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Research Areas

Theoretical philosophy, epistemology, and philosophy of science: (i) metaphilosophy, (ii) metaepistemology, (iii) perspectivism, (iv) reason and rationality, (v) skepticism, and (vi) linguistic analysis.

Academic Positions

Principal investigator & research group leader, project: “Metaphilosophy and its Relevance for the Philosophical Practice”, Academia Kantiana, Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University (IKBFU), Kaliningrad, 10/2022-12/2023.

Principal investigator & research group leader, project: “Perspectivism as an Epistemological Program”, IKBFU, Kaliningrad, 01/2022-12/2023. Funding: *Russian Science Foundation*.

Lecturer (adjunct), University of Wuppertal, 2020-present.

Principal investigator, project: “How is Metaphilosophy Possible as a Unified Discipline?”, University of Koblenz and Landau, 10/2021-09/2022. Funding: *Fritz Thyssen Foundation*.

Researcher, Kantian Rationality Lab, IKBFU, Kaliningrad, 01-12/2021.

Researcher, Academia Kantiana, IKBFU, Kaliningrad, 10/2020-09/2021.

Lecturer (adjunct), University of Koblenz and Landau, 10/2020-03/2021.

Dr. phil. scholarship, University of Wuppertal, 2018-2019

Research Stays

Academic Visitor, University of Oxford (Timothy Williamson), 04-06/2022.

Academic Guest Visitor, University of Pittsburgh (Nicholas Rescher), 05/2022.

Research, Russian State Library (Moscow), research in metaphilosophy, 01-03/2021.

Research, UNED Madrid (Jacinto Rivera de Rosales), summer 2018.

Professional Service

Director:

Center for Metaphilosophical Research (<https://cmphr.one/>).

Conferences:

What is Metaphilosophy?, with R. Raatzsch, Oestrich-Winkel, EBS University for Business and Law, 09/07-09/09/2022.

Ideas in Kant's Transcendental Philosophy, with V. Chaly and R. Meer, Kantian Rationality Lab, IKBFU Kaliningrad 2021.

Workshop series „J.G. Fichte-Lektüretage“:

Wissenschaftslehre 1812 (03/2018, University of Heidelberg, with M. Rohstock).

Wissenschaftslehre 1804/II (03/2017, University of Wuppertal, with A. Schnell).
Wissenschaftslehre 1804/II (03/2016, University of Jena, with S. Schüz and A. Schmidt).
Wissenschaftslehre 1794/95 (04/2015, Würzburg).

Chaired sessions and round tables:

The Epistemology of Perspectivism, round table at the conference “Homo Loquens: Logic – Language – Culture”, IKBFU Kaliningrad 2022.

Philosophie des subjektiven Geistes, Hegel Congress Tampere 2018.

Reviewer for *The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences*.

Referee work: *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, *The Review of Metaphysics*, *Vestnik of Saint Petersburg University*, *Philosophy and Conflict Studies*, *Fichte-Studien*, *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Revista de Estudios Kantianos*.

Education

Dr. phil. Philosophy, University of Wuppertal, September 2019.

Visiting Doctoral Student, University of Bochum, 2016-17.

M.A. Philosophy, University of Jena, 2014.

B.A. Philosophy & Public Law, University of Rostock, 2012.

Languages

German, *native*.

Russian, *native*.

English, *advanced* (school, classes 5-12).

French, *reading competence* (school, classes 7-12).

Spanish, *basic level* (school, classes 10-12).

Ancient Greek, *Graecum* (University of Jena, 2016).

Latin, *Latinum* (University of Jena, 2014).

Publications:

Monographs

2. *Metaphilosophie als einheitliche Disziplin*, Berlin: Springer/Metzler 2023. ISBN: 978-3-662-66703-3.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-66704-0>.

1. *Das System der Ideen. Zur perspektivistisch-metaphilosophischen Begründung der Vernunft im Anschluss an Kant und Fichte*, Freiburg/München: Alber 2021. ISBN (print): 978-3-495-40015-9. ISBN (online): 978-3-495-82524-2. <https://doi.org/10.5771/9783495825242>.

