

Curriculum Vitae

Jason Kyle Day

1. Personal Information

Date of Birth: 02.08.1996

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2. Education

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| 1 Nov 2021 – present | PhD Candidate in Philosophy
University of Fribourg, Switzerland
Doc.CH Project
Supervisors: Asst. Prof. Dr. Susanne Schmetkamp, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mads Gram Henriksen, and Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Alloa
Dissertation: “Psychedelic Attention: A Phenomenological Qualitative Study of Psychedelic Experiences” |
| 15 Oct 2023 – 15 Apr 2024 | Guest Researcher
Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mads Gram Henriksen |
| 16 Aug 2021 | Master of Arts in Philosophy (Research) (<i>cum laude</i>)
Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands
Supervisor: Asst. Prof. Dr. Antonio Cimino
Thesis (in two parts):
(1) “Two Paths: A Critique of Husserl’s View of the Buddha”
(2) “Psychedelic Ego-Dissolution: A Phenomenological Investigation” |
| 12 Apr 2019 | BA Honours in Philosophy (<i>cum laude</i>)
University of Pretoria, South Africa
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Benda Hofmeyr
Thesis: “Compendium to Absurdity: A Comparative Analysis of Camus’ and Kierkegaard’s Conceptualisations of Absurdity” |

12 Apr 2018

BA Languages in English Studies

University of Pretoria, South Africa

3. Research output

a) Peer-reviewed publications

Day, Jason K., and Grooff, Michael. "Freedom of Recreation: A Critique of the Prohibition, Decriminalization, and Legal Regulation of Psychedelics for Recreational Use" [Forthcoming in *Contemporary Drug Problems*]

Day, Jason K. 2024. "Two Paths: A Critique of Husserl's View of the Buddha." *East Asian Journal of Philosophy* 3 (1): 211–232.

Day, Jason K. 2023. "Nature Without the State: An Anarchist Critique of 'Animalistic Evil'." *Studies in the History of Philosophy* 13 (3): 63–79.

Day, Jason K., and Susanne Schmetkamp. 2022. "Psychedelic Expansion of Consciousness: A Phenomenological Study in Terms of Attention." *InCircolo* 13: 111–35.

b) Manuscripts submitted for peer-review

Day, Jason K., and Zahavi, Dan. "Psychedelic Ego-Dissolution: A Philosophical and Qualitative Analysis" [Manuscript submitted for publication to *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*]

c) Book reviews

Day, Jason K. 2021. "Book Review: Merleau-Ponty and Contemporary Philosophy." *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* 29 (1–2): 198–202.

d) Academic talks and conference presentations

Day, Jason K. 2025. "Psychedelics and Phenomenology." *ALPS Summer School, Awareness Lectures on Psychedelic Science*.

Day, Jason K. 2025. "Psychedelic Senses of Reality." *Sense of Reality*, Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen.

Day, Jason K. 2025. "The Phenomenological Qualitative Study of Psychedelic Experiences." *Nordic Society for Phenomenology*, University of Southern Denmark.

Day, Jason K. 2025. "Contraction of Consciousness: A Neglected Aspect of Psychedelic Experiences." *Breaking Convention*, University of Exeter.

Day, Jason K. 2024. "Psychonautic Phenomenology." *Psychedelic Investigations*, University of Fribourg.

Day, Jason K. 2024. "Psychedelic Ego-Dissolution." *Psychedelic Research Organization of Zurich*, University of Zurich.

Day, Jason K. 2024. "Expansion (and Contraction) of Consciousness During Psychedelic Experiences." *Center for Subjectivity Research*, University of Copenhagen.

Day, Jason K. 2024. "An Introduction to the Phenomenology of Psychedelic Experiences." *Neurobiology Research Center*, Copenhagen University Hospital.

Day, Jason K., and Alessandro De Cesaris. 2023. "Tools and Toys: Psychedelics as Media." *Psykedeelit 2023*, University of Turku.

Day, Jason K. 2023. "Do Psychedelics Expand Consciousness? A Phenomenological Consideration" *Frontiers in Psychedelic Science*, University of Zurich

Day, Jason K. 2023. "A Phenomenological Study of Psychedelic Experiences in Terms of Attention." *ALPS Forum 2023*.

Day, Jason K., and Sharon Casu. 2023. "Collective Action and Collective Responsibility: Bad Concepts and Practical Dangers." *Anarchism and Collective Responsibility*, University of Antwerp.

Day, Jason K. 2022. "Psychedelics: Pay Attention, Expand Consciousness?" *Psychedelic Research Organisation of Fribourg*, University of Fribourg.

Day, Jason K. 2022. "A Distributive Model of Attention: Understanding the Relation Between Attention and the Structure of Experience." *Experience and Reason Colloquium*, University of Fribourg.

Day, Jason K. 2022. "Introduction to Anarchist Philosophy." *Pourquoi l'histoire de la philosophie mérite l'attention des philosophes analytiques*, CUSO.

