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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant (Wiss. Mitarbeiterin), University of Münster
March 2021 – October 2025

DAAD P.R.I.M.E. Research Associate, University of Münster/Harvard University
July 2019 – February 2021

Lecturer at the University of Münster/Trainee Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster
Mai 2018 – April 2019

Visiting Researcher at Rutgers University
November 2017 – April 2018

WWU Postoc-Fellow
October 2017

Lecturer at the University of Münster/Trainee Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster
October 2016 – September 2017

Research Assistant (WH) at the Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster
February 15, 2012 – September 30, 2016

EDUCATION

University of Münster, Germany
PhD in Philosophy
July 20th, 2016
Thesis: *Imagination and Harmony in Leibniz's Philosophy of Language*
Grade: magna cum laude

University of Padua, Italy
MA in Philosophy
October 11th, 2011
Thesis: *Machinae spirituales. Language, Signs and Characters in Leibniz's New Essays*
Grade: 110/110 summa cum laude

University of Padua, Italy
BA in Philosophy
July 10th, 2009
Thesis: *Leibniz's Conception of Continuous Creation*
Grade: 110/110 summa cum laude

Galileian School of Higher Education (SGSS), Padua, Italy
October 1st, 2006 – October 1st, 2011
<http://www.unipd-scuolagalileiana.it/en/>

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy of Language,
Philosophy of Mind,
Metaphysics and Epistemology;
Empiricism vs. Innatism Debate;
Epistemic and Cognitive Nature of
Imagination

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind from Ancient Philosophy
to Contemporary Philosophy, esp. Theories of
the Imagination

RESEARCH STAYS

University of Antwerp

September 10th-24th, 2023
Host: Bence Nanay

Harvard University

August 2019 – July 2020
Host: Jeffrey McDonough

Harvard University

February 10th – 17th, 2018
Host: Jeffrey McDonough

Rutgers University

November 2017 – April 2018
Host: Martha B. Bolton

Rutgers University

September 2015 – October 2015
Host: Martha B. Bolton

University of Münster

October 2010 – July 2011
Host: Thomas Leinkauf and Stephan Meier-Oeser

HONORS AND AWARDS

DAAD P.R.I.M.E. Fellowship for the project: “Conceiving, Imagining, and Fingere as Philosophical Method in Early Modern Period: Descartes and Leibniz as Case Studies”. (**July 2019 – February 2021**)

Research Grant for the Project “Leibniz’s Innatism Revised” for a research stay at Rutgers University. Financed by the German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD). (**November 2017 – April 2018**)

WWU-Post-Doc Grant (**October 2017 – March 2018**. Only one month accepted; the rest declined in favour of the DAAD research grant)

Research Grant for a six-month stay at the Herzog-August Library Wolfenbüttel (declined in favor of the DAAD scholarship)

PhD Scholarship of the German National Merit foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes). (**July 2013 – June 2016**)

PhD Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD). (declined in favour of the PhD Scholarship of the German National Merit Foundation)

Erasmus Scholarship for a research stay at the University of Münster (**October 2010 – July 2011**)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian mother tongue

English fluent written and spoken

Latin advanced knowledge

German fluent written and spoken

French good passive comprehension /
basic writing

REVIEW ACTIVITY

Based on her expertise, Dr. Oliveri has acted as a referee for the following journals: *Journal of Modern Philosophy*; *KRITERION -- Journal of Philosophy*; *Society and Politics*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Studi Kantiani*.

ORGANIZED WORKSHOPS

Leibniz's Forms of Reasoning – Their Mathematical Roots and Philosophical Limits

Joint Workshop with the Research Group SPHERE: <http://www.sphere.univ-paris-diderot.fr/?lang=fr>

WWU Münster, 8-10 February, 2022

Funding: Fritz Thyssen Stiftung and WWU International Fonds

Institutskolloquium des Philosophisches Seminar, WWU Münster SS 2022 (with Prof. Dr. Franziska Dübgen); WS 2022/23 (with Prof. Dr. Walter Mesch)

SHORT LISTED

Juli 2020 Assistant Professor (Universitäre Assistentin), University of Graz, Austria, Prof. Ursula Renz.

December 2018 Assistant Professor (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin), University of Würzburg, Germany, Prof. Michela Summa.

February 2018 Assistant Professor in Modern Philosophy, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

TALKS

PEER-REVIEWED TALKS

Kant on “Saving Hypothesis” (with Dr. Davide Dalla Rosa)

International Conference: Hypotheses in Science, University of Toruń, October 19-21, 2022

On the Epistemological Status of Thought Experiments in Leibniz's Metaphysics: Conceivability, Possibility and Compossibility

International Congress: *Leibniz – scientist, Leibniz – philosopher*, Campus of University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, July 3 – 5, 2015

Leibniz and the Wild Boar

Workshop: Dutsch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Nijmegen, February 24 – 25, 2015

Leibniz and the Poverty of the Stimulus Argument

Summer School: *Epistemology and Cognition, Historical Track*, University of Groningen, August 25 – 29, 2014