Reviews: Dr. Luis Filipe Garcia (LMU Munich / KU Leuven), *Kantian Journal* 41/2 (2022): 148-158; Dr. Jeffery Kinlaw (McMurry University), forthcoming in *Symposium. Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*; Nicolas Bickmann (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn), forthcoming in *Fichte-Studien*; Dr. Jan Podacker (Universität Duisburg-Essen), forthcoming.

Edited Journal Issues, Volumes, Handbooks

4. *Handbuch Metaphilosophie* (with D. Minkin), Springer/Metzler.

3. *Klassische deutsche Philosophie. Wege in die Zukunft*, Brill/mentis 2024.

2. Kant and Metaphilosophy. *Kantian Journal* 2023/2.

1. Kant's *Transcendental Dialectic*: A Re-Evaluation (with R. Meer). *Open Philosophy* 5/1 (2022).
<https://www.degruyter.com/journal/key/opphil/5/1/html>.

Articles

20. Kant on Philosophy as Conceptual Analysis (in progress).

19. Fichte's Metaphilosophy (in progress).

18. What is Perspectivism? (forthcoming, Rus.).

17. Relativism, Perspectivism, and the Universal Epistemic Language (forthcoming).

16. Dissent and Unity in Metaphilosophy (forthcoming).

15. The Conceptual Basis of Perspectivism, with V. Chaly, S. Lugovoy, and L. Kornilaev. *Filosofija istorii filosofii*, Saint Petersburg University Press (2023, in press, in Rus.).

14. History of Perspectivism and the Status of Perspectivist Concepts, with V. Chaly, S. Lugovoy, and L. Kornilaev. *Vestnik of Saint Petersburg University. Philosophy and Conflict Studies* (2023/2, in press, in Rus.).

13. The First Principle in the Later Fichte: The (not) "surprising insight" in the 15th Lecture of the *1804 Wissenschaftslehre*. In: "*Fichte's 1804 Wissenschaftslehre: Essays on the 'Science of Knowing'*", SUNY Press (in press, 2023).

12. Der Erfolg der Seele und der Misserfolg des Herren. Ein Beitrag zur intersubjektiven Interpretation der Herr-Knecht-Dialektik. *Hegel-Jahrbuch Sonderband: Erkenne Dich selbst – Anthropologische Perspektiven II* (2022/23): 122-129. (in press).

11. Hegel's Logic of Forces and the Faculty Psychology, *Hegel-Jahrbuch* (2022, in press).

10. Introduction to the Topical Issue "Kant's Transcendental Dialectic: A Re-Evaluation", with Rudolf Meer, *Open Philosophy* 5/1 (2022): 758-759. <https://doi.org/10.1515/opphil-2022-0229>.

9. The Faculty of Ideas. Kant's Concept of Reason in the Narrower Sense, *Open Philosophy* (2022): 340-359. <https://doi.org/10.1515/opphil-2022-0203>.

8. Kant's Metaphilosophy, *Open Philosophy* 4/1 (2021): 292-310. <https://doi.org/10.1515/opphil-2020-0190>.

7. Transcendental Philosophy as a Scientific Research Programme, *Kantian Journal* 40/3 (2021): 93-126. <https://doi.org/10.5922/0207-6918-2021-3-4>.

6. The Universe of Science. The Architectonic Ideas of Science, Sciences and Their Parts in Kant, *Kantian Journal* 39/2 (2020): 26-45. <https://doi.org/10.5922/0207-6918-2020-2-2>.

5. Reason, Ideas, and Their Functions in Classical German Philosophy, *Vestnik of Saint Petersburg University. Philosophy and Conflict Studies* 36/1 (2020): 4-23. (Rus.). <https://doi.org/10.21638/spbu17.2020.101>.
4. Der Stachel der Selbsttätigkeit und das Ausschöpfen der Freiheit. Zur Vollständigkeit der fünf Weltansichten beim späten Fichte, *Fichte-Studien* 48 (2020): 204-219. https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004422544_013.
3. Hegel's Critique of Kant's Concept of Reason. The Problem of Different Demands, *Hegel-Jahrbuch* 2019 (2019): 146-153. <https://doi.org/10.3790/hgjb.2019.1.146>.
2. Ist die theoretische Vernunft selbst eine Idee? Fichtes Umgang mit Kantischen Ideen um 1810, *Fichte-Studien* 46 (2018): 288-307. https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004375680_017.
1. Psychologischer Skeptizismus. Nietzsches Kritik am Deutschen Idealismus, *Coincidentia. Zeitschrift für europäische Geistesgeschichte* 8/2 (2017): 383-406. [ISBN: 978-3-402-18883-5](https://doi.org/10.1163/9783402188835).

