

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Areas of Specialization**

Post-Kantian European Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture,  
Aesthetics

### **Areas of Competence**

Philosophy of Race, Ethics, Kant

### **Education**

10/2007–10/2012 Ph.D. Philosophy (with highest honors), University of Vienna

10/2001–10/2006 M.A. Philosophy (with distinction), University of Vienna

### **Academic Positions**

Since 07/2022	Associate Professor (tenured), Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
2019/07/01–2022/06/30	Assistant Professor (tenure track) Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
2014/06/01–2019/05/31	Research Fellow ERC project “The Emergence of Relativism” (PI: Martin Kusch) Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
2012/03/01–2014/05/31	Research Fellow Center for Literary and Cultural Research Berlin (ZfL)
2012/09/01–2019/1/31	Adjunct Lecturer Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
2015/04/01–2015/08/31	Adjunct Lecturer Department of Philosophy, University of Potsdam

2014/04/01–2015/08/31     Adjunct Lecturer  
 Department of Cultural Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin

### **Grants and Awards**

Explore Grant, Arts and Research Board, McMaster University, Project: “The Context of Philosophy of Life: Nietzsche and Dilthey”, 1 student assistant, 01/2023–03/2025, 6879 CAD.

Connection Grant, SSHRC Canada, Project: “Economic Pluralism: Past and Present”, co-applicants: Helen McCabe (Nottingham), Thimo Heisenberg (Bryn Mawr), 4 student assistants, 03/2022–03/2023, 30 865 CAD.

Research grant, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Project: “Discourses of Life: Paradigmatic Concepts around 1900 and their Significance for the Present,” 06/2013–05/2014, 43 200 EUR (I left the project after one year and thus used only half of the funding).

Award for the best doctoral thesis, awarded by the Faculty of Philosophy and Education, University of Vienna, June 2014.

Doctoral fellowship, Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 01/2011–06/2011, 9000 USD.

Research scholarship, University of Vienna, 07/2011–12/2011, 6000 EUR.

Research scholarship, DAAD, for a research stay at the Department of Cultural Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin, 10/2009–07/2010, 10 535 EUR.

Short-term grant abroad (KWA) of the University of Vienna for a research stay at the Walter Benjamin Archive, Academy of Arts, Berlin, 04/2008–06/2008, 1950 EUR.

Research scholarship of the Austrian Research Community (ÖFG) for the participation in the conference of the International Walter Benjamin Society (IWBS), Princeton University, November 2011.

Scholarship for the participation in the Philosophicum Lech, September 2010.

Research scholarship “Dissemination,” University of Vienna, for the participation in the conference of the IWBS, University of Antwerp, September 2009.

Merit Scholarship, awarded from the University of Vienna, June 2007.

Merit Scholarship, awarded from the University of Vienna, February 2007.

Merit Scholarship, awarded from the University of Vienna, May 2004.

## Publications

### A) Monographs

1. *Nietzsche on Culture*. Cambridge Elements. Cambridge University Press, under contract.
2. *Revolte, Eros und Sprache. Walter Benjamins "Metaphysik der Jugend."*<sup>1</sup> Series LiteraturForschung, Berlin (Kulturverlag Kadmos) 2013.

### B) Special Issues and Edited Volumes

3. (Ed.) *Economic Pluralism: Past and Present*. Co-edited with T. Heisenberg, H. McCabe, Special Issue *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, under contract.
4. (Ed.) Susan Taubes, *Philosophische Schriften*.<sup>2</sup> Co-edited with T. Macho, Munich (Wilhelm Fink), forthcoming.
5. (Ed.) *The Emergence of Relativism: German Thought from the Enlightenment to National Socialism*. Co-edited with M. Kusch, K. Kinzel, and N. Wildschut, London/New York (Routledge), 2019.

Reviewed by B.H. Smith in: *Common Knowledge* 28:2 (2022), 284–286.

Reviewed by G. Hartung in: *Philosophischer Literaturanzeiger* 73:2 (2020), 155–161.

6. (Ed.) *Goethe um 1900*.<sup>3</sup> Co-edited with C. Haas and D. Weidner, Series LiteraturForschung, Berlin (Kulturverlag Kadmos) 2017.

Reviewed by P. Restetzki in: *Goethe-Jahrbuch* 2018, 290-292.