Why Do We Need Concepts? Leibniz and Locke on Concepts

Workshop: *Concepts and Categorization in Linguistics, Cognitive Science, and Philosophie*, Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf, May 15 – 16, 2013

PARTECIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

Joint Attention: Psychological and Philosophical Perspectives
German National Merit Foundation
Überlinge, August 18 – August 22, 2016

Leibniz Summer School
Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences
July 7 – July 12, 2016

INVITED TALKS

Leibniz on Artificial Languages

Workshop: “Sequence Model and the Scientific Field”, as part of the project “How is Artificial Intelligence Changing Science? Research in the Era of Learning Algorithms”, University of Wien, (online) April 24, 2023

On the Cognitive Value of Diagrams in Leibniz and its reception by Lambert and Kant

Workshop: Leibniz on Numbers, Mathematics and Physics, University of Venice/McMaster University, October 14, 2022

The Mathematization of Bodies and Its Metaphysical Ground

Workshop: Leibniz’s Forms of Reasoning. Their Mathematical Roots and Philosophical Limits, University of Münster. February 8-10, 2022

Mathematizing Bodies. Leibniz on the Application of Mathematics to Nature and Its Metaphysical Ground

Workshop: Leibniz’s Mereology and Mathematics, McMaster University/Ca’ Foscari University, December 13, 2021

Leibniz on the Limits of Descartes’s Philosophy of Language and its Impact in Mathematics: The Case of Fiction
CNRS Paris (Project Mathesis), Group SPHERE, January 26, 2021

Leibniz’s Logic of Imagination: Space, Time, and Predictions

Rutgers University, February 28, 2020

Why are Schemata Temporal? Kant on Schematism

International Conference: *Zeit für Kant*, University of Bonn, June 8 – 9, 2018

Idee innate, linguaggio e immaginazione nei *Nuovi Saggi*

University of Milan, Italy, May 9, 2018

Leibniz Against Descartes’s Pure Intellection

NY/NJ Research Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy

John Jay College of Criminal Justice/The City University of New York, April 18, 2018

Leibniz-Treuer Correspondence

Rutgers University, March 28, 2018

Leibniz’s Logic of Imagination

Harvard History of Philosophy Workshop, Harvard University, February 16, 2018

Leibniz on the Role of Innate Ideas in Human Cognition

X. Internationaler Leibniz’ Kongress, Hannover, July 18 – 23, 2016

The Origins of Natural Languages and Their Role for the Establishment of a Society

X. Internationaler Leibniz’ Kongress, Hannover, July 18 – 23, 2016

Leibniz on the Origins of Language: Innate Ideas, Tropic Expressions and the Place of the Other

Workshop: “*Language in Early Modern Philosophy*”, University of Groningen, May 26, 2016

On the Distinction Between Human and Animal Cognition in Leibniz's Epistemology.
Forschungskolloquium des Philosophischen Seminar, University of Paderborn, May 21, 2015

Logische und Semantische Funktion der Präpositionen bei Leibniz' Sprachphilosophie
Workshop: "Leibniz' Sprachforschung und Sprachphilosophie" Hannover, June 12, 2012

Il ruolo dell'immaginazione nell'invenzione dei caratteri in Leibniz. Appunti intorno a un progetto di ricerca
Workshop: "Leibniz & Locke on Language. Themes from the Book III of the New Essay/ Essay"
Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa, November 10, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

(2021) *Imaginative Animals. Leibniz's Logic of Imagination*, Studia Leibnitiana Supplementa (57) Stuttgart: Steiner Verlag, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25162/9783515130516>

Reviews:

Leduc, Christian (2022) *Imaginative Animals* by L. Oliveri. *The Leibniz Review* (32): 119-124
<https://doi.org/10.5840/leibniz2022327>

Pasini, Enrico (2023) Lucia Oliveri, *Imaginative Animals : Leibniz's Logic of Imagination*, Studia Leibnitiana, Sonderhefte 57, Stuttgart, Franz Steiner, 2021, 288 p. *Bulletin Leibnizien IX* in: *Archives de Philosophie* 3 (8): 224-6.

SPECIAL ISSUE

Oliveri L., Ottaviani O. (eds. 2021) *Traiettorie die una mente multiforme. Leibniz e la sua ricezione post-idealistica* [*Trajectories of a Multifaceted Mind. Leibniz and His Post-Idealist Legacy*]. «Lo Sguardo» 32 (1).

DISSERTATION

(2019) *Imagination and Harmony in Leibniz's Philosophy of Language*: https://repositorium.uni-muenster.de/document/miami/d88ae178-c9c1-4209-b087-2da40e328599/diss_oliveri.pdf

PAPERS FORTHCOMING

(forthcoming, with Davide dalla Rosa) Kant on Forming Empirical Hypothesis Without Fantasizing. In: *Hypotheses in Science*, Synthese Editorial Library, Springer.

(forthcoming) Mathematizing Bodies. Leibniz on the Application of Mathematics to Nature and Its Metaphysical Ground. *Studia Leibnitiana*, Steiner Verlag.

