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Philosophy Ph.D. candidate
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Profile:

I am specialised in the philosophy of Michel Foucault, in particular his ‘archaeological period’ (1960s). I have successfully completed a research master’s degree at Maynooth University, Ireland, with a thesis on Foucault’s conception of man and the human and social sciences in *The Order of Things*. I am currently investigating the historical discourses on the ‘overcoming of the human’ in the West, using Foucault’s archaeological method (with a specific emphasis on current movements and philosophies like Transhumanism and Posthumanism) as part of my Ph.D. research. I am more generally interested in the question of human nature (and its limits) in the field of philosophy (and beyond) in the 21st century in general, particularly given the new challenges that we are facing in our current epoch. I aim to have a career as a lecturer and researcher in academia after the completion of my Ph.D.

Education:

Ph.D in Philosophy (in progress) Maynooth University, Ireland Department of Philosophy <u>Thesis title:</u> ‘Being and Overcoming: A historical investigation of the discourses dealing with human nature, its limits and their possible surpassing in the West’ <u>Thesis supervisors:</u> Michael Dunne (previously Philipp Rosemann), internal, and Orazio Irrera, external	February 2021-Present
Master’s degree of Philosophy (first-class honours), Maynooth University, Ireland Department of Philosophy <u>Thesis title:</u> ‘The Invention of Man: An Assessment of Foucault’s analysis of the Human Sciences in <i>The Order of Things</i> ’ <u>Thesis Supervisor:</u> Philipp Rosemann	September 2018-May 2019
Bachelor’s degree in Sociology, Université Lumière Lyon II, France UFR Anthropologie, Sociologie et Science politique	September 2014-June 2017
Baccalauréat (French equivalent of the Leaving Certificate), specialised in the natural sciences, Lycée Saint Jean-Baptiste de La Salle, Lyon, France	June 2014

Employment History:

Teaching assistant <i>Maynooth University, Ireland,</i> <i>Academic Writing Support</i> Providing support to students with their assignments, as well Preparing and delivering group sessions to students	September 2024-present
Key contributor in the co-creation process of the MU GenAI Working Guidelines for students as part of a SATLE (Strategic Alignment of Teaching and Learning Enhancement) funded initiative, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland	August 2024
Occasional member of staff (tutoring), <i>Dublin City University, Ireland</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i> Have delivered online tutorials for the year-long undergraduate module 'Philosophy and Religion' (PH310)	September 2022-May 2023
Private tutor for school students (French) <i>Maynooth and surrounding area, Ireland</i>	2018-2023
Occasional member of staff (tutoring and lecturing), <i>Maynooth University, Ireland</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i> Have delivered tutorials for four different undergraduate modules: 'Introduction to Philosophy' (PH155/156), 'Topics in Moral Philosophy: Law, Morality, Punishment and Rights' (PH154/157), 'From Modernism to Postmodernism' (PH355) and 'Philosophy of Religion in the Modern Age' (PH154). Have also been in charge of the 'From Modernism to Postmodernism' module during the spring semester of the academic year 2022-2023 (i.e., preparation and delivery of lectures, preparation and correction of essays)	February 2021-Present
Online content reviewer for the French market <i>Majorel (client company of Google), Dublin, Ireland</i> Was in charge with an associated team of workers of verifying the authenticity of companies in French speaking countries using 'Google Ads' to advertise their business on the Internet	September 2019-Dec 2020

Additional activities and information:

Awards, Fundings and Grants

Taught Masters scholarship, Maynooth University	2018-2019
John and Pat Hume doctoral scholarship, Maynooth University	2021-present

Talks and Events

'Foucault and the archaeology of Transhumanism', talk delivered at the XXV World Congress of Philosophy, Università la Sapienza, Rome, Italy	August 2024
'After the end of man: a Foucauldian analysis of Transhumanism and	June 2024

Posthumanism as contemporary discourses on the surpassing of the human’, paper presented at the ‘Echoes of Foucault: 40 years after’ conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

‘Foucault and the archaeology of Transhumanism’, talk delivered at the 2023 International Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Galway, Ireland	December 2023
PhD research event organized by the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy during Research Week 2023, Maynooth University, Ireland (helped organized the event as part of the organizing committee, and chaired the ‘Relevance of the Humanities today’ session)	May 2023
‘Is Man a thing of the past?’, talk delivered for the ‘3-Minute Thesis Competition’ (3MT) organized by the Maynooth University Graduate Studies Office, Maynooth, Ireland	October 2022
‘From Kant to Transhumanism: Human nature in (post)modernity’, talk delivered at the 2022 Percy French Festival of ideas, Castlecoote, Co. Roscommon, Ireland	July 2022
‘L’Homme est-il une chose du passé? De la nature humaine dans la pensée postmoderne’, talk presented for the ‘Ma Thèse en 180 secondes’ competition organized by The French Embassy in Dublin at University College Dublin, Ireland	June 2022
‘Foucault and the Invention of Man’, talk delivered simultaneously at the annual Irish Philosophical Society online seminar series, and the Maynooth Philosophy Department’s Invited Speakers Series	February 2022

Publications

‘From the ‘Death of God’ to the ‘End of Man’: The Trajectory of the Modern Conception of the Human (and its Overcoming), from Kant through Nietzsche and Foucault, to Transhumanism and Posthumanism’, article published in *Maynooth Philosophy Supplement*, Vol. 1 ‘Nietzsche and his Legacy’ (Jan 2025), pp. 32-54

Translation works

Translation from French to English of the Paper ‘Singularity of Gertrude of Helfta’s ‘Memorial’’, presented by Marc Ozilou at the 58 th International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University (11-13 May 2023), Kalamazoo, MI, USA.	2023
Translation from French to English of the paper ‘The Birth of <i>Confessions of the Flesh</i> ’, presented by Philippe Chevallier at the Maynooth Philosophy seminar series of 2020-2021, and subsequently published under the title ‘The Birth of <i>Confessions of the Flesh: A Journey through the Archives</i> ’ in <i>Maynooth Philosophical Papers</i> , Vol. 11 (2022), pp. 55-73 (DOI: 10.5840/mpp202222416)	2021

Volunteer Positions

Member of the editorial board for the <i>Maynooth Philosophy Supplement</i> (student journal)	Sept 2024-present
Summer Programme for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) Supporter, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland	Jun–Aug 2024
Postgraduate academic representative for the department of Philosophy, Maynooth University	2022-2024
Member of committee of the Philosophy Society, Maynooth University, Ireland	2023-2024
Member of committee of the Postgraduate Workers Organization, Maynooth	2023-2024

University, Ireland

Member of committee of the Language Society, Maynooth University, Ireland 2018-2019

Languages, certifications and other skills

Professional Certificate in Teaching and Learning for Tutors and Demonstrators, 2022
Maynooth University

Fluent speaker of French (native speaker) and English (C1 level),
some knowledge of German and Italian (A2 to B1 level)

Referees contact details:

- Prof. Michael Dunne, Lecturer and Head of the Department of Philosophy and supervisor of my PhD thesis, Maynooth University. Email: michael.w.dunne@mu.ie
- Prof. Philipp Rosemann (former Head of the Department of Philosophy at Maynooth University and supervisor of my PhD thesis), Cottrill-Rolfes Chair of Catholic Studies, Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, USA. Email: philipp.rosemann@uky.edu
- Prof. Orazio Irrera, Lecturer at the Université Paris 8 - Département de Philosophie and external supervisor of my PhD thesis. Email : orazio.irrera02@univ-paris8.fr