Reviews

6. Yafeng Shan (ed.): *New Directions in Metaphilosophy*, in: *Metaphilosophy*, 2022 (in progress).
5. Daniel Minkin, *Rationalität philosophischer Forschung: Grundlagen einer metaphilosophischen Positionierung*, Brill / mentis: 2021 (in progress, Ger.).
4. Hartmut von Sass (Hg.): *Perspektivismus. Neue Beiträge aus der Erkenntnistheorie, Hermeneutik und Ethik*, Meiner: 2019, *Philosophische Rundschau* 68/1 (2021), 63-69. <https://doi.org/10.1628/phr-2021-0009>.
3. Rudolf Meer, *Der transzendente Grundsatz der Vernunft. Funktion und Struktur des Anhangs zur Transzendentalen Dialektik der Kritik der reinen Vernunft*, Berlin/Boston: Walter de Gruyter 2019, 314 S., *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 103/3 (2021), 562-570. <https://doi.org/10.1515/agph-2021-2020>.
2. Marcus Willaschek, *Kant on the Sources of Metaphysics. The Dialectic of Pure Reason*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2018, 298 p., *Idealistic Studies* 50/3 (2020), 291-296. <https://doi.org/10.5840/idstudies2020503121>.
 Response: Marcus Willaschek, "Response to Caimi, Gava, and Lewin", *Open Philosophy* 5/1 (2022), 689-698.
1. Brendan Theunissen, *Hegels Phänomenologie als metaphilosophische Theorie. Hegel und das Problem der Vielfalt der philosophischen Theorien. Eine Studie zur systemexternen Rechtfertigungsfunktion der Phänomenologie des Geistes*, Hamburg: Meiner 2014., *Coincidentia. Zeitschrift für europäische Geistesgeschichte*, 11/1 (2020), 292-301. [ISBN: 978-3-402-18979-5](https://doi.org/10.1163/9783402189795).

Conference Reports

1. Conference of the North American Fichte Society, *The Wissenschaftslehre 1804/2*, Xavier University, Cincinnati (22-24 May 2019): <https://www.zgs.uni-wuppertal.de/archiv/vortrags-konferenzreisen/2019-mai-22-lewin/>

Received Grants

Conference organization: “What is Metaphilosophy?”, with Richard Raatzsch and Christian Bermes, Oestrich-Winkel (09/07-09/09/2022, EBS University of Business and Law).

Research stay, University of Pittsburgh, Nicholas Rescher (05.2022, Fritz Thyssen Foundation).

Presentation: conference “Fichte’s Practical Philosophy”, The North American Fichte Society, Chicago, USA (2022, DAAD).

Research stay, Academic Visitor, University of Oxford, Timothy Williamson (04.-06.2022, Fritz Thyssen Foundation).

Principal investigator, project “Perspectivism as an Epistemological Program” (members: L. Kornilaev, V. Chaly, and S. Lugovoy), IKBFU Kaliningrad (2022-2023, Russian Science Foundation, project number 22-28-02041).

Research Grant, research project: “Wie ist Metaphilosophie als einheitliche Disziplin möglich?” [How is Metaphilosophy Possible as a Unified Discipline?] (2021-2022, Fritz Thyssen Foundation).

Research stay: Russian State Library Moscow (2021, Kantian Rationality Lab / Baltic Federal Immanuel Kant University Kaliningrad).

Attendance: Conference: “Fichtes Neue Bearbeitung der Wissenschaftslehre 1800”, Jena (2020, J.G. Fichte Society / DFG).

Attendance and presentation: summer school “Kant: Reason and Rationality in Sciences” (Th. Sturm), Kaliningrad (2019, Academia Kantiana).

Presentation: conference “Wissenschaftslehre 1804”, The North American Fichte Society, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA (2019, Center for Graduate Studies / University of Wuppertal).

Presentation: International J.G. Fichte-Congress, Aix-en-Provence, France (2018, DAAD).

