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## EMPLOYMENT & APPOINTMENTS

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- 2025 – Post-doctoral Researcher  
Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, Paderborn University  
DFG-Project “Émilie du Châtelet: Paris Manuscript”
- 2020 – 2024 Research fellow  
Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)
- 2019 – 2020 Teaching and Research Assistant  
Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven

## EDUCATION

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- 2025 Ph.D. in Philosophy, KU Leuven  
Dissertation title: Kant’s Evolving Conception of Monads: A Reconstruction in Light of the Eighteenth-Century Reception of Leibniz’s Monadology  
Supervisor: Karin de Boer
- 2017 – 2018 Research Master in Philosophy, KU Leuven  
Final mark: Magna cum Laude
- 2016 – 2017 Master in Philosophy, KU Leuven  
Final mark: Magna cum Laude
- 2013 – 2016 Bachelor in Philosophy, Università degli Studi di Padova  
Final mark: Summa cum Laude

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

- 2024 “Kant’s Mature Account of Monads as Objects in the Idea,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 62(4): 501–517. DOI: 10.1111/sjp.12566

### Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “The Influence of Leibniz’s *New Essays* on Kant’s Account of Impenetrability in the *Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science*,” in Gregor Schäfer (ed.), *Leibniz in der klassischen deutschen Philosophie*. Springer/Metzler

### Book Reviews

- 2022 “Brandon C. Look: Leibniz and Kant,” *Journal of Transcendental Philosophy*, 3(2): 277 – 282. DOI: 10.1515/jtph-2022-0025

## **FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

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- 2020 – 2024     Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)  
                         Individual PhD fellowship fundamental research
- 2018 – 2019     Erasmus+ grant recipient
- 2015 – 2016     Erasmus grant recipient

## **INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY**

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- 2024             Research Stay at the Université de Montréal (3 months)  
                         Supervisor: Christian Leduc
- 2022             Research Stay at the Université Paris Nanterre (2 months)  
                         Supervisor: Anne-Lise Rey
- 2018 – 2019     Traineeship at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (4 months)  
                         The traineeship took place within the framework of the European Erasmus+ programme  
                         and was approved by Flanders Knowledge Area
- 2015 – 2016     Erasmus at University College of Cork (10 months)  
                         The Erasmus exchange was part of the European Erasmus programme

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Main Instructor**

- 2022 – 2023     Modern Philosophy Seminar: Descartes, Conway, Locke, and Leibniz
- 2021 – 2022     Metaphysics Seminar: Descartes (in dialogue with Princess Elisabeth, Spinoza, and Leibniz)
- 2020 – 2021     Modern Philosophy Seminar: Leibniz, Hume, Kant, and Hegel

### **Teaching Assistant**

- 2020 – 2021     History of Modern Philosophy I: Leibniz
- 2019 – 2020     History of Modern Philosophy II: Kant, Fichte, Hegel, Schopenhauer, Marx, Feuerbach, and Nietzsche

## **CONFERENCES & OUTREACH**

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### **Events Organization**

- 2025             Organizer of “Anniversary of Émilie du Châtelet”  
                         Paderborn University, December 17, 2025

- 2023 – 2024 Co-organizer of two editions of the Online Leuven Seminar in Classical German Philosophy (2023, 2024)
- 2020 – 2023 Co-organizer of four editions of the Leuven Kant Conference (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

### Invited Lectures

- 2025 “Atomism and Monadism Combined: Continuities between Du Châtelet’s and Kant’s Accounts of Matter”  
Research Colloquium  
Paderborn University, October 20, 2025
- 2024 "L’atomisme et le monadisme dans la philosophie pré-critique de Kant"  
Seminaire Philosophies Allemandes  
University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, November 19, 2024
- 2023 “The Influence of Leibniz’s *New Essays* on Kant’s Account of Impenetrability in the *Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science*”  
Groningen Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Thought Online lecture series  
University of Groningen, January 26, 2023

