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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

RTT/Associate Professor, Sapienza University of Rome, Philosophy Department, History of Philosophy
September 2026 - present

Wiss. Mitarbeiterin, Universität Münster, Philosophisches Seminar, Lehrstuhl für Theoretische Philosophie
March 2021 – August 2026

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

Lehrbeauftragte Universität Münster/Trainee Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster
May 2018 – April 2019

DAAD Forschungsstipendiatin an der Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA
November 2017 – April 2018

WWU Postoc-Fellow Universität Münster
October 2017

Lehrbeauftragte Universität Münster/Trainee Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster
October 2016 – September 2017

Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster
February 2012 – September 2016

EDUCATION

Universität Münster, Deutschland, Promotion in Philosophie, 20. Julie 2016
Title: *Imagination and Harmony in Leibniz's Philosophy of Language*
Note: magna cum laude

Universität Padua, Italien, MA in Philosophie, 11. October 2011
Title: *Machinae spirituales. Language, Signs and Characters in Leibniz's New Essays*
Note: 110/110 summa cum laude

Universität Padua, Italien, BA in Philosophie, 10. Juli 2009
Title: *Leibniz's Conception of Continuous Creation*
Grade: 110/110 summa cum laude

Studium an der „Scuola Galileiana di Studi Superiori“, Padua, Italien
1. October 2006 – 1 October 2011

RESEARCH STAY AND COOPERATION

University of Antwerp, 10.-24. September 2023, Host: Bence Nanay

Harvard University, August 2019 – Juli 2020, Host: Jeffrey McDonough

Harvard University, 10.-17. Februar 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 – Juli 2011, Host: Thomas Leinkauf and Stephan Meier-Oeser

FUNDINGS

DAAD P.R.I.M.E. Fellowship für das Projekt: “Conceiving, Imagining, and Fingere as Philosophical Method in Early Modern Period: Descartes and Leibniz as Case Studies” (~150.000 Euro)

Forschungsstipendium des DAAD für das Projekt “Leibniz’s Innatism Revised” (~30.000 Euro)

Erasmus+ der Universität Münster für das Forschungsaufenthalt an der Universität Antwerpen (~1500 Euro)

Drittmittel des Internationalisierungsfonds der Universität Münster für die Veranstaltung: „Leibniz’s Forms of Reasoning. Their Mathematical Roots and Philosophical Limits“

Drittmittel der Thyssen Stiftung für die Veranstaltung von zwei Konferenzen: „Leibniz’s Forms of Reasoning. Their Mathematical Roots and Philosophical Limits“ and „Calculus! Geist und Maschine bei Leibniz (jeweils 8.500 und 6000 Euro)

WWU-Post-Doc Fellowship nur ein Monat in Anspruch genommen wegen Konflikt mit dem DAAD Stipendium (2.500 Euro)

Herzog-August Stipendium der Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel (abgelegt zugunsten des DAAD-Forschungsstipendium)

Promotionsstipendium der Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes. (~50.000 Euro)

Promotionsstipendium des DAAD abgelegt zugunsten des Promotionsstipendium der Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (~40.000 Euro)

Erasmusstipendium an der Universität Münster (5000 Euro)

Stipendium für das Studium an der Universität Padua un an “Galilean School of Higher Education”

PEER-REVIEW

Journal of Modern Philosophy; KRITERION -- Journal of Philosophy; Society and Politics; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophers’ Imprint; Studi Kantiani; Erkenntnis, Synthese.

TEACHING

SS 2026	M. Chirumuuta, The Brain Abstracted (MA Seminar) Symbol, Analogy and Metaphor (BA Seminar)
WS 2025/26	Edmund Husserl, Cartesianische Meditationen (BA Seminar) Was ist Philosophie? (BA Seminar)
SS 2025	Künstliche Sprache in der Frühen Neuzeit (BA Seminar) Imagination und Kreativität (BA Seminar)
WS 2024/25	Immanuel Kant, <i>Kritik der Reinen Vernunft</i> (BA Seminar) Understanding/Verstand in der Frühen Neuzeit: Von der Erkenntnistheorie zur Gesellschaftskritik (BA Seminar)
WS 2023/24 - SS 2024	Mutterschutz und Elternzeit
SS 2023	Theorien der Imagination (BA Seminar) Das Verhältnis von Vernunft und Imagination in historischer und systematischer Perspektive
WS 2022/23	Veranschaulichungen in den Wissenschaften (BA Seminar) Alexius Meinong, Über Annahmen (BA Seminar)
SS 2022	Kant, Kritik der Urteilskraft (MA Seminar) J. H. Lambert, Neues Organon (BA Seminar)
WS 2021/22	Theorien der Einbildungskraft (BA Seminar) Leibniz und Locke (BA Seminar, with Prof. Oliver R. Scholz and Prof. Stephan Meier-Oeser)
SS 2021	Philosophische Gedankenexperimenten (BA Seminar) Metaphysik und Erkenntnistheorie aus der Perspektive der Philosoph*innen der Frühen Neuzeit (BA Seminar)
WS 2018/19	Metaphysik und Erkenntnistheorie aus der Perspektive der Philosoph*innen der Frühen Neuzeit

ORGANIZED WORKSHOPS

A Cure for the Mind: Philosophy Between Individual Perfecting and Social Improvement.
Zoom-Konferenz monatlich von Juni bis zum Oktober

Calculus! Geist und Maschine bei Leibniz, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Library, Hannover, 23-24 May, 2024
Funding: Fritz Thyssen Stiftung and WWU International Fonds

Leibniz's Forms of Reasoning – Their Mathematical Roots and Philosophical Limits, Joint Workshop with the Research Group SPHERE, WWU Münster, 8-10 February, 2022
Funding: Fritz Thyssen Stiftung and WWU International Fonds

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

SHORT LISTED

Juli 2020 Universitäre Assistentin, University of Graz, Austria, Prof. Ursula Renz.