Day, Jason K. 2022. "Why Contemporary Philosophers of Attention Should Pay More Attention to Aron Gurwitsch." *Pourquoi l'histoire de la philosophie mérite l'attention des philosophes analytiques*, CUSO.

Day, Jason K. 2022. "Psychedelic Expansion of Consciousness." *Experience and Reason Colloquium*, University of Fribourg.

Day, Jason K. 2022. "Does Psychedelic Experience Support a Naturalistic Worldview?" *Philosophy of Psychedelics with Dr. Chris Letheby*, University of Fribourg.

Day, Jason K. 2021. "The Problem of Land Redistribution: A Conversation Concerning Anarchism and Marxism." *Footnotes Philosophical Society*, University of Pretoria.

Day, Jason K. 2021. "Husserl, the Buddha, and the End of Philosophy." *The 18th Nijmegen-Groningen Colloquium*, Radboud University Nijmegen.

Day, Jason K. 2019. "Applying the Logic of Nāgārjuna to Critical Complexity Theory." *Philosophy in/of Translation, the Philosophical Society of South Africa*, University of Pretoria.

Day, Jason K. 2018. "Fanon and Nietzsche on the Body of History." *Decolonization and Alterity: Intersecting Theories and Praxis*, the Postgraduate Philosophical Association of South Africa, University of Pretoria.

e) Poster presentations

Day, Jason K. 2022. "Psychedelic Expansion of Consciousness: A Gurwitschian Basis for Neurophenomenological Study." *Phenomenological Methods in Neuroscience and Consciousness Research*, University of Zurich.

4. Employment History

1 Sep 2023 – 31 Oct 2025	Doc.CH Scholar Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) University of Fribourg
1 Nov 2021 – 31 Aug 2023	SNSF Doctoral Fellow

Aesthetics and Ethics of Attention PRIMA Research Project

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Susanne Schmetkamp

University of Fribourg

1-31 Aug 2022

Assistant diplômé to Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Alloa

University of Fribourg

1 Sept 2019 – 31 July 2021

Website and media co-ordinator at the Center for Contemporary European Philosophy

Radboud University Nijmegen

5. Peer-reviewing

Philosophical Psychology (2 articles peer-reviewed)

6. Active memberships in scientific societies

Jan 2023 – present

Student Advisory Board of ALPS (*Awareness Lectures on Psychedelic Science*)

Dec 2021 – present

Committee member of the *Psychedelic Research Organisation of Fribourg*

Nov 2021 – present

Aesthetics & Critique Research Group, University of Fribourg

Nov 2021 – present

Experience and Reason Research Group, University of Fribourg

7. Prizes, awards, fellowships

1 Sep 2023 – 1 Nov 2025

SNSF Doc.CH Grant (CHF 139 955)

15 Oct 2023 – 15 Apr 2024

SNSF Mobility Grant (CHF 8 306)

1 Nov 2021 – 31 Aug 2023

Doctoral Fellow of the *Aesthetic and Ethics of Attention* SNSF PRIMA Project

6 Sep 2019 – 16 Aug 2021

Orange Tulip Scholarship (€15 524)

Awarded to select MA students from Southern Africa to study in the Netherlands

6 Sep 2019 – 16 Aug 2021

Faculty of Philosophy, Theology, and Religious Studies Scholarship for the Research Master's in Philosophy, Radboud University Nijmegen (€21 000)

Awarded to three international students each year in the ReMA Philosophy program

28 May 2019

Dean's Merit List, University of Pretoria

Recognises students who have graduated with a GPA of 80/100% and higher

10 April 2018

Postgraduate Honours Merit Award, University of Pretoria (€445)

Awarded to postgraduate students completing their program with distinction

7 Dec 2018 Tutor Achievement Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Pretoria

Awarded for excellent service in tutoring

12 April 2018 Pearson Award

Awarded to the highest achieving student of the BA English Studies program each year

2016, 2017 and 2018 Golden Key International Honour Society Award

Awarded to the top 15% of students across South African universities each year

8. Teaching Activities

18 Feb – 31 June 2025 Lecturer

BA-Seminar/MA-Seminar

“Being Changed: Experience and Transformation”

University of Fribourg

6 Sep 2019 – 28 Jan 2020 Teaching assistant

BA Seminar: “Ethics for Psychologists”

Radboud University Nijmegen

21 Feb – 9 July 2019 Teaching Assistant

BA Seminar: “Metaphysics and Epistemology”

University of Pretoria

25 July – 7 Dec 2019 Teaching Assistant

BA Seminar: “Ethics and Moral Philosophy”

University of Pretoria

21 Feb – 9 July 2018 Teaching Assistant

BA Seminar: “Philosophy of Science”

University of Pretoria

9. Workshop, conference, and school organisation

27-31 Oct 2025 *Psychedelics as Technology*, Autumn school, University of Fribourg

09 Dec 2024 *Psychedelic Investigations*, Workshop, University of Fribourg

03 Mar 2022 *Philosophy of Psychedelics*, Workshop, University of Fribourg

10. Language Competencies

English (native speaker), French (B2), Dutch (A2), Afrikaans