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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Specialization: Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics  
Competence: Philosophy of Science, Logic

## EDUCATION

2016–2021 **Ph.D. in Philosophy** (*Passed without corrections*), CEU  
Dissertation: *Explanatory Gaps against Physicalism and Panpsychism*  
Committee: Tim Crane (supervisor), Philip Goff (associate supervisor), Hedda Hassel Mørch (external examiner), Howard Robinson (internal examiner), and Mike Griffin (chair).  
2015–2016 **M.A. in Philosophy** (*Distinction*), CEU  
2006–2012 **B.A. in Philosophy**, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje

## EMPLOYMENT

2023– **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
University of Vienna  
Project: *Explanatory Gaps as a Guide to Reality*  
2022–2023 **Institute Vienna Circle Research Fellow**  
University of Vienna  
Project: *Explanatory Gaps: Towards a General Account*

## VISITING POSITIONS

- 2022            *Visiting Research Fellow*  
Center for Religious Studies, CEU  
Project: *The Metaphysics of Teleology*
- 2020            *Visiting Lecturer*  
Department of Philosophy, University of Debrecen
- 2019            *Visiting Research Student*  
Department of Philosophy, Durham University

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2023            **Idealist Panpsychism and Spacetime Structure**  
*Journal of the American Philosophical Association*  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/apa.2023.17>
- 2022            **Lightweight and Heavyweight Anti-physicalism**  
*Synthese*, 200(112)  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03506-3>
- 2021            **Missing Entities: Has Panpsychism Lost the Physical World?**  
*Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 28(9-10), 194–211  
<https://doi.org/10.53765/20512201.28.9.194>

## TALKS

The Epistemology of Grounding

- 2023            *CEU Colloquium*, CEU [Invited]

Finding Ground

- 2023            *Grounding and Metaphysical Explanation Group*, University of Southampton
- 2023            *11<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, University of Vienna
- 2023            *Applications of “Grounding” Workshop*, Trinity College Dublin [Invited]
- 2023            *Institute Vienna Circle Colloquium*, University of Vienna [Invited]

### Explanatory Gaps: Sparse or Abundant

- 2023 *Vienna Language and Mind Group*, CEU and University of Vienna [Invited]
- 2022 *Grounding and Metaphysical Explanation Group*, University of Southampton
- 2022 Center for Religious Studies, CEU [Invited]
- 2022 *Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference*, University of Waikato

### Dual Carving and Physicalism

- 2022 *Metaphysics and Introspection Workshop*, CEU and University of Würzburg

### The Privacy Argument against Panpsychism

- 2020 *10<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, Utrecht University
- 2020 *94<sup>th</sup> Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association*, University of Kent

### Against Universal Explanatory Gaps

- 2019 *93<sup>rd</sup> Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association*, Durham University
- 2019 *4<sup>th</sup> Belgrade Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, University of Belgrade

## TEACHING

- 2021-2022 Lecturer, *Critical Thinking*. 14 lecture course taught to refugees and asylum seekers in Hungary as part of the OLIVE Weekend Program run by the Open Education NPO
- 2020 Lecturer, *Arguments Against Physicalism*. Ph.D. course, University of Debrecen
- 2020 Lecturer, *Mind and Matter*. MA course, University of Debrecen
- 2019 Teaching Assistant, *Philosophy of Mind*. MA course, with Tim Crane, CEU

## AWARDS

- 2023-2026 *ESPRIT Programme Grant* from the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), 3-year grant (249.015 €), hosted by the University of Vienna.

- 2022-2023 *Institute Vienna Circle Fellowship*, 6-month grant (10.800 €), Institute Vienna Circle, University of Vienna.
- 2022 *Full Tuition Waiver*, for the “The History and Philosophy of the Concepts of Scientific Law and Probability” Summer University course at CEU, Hungary
- 2020 *Global Teaching Fellowship (GTF)*, a 5-month grant, used to teach at the University of Debrecen
- 2019 *Doctoral Research Support Grant (DRSG)*, 3-month research grant, used to visit Durham University
- 2019 *Full Tuition Waiver*, for the “Cognitive Phenomenology” Summer University course, at CEU, Hungary
- 2016-2019 *CEU Doctoral Scholarship*, 3-year full-tuition scholarship for the CEU Ph.D. Program in Philosophy
- 2015-2016 *Partial CEU Fellowship*, for the CEU 1-year MA program in Philosophy

## SERVICE

Referee for: *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, *Filozofia*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (x2), *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*.

Conference and workshop organization:

- 2023 *Grounding, Fundamentality, and their Epistemology Workshop*, University of Vienna. Co-organized with Benjamin Schnieder and Yannic Kappes.
- 2022 *Metaphysics and Introspection Workshop*, CEU and University of Würzburg. Co-organized with Jamie Elliott and Philipp Schmidt.

Other services to the profession:

- 2023- Founded and organized the *Grounding Scythe* reading group at the University of Vienna. Co-founded and co-organized with Yannic Kappes.
- 2022-2023 Founded and organized the *Unity of Science* reading group at the Institute Vienna Circle.
- 2021-2022 Intern for the *Meant to Be: Resuscitating the Metaphysics of Teleology* project, hosted by CEU’s Center for Religious Studies.
- 2020-2021 Founded and organized the *Philosophy Discussion Group (Ph. DG)*, a student discussion group at CEU.

## REFERENCES

**Prof. Dr. Tim Crane**

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**Prof. Dr. Benjamin Schnieder**

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