7. (Ed.) Christoph Friedrich Heinle, *Lyrik und Prosa. Mit einem Geleitwort von Giorgio Agamben*.<sup>4</sup> Series LiteraturForschung, Berlin (Kulturverlag Kadmos) 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> *Revolt, Eros, and Language: Walter Benjamin's "Metaphysics of Youth."*

<sup>2</sup> *Philosophical Writings*.

<sup>3</sup> *Goethe around 1900*.

<sup>4</sup> *Poetry and Prose: Introduced by Giorgio Agamben*.

B) Journal Articles

8. “Against the Extremes: Georg Simmel’s Social and Economic Pluralism.” In: *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Online First: September 2024. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2024.2373128>.

9. “Zum existentiellen Verhältnis von Natur und Kultur. Nietzsches Affirmation des Tiers im Menschen.”<sup>5</sup> In: *Zeitschrift für Kulturphilosophie*, 18:1 (2024), 81-96.

10. “Feminist Standpoint Theory vs. the Identitarian Ideology of the New Right: A Critical Comparison.” Co-authored with N. Asthon, In: *Social Theory & Practice*, 50:1 (2024), 127-155.

11. “Grenzwesen Mensch. Zur systematischen Aktualität von Georg Simmels Kulturphilosophie.”<sup>6</sup> In: *Zeitschrift für Kulturphilosophie* 14:2 (2020), 123–136.

12. “From *Völkerpsychologie* to Cultural Anthropology: Erich Rothacker’s Philosophy of Culture.” In: *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 10:1 (2020), 308–328.

13. “From Buzz to Burst - Critical Remarks on the Term ‘Life’ and its Ethical Implications in Synthetic Biology.” Co-authored with T. Eichinger, D. Falkner, and M. Funk. In: *NanoEthics* 13:2 (2019), 173–198.

14. “Die Perspektive des Lebens. Genealogie und Kritik beim späten Nietzsche.”<sup>7</sup> In: *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, 67:3 (2019), 451–463.

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<sup>5</sup> “On the Existential Relationship Between Nature and Culture: Nietzsche’s Affirmation of Human Animality.”

<sup>6</sup> “The Human as a Being of Boundaries: The Systematic Relevance of Georg Simmel’s Philosophy of Culture.”

<sup>7</sup> “The Perspective of Life: Genealogy and Critique in Nietzsche’s Mature Philosophy.”

15. “The Significance of Dehumanization: Nazi Ideology and its Psychological Consequences.” In: *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 19:2 (2018), 139–157.  
Altmetric score: 213 [top 5% of all research outputs scored; 2024/09/12]
16. “Reorientations of Philosophy in the Age of History: Nietzsche’s Gesture of Radical Break and Dilthey’s Traditionalism.” In: *Studia philosophica* 76 (2017), 223–244.
17. “Verschränkung. Exempel und Paradigma interdisziplinärer Begriffsgeschichte.”<sup>8</sup> In: *Forum Interdisziplinäre Begriffsgeschichte* 1:2 (2012), 115–122.
18. “Zwischen emanzipatorischem Appell und melancholischem Verstummen. Walter Benjamins Jugendschriften.”<sup>9</sup> In: *Benjamin-Studien* 2 (2011), 225–238.

### C) Book Chapters

19. “Creativity and Gender: Nietzsche’s Ideal of Self-Cultivation.” In: *Normative und deskriptive Dimensionen der Kulturphilosophie. Denkräume 1923/2023*, edited by J. Bohr, G. Hartung, H. Koenig and T.-F. Steinbach, Baden-Baden (Ergon), accepted.
20. “Dehumanizing Strategies in Nazi Ideology and their Anthropological Context.” In: *The Routledge Handbook on Dehumanization*, edited by M. Kronfeldner, London/New York (Routledge) 2021, 98–111.
21. “Relativismus.”<sup>10</sup> In: *Simmel-Handbuch. Leben – Werke – Wirkung*, edited by J. Bohr, G. Hartung, H. Koenig, and T.-F. Steinbach, Stuttgart (Metzler) 2021, 95–103.
22. “Georg Simmels Bekenntnis zum Relativismus. Historische und systematische Überlegungen.”<sup>11</sup> In: *Der Philosoph Georg Simmel*, edited by G. Hartung, T.-F. Steinbach, and H. Koenig, Series Kulturphilosophie, Freiburg (Karl Alber) 2020, 111–140.

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<sup>8</sup> “Entanglement: Example and Paradigm of an Interdisciplinary History of Concepts.”

