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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 <u>Doctoral Programme in Philosophy (Ph.D)</u>

(expected) 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 <u>Master of Arts in Philosophy (M.A.; with distinction)</u>

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, <i>Social Ontology</i> 2024 organized by the International Social Ontology Society (ISOS) at the <i>Duke University</i> (United Sates).	
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 <i>Philosophy of Play</i> at the <i>University</i>	

of Zagreb (Croatia).

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." <i>Philosophy Seminar</i> at the <i>University of Leeds</i> .
2023	"Optional & Non-Optional Permissibility" <i>Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar</i> 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" <i>Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar</i> at the <i>University of Leeds</i> .
2022	"Uniqueness, Permissivism, and Self-Fulfilling Beliefs" <i>Philosophy Seminar</i> at the <i>University of Leeds</i> .
2022	"Uniqueness, Permissivism, and Self-Fulfilling Beliefs" <i>Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar</i> at the <i>University of Leeds</i> .
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" <i>Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar</i> at the <i>University of Leeds</i> .
2020	"Becoming in Spacetime: The Metaphysics of Light Clocks and Proper Time in Special Relativity." <i>Philosophy Postgraduate Research Seminar</i> at the <i>University of Leeds</i> .
2019	"Paradoxes of the Infinite" (in German) at the <i>Interdisciplinary Colloquium</i> "Wissen und Realität im Netzwerk von Vergangenheit, Gegenwart und Zukunft" under the supervision of Götschl, Johann at the <i>University of Graz</i> .

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 <i>University of Leeds</i> –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 (<i>Leistungsstipendium</i>) for academic excellence in the year 2018/19. Awarded by the <i>University of Graz</i> – Faculty of Humanities.	
2019	Promotional Scholarship (<i>Förderungsstipendium</i>) for research expenses related to the MAthesis in the year 2018/19. Awarded by the <i>University of Graz</i> – Faculty of Humanities.	

2010

Essay Award: Won the federal state "Philosophy-Essay Olympics" for Austrian pupils and qualified for the national contest.

TEACHING:

Postgraduate tutor at the University of Leeds:

2023 *Knowledge, Self, and Reality* (with Helen Steward)

Lower-level introductory module in philosophy of mind, epistemology, and metaphysics covering topics such as personal identity, the nature of the self, truth, scepticism, objectivity, natural vs. social kinds, and the reality of the past and the future.

2022 & 2023 How Science Works (with Juha Saatsi (2022) & Ellen Clarke (2023))

Lower-level introductory module in philosophy of science covering topics such as

scientific realism, induction, testability, scientific values, and reductionism.

2022 *Introduction to Epistemology* (with Daniel Elstein)

Upper-level introductory module in epistemology covering topics such as scepticism, the analysis of knowledge, justification, internalism vs. externalism, epistemic luck, and

testimony.

2021 *Introduction to the History of Science* (with Graeme Gooday)

Lower-level introductory module in history of science covering topics such as the scientific revolution, perpetual motion machines, thermodynamics, conservation laws, the history

of energy usage, earth sciences, and climate change.

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Organization of conferences and workshops:

2023 Co-Organizer of the workshop Group Minds and Collective Agency at the University of Leeds

as part of work affiliated with the Group Thinking: New Foundations project. Keynote

Speakers: Robbie Williams, Alessandro Salice.

2022 Organizer of the workshop Collective and Individual Epistemology at the University of Leeds

as part of work affiliated with the *Group Thinking: New Foundations* project. Speakers: Jennifer Lackey, Christian List, Jessica Brown, Jesper Kallestrup, Joshua Habgood-Coote,

and Simon Graf.

Other services:

2022 - 2024 Spoke representative at the University of Leeds (together with Ludovica Adamo) for the

<u>Institute of Ascertaining Scientific Consensus</u> led by Professor Peter Vickers (Durham). An international spoke-and-hub network, capable of regularly polling >100,000 scientists on

various scientific questions.

2021 - 2022 Postgraduate Research Seminar convenor at the University of Leeds at the School of

Philosophy, Religion, and History of Science: Organization and chairing of weekly work-in-

progress seminars.

2021 Moderator & Timekeeper at the regional John Stuart Mill Cup at the University of Leeds.

2016 - 2018 Co-founder of the 'Graz Philosophy Club': Organization of bi-weekly meetings for

discussions of papers/books or feedback for member-written papers intended for

conferences/journals.

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 <i>University of Salzburg</i> .
2020	Summer School (cancelled due to Covid-19): "USS-SWC Scientific World Conceptions: Representation in Art and Science" organized by the <i>University of Vienna</i> . 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 <i>University of Graz</i> . 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 <i>University of Graz</i> . Lecturer: Holger Lyre.
2018	Summer School : "USS-SWC Scientific World Conceptions: Thought Experiments" organized by the <i>University of Vienna</i> and the <i>Institute Vienna Circle</i> . Lecturers: James Robert Brown, John Norton, Elke Brendel.
2018	Workshop: "Philosophy of Mathematics" at the <i>University of Graz.</i> 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

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 <u>Personal Assistant (Austria):</u>

disabled care

- marginally employed besides study

2008 – 2013 <u>Restorer Assistant (Austria):</u>

conservation of artworks and architectural heritageworking on a case-by-case basis on different projects

Community Service:

2012 <u>Community Service at "Lebenshilfe Fürstenfeld" (Austria):</u>

- 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:

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