(forthcoming) Perception and Thought: Leibniz's Criticism of Descartes' Denial of Perception to Animals. *Giornale di Metafisica*, Morcelliana.

PAPERS

(2023) On the Cognitive Value of Diagrams: Leibniz's Symbolic Cognitions and its Echoes in Lambert and Kant. In: W. Li, C. Wahl, S. Erdner, B.C. Schwarze, Y. Dan, »Le present est plein de l'avenir, et chargé du passé« XI. *Internationalen Leibniz-Kongresses 31. Juli – 4. August 2023, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Deutschland*, vol. III, pp. 23-33, Hannover: Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft e.V., DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15488/14330>

(2022) Response to Christian Leduc. *The Leibniz Review* 32: 125-30 <https://doi.org/10.5840/leibniz2022328>

- (2022) The Art of Division and the Unity of the Idea. Leibniz as Scholar of Plato. In: W. Mesch, M. Städtler, C. Thein (Hrsg.), *Einheit und Vielheit metaphysischen Denkens: Festschrift für Thomas Leinkauf*, pp. 143-161, Hamburg: Meiner Verlag.
- (2021) Conceivability Errors and the Role of Imagination in Symbolization. *Journal of Language, Mind and Art (JOLMA)* 2 (1): <http://doi.org/10.30687/Jolma/2723-9640/2021/02/002>
- (2020) Systematizität der Sprache und Systematizität des Denkens bei Destutt de Tracy. In: N. Kompa, K. Bayertz, N. Strobach (Hrsg.), *Das Projekt einer ‚Idéologie‘. Destutt de Tracys und seine Ideenlehre*, Hamburg: Felix Meiner Verlag; DOI: 10.28937/978-3-7873-3896-2
- (2016) On Concepts and Ideas: Themes from G.W. Leibniz’s *New Essays on Human Understanding*. In: Kann Christoph et al., *Concepts and Categorization. Systematic and Historical Perspectives*, S. 141-166, Münster: Mentis Verlag: https://doi.org/10.30965/9783969750025_009
- (2016) Leibniz on the Role of Innate Ideas in Human Cognition. In: Li Wenchao et al. (Hrsg.), „Für unserer Glück oder das Glück anderer.“ *Vorträge des X. Internationalen Leibniz-Kongress*, pp. 37-48, Hildesheim: Olms.
- (2016) Leibniz on the Cognitive Conditions for the Origins of Natural Languages. In: Li Wenchao et al., „Für unserer Glück oder das Glück anderer.“ *Vorträge des X. Internationalen Leibniz-Kongress*, pp.467-478, Hildesheim: Olms.
- (2015) Perché gli animali non sono capaci di articolazione? Leibniz sul linguaggio animale. *Blyri*, 1/2:57-73
- (2014) Logische und Semantische Funktion der Präpositionen bei Leibniz’ Sprachphilosophie. In: *Studia Leibnitiana Supplementa* 38, pp. 55-82.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- (2020) “Imposition”. In: *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, Dana Jalobeanu – Charles T. Wolfe (eds.), Dordrecht: Springer:https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9_221-1
- (2020) “Obligation (in language use)”. In: *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, Dana Jalobeanu – Charles T. Wolfe (eds.), Dordrecht: Springer: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9_200-1
- (2020) “Universal language”. In: *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, Dana Jalobeanu – Charles T. Wolfe (eds.), Dordrecht: Springer:https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9_230-1

EDITION AND TRANSLATION

- (2019) Leibniz-Treuer Correspondence. Oliveri, L. (ed. & trans. by). *The Leibniz Review* 29: pp. 59-78 <https://doi.org/10.5840/leibniz2019298>
- Heinrich Schepers, “La monade constituente sé e il proprio mondo.” In: *Lexicon Philosophicum: Philosophical Journal for the History of Texts and Ideas*, 4/2016.

REVIEWS

- (2023) Friedrich Beiderbeck/Claire Gantet (Hg.): *Wissenskulturen zur Leibniz-Zeit. Konzepte–Praktiken–Vermittlung. Zeitschrift für Didaktik der Philosophie und Ethik* 3: 116-7.
- (2015) *I volti dell'errore nel pensiero moderno. Da Bacone a Leibniz* - Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia, 20-21 Marzo 2014. *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, 2015/3, pp. 639-43; DOI: 10.3280/SF2015-003009
- (2012) J. MITTELSTRAß, *Leibniz und Kant. Erkenntnistheoretische Studien*, De Gruyter, Berlin/Boston 2011. *Verifiche*, 4, pp. 433-439 (ISSN 0391-4186).

(2012) *Leibniz' Sprachforschung und Sprachphilosophie* Hannover 1-2 Juni 2012. Eine gemeinsame Veranstaltung mit der Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz Gesellschaft zum 75 Geburtstag von Prof. Dr. Hans Poser. *Blytiri*, I (1), pp. 203-209: <https://www.blytiri.it/index.php/blytiri/article/view/13> (ISSN 2281-6682).
