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Areas of Specialization: Epistemology, Collective Epistemology, Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence: Integrated History and Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

2020 – 2024 **Postgraduate Researcher** and project-PhD student at the ERC-funded project [Group Thinking: New Foundations](#) at the *University of Leeds*.

EDUCATION:

2020 – July 2024
(expected) Doctoral Programme in Philosophy (Ph.D)
University of Leeds; School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science
Preliminary thesis title: *On Collective and Individual Rationality*
Supervisors: *J. Robert G Williams; Haixin Dang; Andrew Peet; Joshua Habgood-Coote*

2018 – 2020 Master of Arts in Philosophy (M.A.; with distinction)
University of Graz; Department of Philosophy
Area of specialization: *History and Philosophy of Science*.
Master thesis: *Beyond Infinity: The Epistemology and Ontology of the Transfinite*.
Thesis advisor: *David, Marian*
Thesis grade: *1 (top grade)*

2014 – 2018 Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (B.A.)
University of Graz; Department of Philosophy
Bachelor thesis (in German): *Select, Divide & Conquer: Selective Confirmation and the Success of Science*.
Thesis advisor: *Wiltsche, Harald*
Thesis grade: *1 (top grade)*

VISITING:

2018 IASP-Exchange
Chinese University of Hong Kong
Department of Philosophy
Exchange student

PUBLICATIONS (peer-reviewed):

Forthcoming Graf, Simon (forthcoming), “Permissive Divergence” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*

2021 Graf, Simon (2021), “The Epistemology of Groups by Jennifer Lackey.” [Book Review] *Perspectives: International Postgraduate Journal of Philosophy* (9), 380-387.

Manuscripts In Progress:

Wang, Cuizhu, Graf, Simon, & Konrad, Werner (forthcoming), “An Operational Definition of Institutional Beliefs” in Dyrda Adam et al. (Eds) *Ethics of Institutional Beliefs: from Intuition to Experiment*. Edward Elga Publishing
Abstract Accepted for Publication

Curriculum Vitae

“Epistemic Conflicts: Permissibility and Incommensurability”
Under Review

“Epistemic Continuity: A Plea for a United Epistemology”
Under Review

“Uniqueness, Permissivism and Self-Fulfilling Beliefs.”
Under Review

“Towards an Institute for Ascertaining Scientific Consensus” with *Peter Vickers et. al*
Under Review

“Epistemic Freedom and Self-Fulfilling Beliefs.”
In Preparation

“Group Justification: The Independent Epistemic Agent Account.”
In Preparation

“The No-Defeater Clause: Evidentialism, Responsibilism and Higher-Order Evidence.”
In Preparation

“Balancing the Unbalanced: How Much Time to Spend with Outsider Experts.”
In Preparation

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS:

Invited:

- 2023 “How to cope with permissible Bias” *Workshop: Biases in acquisition and consideration of evidence at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld University (Germany).*
- 2023 “An Operational Definition of Institutional Beliefs” at the *Jagiellonian Center for Law, Language and Philosophy, Jagiellonian University (Poland).*

Conference Presentations (peer-reviewed):

- 2024 “An Operational Definition of Institutional Beliefs” with Cuizhu Wang and Konrad Werner, *Social Ontology 2024* organized by the International Social Ontology Society (ISOS) at the *Duke University (United States).*
- 2023 “An Operational Definition of Institutional Beliefs” with Cuizhu Wang, *Society for Women in Philosophy Ireland* at *Maynooth University (Ireland).*
- 2023 “Incommensurability, Permissibility, and Epistemic Conflicts.” *Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA 2023)* at the *University of Salzburg (Austria).*
- 2022 “Permissive Divergence: When Member-Level and Group-Level Attitudes Ought to Diverge.” *Social Ontology & Collective Intentionality 2022* organized by the International Social Ontology Society (ISOS) at the *University of Vienna (Austria).*
- 2022 “Uniqueness, Permissivism, and Self-Fulfilling Beliefs.” *Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA 2022)* at the *University of Salzburg (Austria).*
- 2021 “Epistemic Divergence and Time Slice Rationality.” *Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA 2021)* at the *University of Salzburg (Austria).*
- 2021 “The Independent Epistemic Agent Account of Group Justification” *Social Ontology & Collective Intentionality 2021* organized by the International Social Ontology Society (ISOS) at the *University of California (United States).*
- 2020 “Playing the Game of Rationality: Language Games and Puzzle Solving in Epistemic Communities” (cancelled due to Covid-19). *Symposium Philosophy of Play* at the *University of Zagreb (Croatia).*

Curriculum Vitae

2019 “Beyond Infinity: Dialethism and the Ontology of the Transfinite.” *Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy* (SOPhiA 2019) at the *University of Salzburg* (Austria).

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS (selected):

2023 “Incommensurability, Permissibility, and Epistemic Conflicts.” *Philosophy Seminar* at the *University of Leeds*.

2023 “Optional & Non-Optional Permissibility” *Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar* at the *University of Leeds*.