Presentation: Saint Petersburg State University, Russia (2018, University of Wuppertal).

Presentation: International G.W.F. Hegel-Congress, Tampere, Finland (2018, University of Wuppertal).

PhD completion grant (2018-2019, University of Wuppertal, 12x1200€).

Attendance grant: conference series of the International J.G. Fichte Society in Wittenberg and Rammenau (2018, J.G. Fichte Society / DFG).

Attendance grant: 4th Forum for the Young Nietzsche Research, Oßmannstedt (2017, Weimar Classics Foundation).

Conference organization: “25 Synthesen als Struktur der Wissenschaftslehre”, University of Wuppertal (2017, University of Wuppertal, with A. Schnell).

Attendance grant: conference of the Spinoza-Society: “Ethica I”, Wittenberg (2016, International Spinoza Society).

Presentation: International J.G. Fichte-Congress, Madrid, Spain (2015, DAAD).

Attendance grant: Conference on Nietzsche’s “Twilight of the Idols”, Weimar (2013, Weimar Classics Foundation).

Certificates in University Didactics

Certificate: „Professionelle Lehrkompetenz für die Hochschule“ [Professional Teaching Competence for Universities], highest German certificate following the standards of the *German Society for Didactics in Higher Education* (dghd), issued by a network of universities in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany (over 200 work units à 45 minutes, 04/2020-04/2021).

Modules:

- Teaching and Learning
- Examining and Assessing
- Guiding Students
- Feedback and Evaluation
- Developing Innovation in Teaching and Studies

- Professional Individual Evaluation of One Teaching Unit
Certificate: Academic Teaching, Humanities (Servicestelle LehreLernen [Center for Teaching and Learning], Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena, July 2015).

Teaching

Kritisches Denken [Critical Thinking] (Bergische Universität Wuppertal, summer term 2023).
Critical Thinking (Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University, summer term 2023).
Begriffsanalyse [Conceptual Analysis] (Bergische Universität Wuppertal, winter term 2022/23).
Metaphilosophie: aktuelle Debatten [Metaphilosophy: Current Debates] (Bergische Universität Wuppertal, summer term 2022).
Der Perspektivismus in der Wissenschaftstheorie [Perspectivism in Philosophy of Science] (Bergische Universität Wuppertal, winter term 2021/22, open for *studium generale*). Evaluated with EvaSys.
Vernunft – Vernünftigkeit – Rationalität. Vernunftkonzepte von Kant bis Welsch [Reason – Reasonability – Rationality. Concepts of Reason from Kant to Welsch] (Bergische Universität Wuppertal, summer term 2021, open for *studium generale*). Evaluated with EvaSys.
Introduction to Fichte’s Philosophy (Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University, winter term 2020/21).
Locke: An Essay Concerning Human Understanding (Universität Koblenz-Landau, winter term 2020/21). Evaluated with EvaSys.
Motive, Fragen und Probleme der Metaphilosophie [Motives, Questions, and Problems of Metaphilosophy] (Bergische Universität Wuppertal, winter term 2020/21). Evaluated with EvaSys.
Relativismus und Perspektivismus [Relativism and Perspectivism] (Bergische Universität Wuppertal, summer term 2020). Evaluated.

Presentations

26. “Kant on Philosophy as Conceptual Analysis” (Conference “Existence, Cognition, Action: Kant’s Legacy for the 21st Century”, Universität Belgrad, March 1-3, 2023, invited keynote presentation).
25. “Relativism and Perspectivism” (International conference “Homo Loquens: Logic – Language – Culture”, IKBFU Kaliningrad, December 9-11, 2021). (Rus.).
24. “Metaphilosophy as a Unified Discipline” (Conference: “What is Metaphilosophy?”, Oestrich-Winkel, September 7-9, 2022).
23. “Fichte’s Metaphilosophy” (Conference of the North American Fichte Society, Chicago, May 2022).
22. “Perspectivism as Logical Analysis of Positionality” (International conference “Homo Loquens: Logic – Language – Culture”, IKBFU Kaliningrad, December 9-11, 2021). (Rus.).
21. “Metaphilosophie als einheitliche Disziplin” (Universität Koblenz-Landau, Institut für Philosophie, Campus Landau, November 2021).
20. “Metaphilosophy as a Discipline: Challenges and Prospects” (Workshop “Multi-, Inter-, Trans-Disciplinary Philosophy?”, Cologne, August 20, 2021, invited).
19. “Hegel’s Logic of Forces and the Faculty Psychology” (Hegel-Congress Warsaw, June 2021).
18. “Transcendental Turn and the Idea of Philosophy” (Transcendental Philosophy Conference, Moscow, April 22, 2021, plenary session presentation). (Rus.).

