Heather A. Logue

Academic Appointments

- 04/2026–present: Visiting Fellow, School of PRHS, University of Leeds
- 04/2025–03/2026: Research Assistant, Institute of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt
- 05/2024–03/2025: Student Assistant, Faculty of Philosophy, LMU Munich
- 10/2019–09/2021: Teaching Assistant, Institute of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt
- 10/2017–09/2019: Student Assistant, Institute of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt

Presentations (selection)

Upcoming

- 12th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Madrid
Relations without Relata: Metaphysical Phenomenal Structuralism and the Lonely Experience Argument

2025

- 3rd Annual Web Conference of the ISPMS, online
Defending Phenomenal Structuralism: An error-theoretic account of phenomenal intrinsicism
- GAP.12, Düsseldorf
Defending Phenomenal Structuralism: An error-theoretic account of phenomenal intrinsicism
- 32nd Annual Meeting of the ESPP, Warsaw
Defending Phenomenal Structuralism: An error-theoretic account of phenomenal intrinsicism
- 28th Annual Meeting of the ASSC, Heraklion
Defending Phenomenal Structuralism: An error-theoretic account of phenomenal intrinsicism

2024

- 2nd Annual Web Conference of the ISPMS, online
Representationalism and Molyneux's Question: An Intermodal Approach Based on Quality Space Theory
- Models of Consciousness 5, Bamberg
Structuralist Representationalism
- German Congress of Philosophy XXIV, Münster
Representationalism and Molyneux's Question: An Intermodal Approach Based on Quality Space Theory

2023

- 30th Annual Meeting of the ESPP, Prague
Structuralist Representationalism about Phenomenal Consciousness
- 11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Vienna
Structuralist Representationalism about Phenomenal Consciousness
- Structuralism in the Consciousness Studies, Berlin
Structuralist Representationalism about Phenomenal Consciousness
- The Science of Consciousness, Taormina
Structuralist Representationalism about Phenomenal Consciousness

2022

- Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, Salzburg
Representationalism and the Predictive Mind
- 29th SIUCC with Susanna Siegel, Barcelona
Explaining the phenomenal contrast: an attention-based account in the spirit of the Prediction Error Minimization Framework
- The Science of Consciousness, Tucson
Representationalism and the Predictive Mind

2021

- Open Minds XV, Manchester
Against Impure Representationalism
- Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, Salzburg
Can the Tracking Theory Account for Phenomenal Content?

Teaching Experience

All seminars were held in German at Goethe University Frankfurt

Winter semester 2025/26

- *Phenomenal consciousness and intentionality (graduate)*
- *Philosophy of perception (undergraduate)*

Summer semester 2025

- *Susanna Schellenberg: The Unity of Perception (graduate)*
- *Analytic philosophy of mind (undergraduate)*

Winter semester 2024/25

- *David Chalmers: Reality+ (undergraduate)*
- *Philosophy of perception (undergraduate)*

Summer semester 2021

- *Jakob Hohwy: The Predictive Mind (graduate; in collaboration with Dr. Peter Kuhn)*

Winter semester 2020/21

- *Susanna Siegel: The Contents of Visual Experience (graduate)*

Summer semester 2020

- *Angela Mendelovici: The Phenomenal Basis of Intentionality (graduate)*

Winter semester 2019/20

- *Representationalist theories of phenomenal consciousness (graduate)*

Academic Programs and Summer Schools

- 06/2025: Summer school on “Mental Representation and Consciousness”
University of Valencia, Valencia Philosophy Lab
- 03/2022–09/2023: Academic program on “A unified theory of the brain – The Free Energy Principle in foundational and applied brain sciences”
German Academic Scholarship Foundation, course director: Dr. Michael Kohl
- 07/2019: Summer school on “Cognitive Phenomenology”
Central European University Budapest, course director: Prof. David Pitt

Fellowships

- 10/2020–03/2024: Doctoral fellowship, Hanns-Seidel-Foundation
- 10/2016–09/2017: Deutschlandstipendium fellowship, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main
- 08/2015–09/2015: DAAD fellowship for “Summer school in intercultural philology: Bosnia-Herzegovina between East and West”, University of Sarajevo

Language and IT Skills

- Languages: English (fluent), French (basic), Latin (proficiency certificate), Ancient Greek (basic)
- Technical skills: Microsoft Office and Citavi (advanced); LaTeX, TYPO3 and SPSS (basic)

References

- Prof. Wolfgang Barz – Goethe University Frankfurt – barz@em.uni-frankfurt.de
- Prof. Friedemann Buddensiek – Goethe University Frankfurt – buddensiek@em.uni-frankfurt.de
- Prof. Heather Logue – University of Leeds – h.a.logue@leeds.ac.uk
- Prof. Angela Mendelovici – Western University – angela.mendelovici@uwo.ca

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