2022 “In Defence of Epistemic Continuity: A Plea for a United Epistemology” *Workshop: Collective and Individual Epistemology* organized by the ERC-funded research project *Group Thinking New Foundations*.

2022 “In Defence of Epistemic Continuity: A Plea for a United Epistemology” *Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar* at the *University of Leeds*.

2022 “Uniqueness, Permissivism, and Self-Fulfilling Beliefs” *Philosophy Seminar* at the *University of Leeds*.

2022 “Uniqueness, Permissivism, and Self-Fulfilling Beliefs” *Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar* at the *University of Leeds*.

2021 “Permissivism, Time Slice Rationality, and Epistemic Divergence” *Grounds Seminar* at the *University of Leeds*.

2021 “The Independent Epistemic Agent Account of Group Justification” *Grounds Seminar* at the *University of Leeds*.

2021 “On the Relationship between Doxastic and Propositional Group Justification” *Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar* at the *University of Leeds*.

2020 “Becoming in Spacetime: The Metaphysics of Light Clocks and Proper Time in Special Relativity.” *Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar* at the *University of Leeds*.

2019 “Paradoxes of the Infinite” (in German) at the *Interdisciplinary Colloquium “Wissen und Realität im Netzwerk von Vergangenheit, Gegenwart und Zukunft”* under the supervision of Götschl, Johann at the *University of Graz*.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS:

2023 **International Social Ontology Society Conference Grant:** Awarded for the workshop [Group Minds and Collective Agency](#) at the *University of Leeds*.

2022 **Analysis Trust Conference Grant:** Awarded for the workshop [Collective and Individual Epistemology](#) at the *University of Leeds*.

2020 **Full-Time ERC-Funded Ph.D. Scholarship** within the ERC funded research project “Group Thinking: New Foundations”; Awarded by the *University of Leeds* –School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science.

2020 **MA Research Certificate** (*zertifizierter Masterschwerpunkt*): certificated area of specialization: *History of Science and Philosophy of Science*. GPA of 1.0.

2019 **Performance Scholarship** (*Leistungsstipendium*) for academic excellence in the year 2018/19. Awarded by the *University of Graz* – Faculty of Humanities.

2019 **Promotional Scholarship** (*Förderungsstipendium*) for research expenses related to the MA-thesis in the year 2018/19. Awarded by the *University of Graz* – Faculty of Humanities.

EXTRACURRICULAR EDUCATION (selected):

- 2022 **Workshop:** “Conventions in Science: Conceptual, Epistemic and Ethical” at the *Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA)* at the *University of Salzburg*. Lecturer: Quill Kukla.
- 2021 **Workshop:** “Moral and Scientific Expertise” at the *Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA)* at the *University of Salzburg*.
- 2020 **Summer School (cancelled due to Covid-19):** “USS-SWC Scientific World Conceptions: Representation in Art and Science” organized by the *University of Vienna*. Lecturers: Chiara Ambrosio, Angela Breitenbach, Dominic McIver Lopes.
- 2020 **Symposium (cancelled due to Covid-19):** “Philosophy of Play” at the *University of Zagreb*.
- 2020 **Workshop:** “Alterity, Community, and Morality: Phenomenological Accounts of (Inter)Subjectivity between Theory and Praxis” at the *University of Graz*. Lecturer: Dan Zahavi.
- 2019 **Workshop:** “Mindless explanations? The Causal and Explanatory Role of Mental States” at the *Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA)*.
- 2019 **Summer School:** “Philosophy and Technology” at the *University of Zagreb*.
- 2019 **Interdisciplinary Workshop:** “Symmetries, Structures and the Philosophy of Modern Physics” at the *University of Graz*. Lecturer: Holger Lyre.
- 2018 **Summer School:** “USS-SWC Scientific World Conceptions: Thought Experiments” organized by the *University of Vienna* and *the Institute Vienna Circle*. Lecturers: James Robert Brown, John Norton, Elke Brendel.
- 2018 **Workshop:** “Philosophy of Mathematics” at the *University of Graz*. Lecturer: James Robert Brown.

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 2015 – 2020 ISI “Initiative Social Integration” (Austria):
 - diversity management / disabled care
 - assisting students with disabilities at the *University of Graz*
 - assisting students with disabilities at the *University of Applied Sciences Graz*
 - part-time employed besides study
- 2014 – 2019 Personal Assistant (Austria):
 - disabled care
 - marginally employed besides study
- 2008 – 2013 Restorer Assistant (Austria):
 - conservation of artworks and architectural heritage
 - working on a case-by-case basis on different projects

Community Service:

- 2012 Community Service at “Lebenshilfe Fürstenfeld” (Austria):
 - disabled care

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:

- German native speaker
- English fluent written and oral; IELTS overall band: 8.0/9.0 (2020)
- Latin intermediate Latin qualification (equivalent to the Austrian ‘Latinum’)

ACADEMIC REFERENCES:

Williams, J. Robert G.

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