17. "Transcendental Philosophy as a Scientific Research Program. Combining Kantian Architectonics with Lakatosian Methodology" (Kant-Lecture, Academia Kantiana, IKBFU Kaliningrad, November 26, 2020). (Rus.).
16. "Methodological Principles of and in Sciences in Kant", Academia Kantiana, IKBFU, III. Summer School, Kaliningrad (July 22-28, 2019).
15. "The First Principle in the Later Fichte: The (not) 'surprising insight' in the 15th Lecture 1804/II", Conference of the North American Fichte Society, Xavier University, Cincinnati (May 22-24, 2019).
14. "Was versteht Fichte unter der *Tathandlung*? Die Dialektik von vier Grundbestimmungen in der *Wissenschaftslehre nova methodo*", University of Wuppertal, Department of Philosophy, Colloquium A. Schnell (October 23, 2018).
13. "*Das Grundvermögen der Vernunft, sich selbst zu setzen*. Die Ideenbildung der Vernunft von sich selbst als Ausgangspunkt der Wissenschaftslehre", International Fichte-Congress, Aix-en-Provence (October 04-06, 2018).
12. "Ideas and Reason in Classical German Philosophy", Saint Petersburg State University, Department of Philosophy (June 14, 2018). (Rus.).
11. "Hegel's Critique of Kant's Concept of Reason: The Problem of Different Demands", XXXII. International Hegel-Congress, Tampere (June 06-08, 2018).
10. "Die Macht als ein subjekt(un-)abhängiges Prinzip(?)", 4th Forum for the Young Nietzsche Research, Oßmannstedt (March 13-16, 2017).
9. "Ist die theoretische Vernunft selbst eine Idee? Fichtes Umgang mit Kantischen Ideen um 1810", University of Wuppertal, Department of Philosophy (January 30, 2017).
8. "Der Erfolg der Seele und der Misserfolg des Herren. Ein Beitrag zur intersubjektiven Interpretation der Herr-Knecht-Dialektik", XXXI. International Hegel-Congress, Bochum (May 17-20, 2016).
7. "Psychologischer Skeptizismus. Nietzsches Kritik am Deutschen Idealismus", Technical University of Berlin, Berlin Nietzsche-Colloquium (January 20, 2016).
6. "Der Stachel der Selbsttätigkeit und das Ausschöpfen der Freiheit. Zur Vollständigkeit der fünf Weltansichten beim späten Fichte", IX. International Fichte-Congress, Madrid (September 08-11, 2015).
5. "Der Übergang von der Logik zur Natur in Hegels Enzyklopädie", weekend course, Prof. Dr. Klaus Vieweg "Hegel's Philosophy of Nature", Siegmundsburg (January 09-11, 2015).
4. "Die offenbare Religion", weekend course, Prof. Dr. Klaus Vieweg "Absolute Knowledge in Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*", Siegmundsburg (February 10-12, 2014).
3. "Die Vernunft in der Philosophie – Nietzsches Beitrag zur allgemeinen Krise der Vernunft", Nietzsche-Workshop "Twilight of the Idols", Weimar (August 21-25, 2013).

2. “Reinholds Rezeption der transzendentalen Apperzeption“, weekend course, Prof. Dr. Klaus Vieweg and Prof. Dr. Andreas Schmidt, Siegmundsburg (June 28-30, 2013).
1. “Die Bewusstseinsgestalten in Hegels *Phänomenologie des Geistes* und aktuelle KI-Forschung“, XXIX. International Hegel-Congress, Istanbul (October 03-06, 2012).

Memberships

Kant-Gesellschaft.
Internationale J.G. Fichte-Gesellschaft.
The North American Fichte Society.
International J.G. Fichte Research Center at the University of Wuppertal.

Academic References

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