### Conferences and Talks

- 2024 “Kant’s Mature Account of Monadology: Monads as Objects in the Idea”  
International Kant Congress  
University of Bonn, September 8-13, 2024
- 2024 “Baumgarten on the Impenetrability of Monads”  
18th Congress of the Leibniz Society of North America / 6e congrès de la Société d’études leibniziennes de langue française  
University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. June 13-15, 2024
- 2024 “Atomism and Monadism in Kant’s Early Account of Matter”  
Workshop in 18th-Century German Philosophy  
Université de Montréal, May 3, 2024
- 2023 “Peut-on se passer des monades ? La controverse entre Euler et Formey sur l’origine du mouvement”  
Vème édition du colloque doctoral d’études leibniziennes  
ENS Ulm-Université Paris-Sorbonne, May 19-20, 2023
- 2023 “The Reception of Leibniz’s Monadology in the Berlin Academy”  
Séminaire Doctoral d’Études Leibniziennes  
École normale supérieure (ENS Ulm), March 7, 2023
- 2023 “Kant’s Mature Account of Monads: The Substratum of Matter and the Soul as Objects in the Idea”  
Séminaire HPM Nanterre  
Université Paris Nanterre, January 23, 2023
- 2022 “The Kant-Eberhard Controversy: a critical reappraisal of Eberhard’s account of space”

Leuven Kant Conference  
KU Leuven, May 26-28, 2022

- 2022 “Baumgarten on the Impenetrability of Monads”  
Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy VIII  
University of Groningen, June 23–24, 2022
- 2022 “Baumgarten on the Impenetrability of Monads”  
NYC Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy  
Fordham University, May 17-19, 2022
- 2021 “L’impact des *Nouveaux Essais* de Leibniz sur la Monadologie de Kant”  
XVe Congrès International de la Société d'études kantienne de langue française  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, September 28-30, 2021
- 2020 “Kant’s Mature Non-Physical Monadology”  
Leuven Kant Conference  
KU Leuven, May 28-30, 2020
- 2019 “Transcendental Reflection and Kant’s Critique of Leibniz’s Philosophy Between the  
*Critique of Pure Reason* and the *Critique of the Power of Judgment*”  
Aarhus Kant Week: International Graduate Workshop  
Aarhus University, May 13-16, 2019.
- 2019 “Kant’s and Fichte’s Account of Intellectual Intuition: Tracing Continuities and  
Ruptures”  
V. Graduiertensymposium: Die Klassische deutsche Philosophie und ihre Folgen  
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Feb 1-2, 2019
- 2018 “Kant’s Second Antinomy in Relation to Leibniz’s Account of Composition”  
IV Congreso internacional de la Sociedad de Estudios Kantianos en Lengua Española  
(SEKLE)  
University of Valencia, Oct 15-19, 2018

### Invited Comments

- 2025 Corey Dyck, “Wolff and the First Fifty Years of German Metaphysics”  
Leuven Seminar in Classical German Philosophy  
KU Leuven, May 8, 2025
- 2025 Marco Costantini, “Il rovesciamento dell’armonia prestabilita nella *Nova dilucidatio* di  
Kant”  
Seminario Soliditas Leibnitiana  
Università degli Studi di Milano / Università Roma Tre, May 22, 2025

## TRAINING & SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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### Journal Reviewer

Open Philosophy  
The Apricot Journal

### Training

Teaching Training Programme. Certificate delivered in 2020 by KU Leuven, Institute of Philosophy

### **Reading Groups and Open Seminars**

2024: Open Research Seminar on Kant's Transcendental Dialectic of the *Critique of Pure Reason*  
Leader

2021: Reading group on Deleuze's *The Fold: Leibniz and the Baroque*  
Organizer and leader

2018: Reading group on Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*  
Organizer and leader

### **LANGUAGES**

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Italian: Mother tongue

English: Fluent

French: Fluent

German: Good

Latin: Intermediate reading proficiency