Dezember 2018 Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin, University of Würzburg, Germany, Prof. Michela Summa.

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

SELECTED TALKS

- (1) Imagination Through Its History: How and Why? Workshop on the methods for studying imagination University of Tartu, Institute of Philosophy and Semiotics, December 12-13, 2025.
- (2) Expressing Historically Well-Informed Ideas for a Contemporary Audience: Is Historically Well-Informed Fictionalism a Viable Alternative? ESEMP Conference, Fern Universität Hagen, September 26-29, 2025.
- (3) Fortifying the Will with Play: Leibniz on Imagination in Learning and Education. Conference Imagination in the History of Philosophy, University of Budapest, 8-11 October, 2025.
- (4) Kant on the Act of Hypothesizing (with Davide Dalla Rosa). *HOPOS 2024* University of Vienna, Juli 09-12, 2024.
- (5) Leibniz and the Poverty of the Stimulus Argument. Summer School: *Epistemology and Cognition, Historical Track*, University of Groningen, August 25 – 29, 2014.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Neither with Descartes nor with Locke. Leibniz on Animal Cognition. Workshop: “Animal Minds in the Early Modern Age”, KU Leuven, Institute of Philosophy, Kardinaal Mercierplein 2 & Online, 14–15 February 2025.
- (8) 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.
- (9) Leibniz's Logic of Imagination: Space, Time, and Predictions. Rutgers University, February 28, 2020.
- (10) 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.
- (11) Leibniz's Logic of Imagination. *Harvard History of Philosophy Workshop*, Harvard University, February 16, 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

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BOOKS

(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.

Narváez, Mario Andrés (2024) L. Oliveri, Imaginative Animals *Rivista Latinoamericana de Filosofia* 50 (2): 346-9
DOI: [HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.36446/RLF2024484](https://doi.org/10.36446/RLF2024484)

SPECIAL ISSUE

Oliveri L., Ottaviani O. (eds. 2021) *Traiettorie di 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

PEER-REVIEWED

(2026, with Davide dalla Rosa) Kant on the Act of Hypothesizing. *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*, Ahead of Print: DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1086/741121>.

(2025) Meditating and Inquiring with Imagination: Leibniz, Lambert, and Kant on the Cognitive Value of Diagrams. *History and Philosophy of Logic* 46(1): 68-86.

(2024) Perception and Thought: Leibniz's Criticism of Descartes' Denial of Perception to Animals. *Giornale di Metafisica* 2: 536-550.

(2023) Mathematizing Bodies. Leibniz on the Application of Mathematics to Nature and Its Metaphysical Ground. *Studia Leibnitiana* 55(1-2): 190-208.

(2023) Una critica della conoscenza per una critica della società? Il ruolo dei saggi sull'intelletto umano nella filosofia del XVII e XVIII secolo. *Alvearium* Anno XVI, n. 16: 285-98.

(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>

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

(2015) Perché gli animali non sono capaci di articolazione? Leibniz sul linguaggio animale. *Blyri*, 1/2:57-73

COLLECTIVE VOLUMES AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDING

(2026) Historical Treatments of Imagination in Western Tradition. In: A. Kind and J. Langkau, *Oxford Handbook of Imagination and Creativity*, pp. 60-72. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

(2026, with Davide dalla Rosa) Kant on Forming Empirical Hypothesis Without Fantasizing. In: Michal Oleksowicz, K. Brad Wray, Tomasz Jarmużek (eds.), *Hypotheses in Science*, pp. 43-64. Synthese Library, Springer.

(2026) Leibniz and the Function of Book Review, In: Pasquale Terracciano, Francesco Valerio Tommasi (eds.), *Philosophical Reviews in German Territories (1668-1799)*, Vol. II, pp. 13-33. Firenze: Firenze University Press.

(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) 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.

(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 Tracy 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.
- (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>

REVIEWS

- (2023) Alfredo Ferrarin, *Un mondo non di questo mondo. La realtà delle immagini e l'immaginazione*, Iride 2/maggio-agosto <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.1414/112758>
- (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. *Blyturi*, I (1), pp. 203-209: <https://www.blyturi.it/index.php/blyturi/article/view/13> (ISSN 2281-6682).

OUTREACH

- (2025) Imagine Learning Through Play. *The Junkyard of the Mind*, September 24, 2025, <https://junkyardofthemind.com/blog/2025/9/21/imagine-learning-through-play>