<sup>9</sup> “Between Emancipatory Appeal and Melancholic Silence: Walter Benjamin’s Youth Writings.”

<sup>10</sup> “Relativism.”

<sup>11</sup> “Georg Simmel’s Commitment to Relativism: Historical and Systematic Considerations.”

23. “Relativism in the Context of National Socialism.” In: *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Relativism*, edited by M. Kusch, London/New York (Routledge) 2019, 114–123.
24. “National Socialism and the Problem of Relativism.” In: *The Emergence of Relativism*, London/New York (Routledge) 2019, 233–251.
25. “Introduction: Politics.” In: *The Emergence of Relativism*, London/New York (Routledge) 2019, 197–200.
26. “Vorbild, Beispiel und Ideal. Zur Bedeutung Goethes in Wilhelm Diltheys Philosophie des Lebens.”<sup>12</sup> In: *Goethe um 1900*, Series LiteraturForschung, Berlin (Kulturverlag Kadmos) 2017, 27–49.
27. “Vom Gott zum Schriftsteller. Thomas Carlyles Helden-Panorama.”<sup>13</sup> In: *Der Kulturheros. Zwischen Kult, Kultur und Politik*, edited by Z. Andronikashvili, G. Maisuradze, and F. Thun-Hohenstein, Series LiteraturForschung, Berlin (Kulturverlag Kadmos) 2017, 77–97.
28. “Engineers of Life? A Critical Examination of the Concept of Life in the Debate on Synthetic Biology.” In: *Ambivalences of Creating Life – Societal and Philosophical Dimensions of Synthetic Biology*, edited by M. Engelhard, K. Hagen, and G. Toepfer, Series Ethics of Science and Technology Assessment, Heidelberg (Springer) 2016, 275–292.
29. “Politik versus Moral. Alfred Baeumlers Versuch einer philosophischen Interpretation des Nationalsozialismus.”<sup>14</sup> In: *Jahrbuch zur Geschichte und Wirkung des Holocaust*, vol 20, Frankfurt a. M./New York (Campus) 2016, 29–48.
30. “Jugend // Youth.” In: *Futurologien. Ordnungen des Zukunftswissen*, edited by B. Blüher and S. Willer, Series Trajekte, Munich (Wilhelm Fink) 2016, 221–232.

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<sup>12</sup> “Model, Example, and Ideal: The Significance of Goethe for Dilthey’s Philosophy of Life.”

<sup>13</sup> “From Divinity to the Man of Letters: Thomas Carlyle’s Panorama of Heros.”

<sup>14</sup> “Politics versus Morality: Alfred Baeumler’s Philosophical Interpretation of National Socialism.”

31. “Zwischen Jugendbewegung und literarischer Avantgarde. Das Leben von C.F. Heinle 1894–1914.”<sup>15</sup> In: Heinle: *Lyrik und Prosa*. Berlin (Kulturverlag Kadmos) 2016, 149–183.
32. “Der Spieler als paradigmatische Figur der Moderne. Peripetien zur kulturellen Funktion des Glücksspiels.”<sup>16</sup> In: *Das Spiel und seine Grenzen. Passagen des Spiels II*, edited by M. Fuchs and E. Strouhal, Series Edition Angewandte, Vienna/New York (Springer) 2010, 31–46.
33. “Ideologie und Opfer. Reflexionen zwischen utilitaristischer Falschmünzerei und Artauds Theater der Grausamkeit.”<sup>17</sup> In: *Vom Fetisch des Glücks. Fünf Versuche zur Zerschlagung des utilitaristischen Kaleidoskops*, edited by W. Gartler, Maria Enzersdorf (Edition Roesner) 2004, 77–99.

#### D) Proceedings

34. “In Defense of Epistemic Relativism: The Concept of Truth in Georg Simmel’s *Philosophy of Money*.” In: *Proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein-Symposium, Contributions of the Austrian Wittgenstein Society*, vol XXIII (2015), 300–302.

#### E) Reviews

35. “Theater, Philosophie und Moderne. Ibsen im Dialog mit Hegel und Nietzsche (review).” In: *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 70:5 (2022), 846–851.
36. Review of Amos Morris-Reich and Dirk Rupnow (eds.), *Ideas of Race in the History of Humanities* (Palgrave MacMillan, New York 2017). In: *HOPOS* 9:1 (2019), 182–185.
37. Review of Nitzan Lebovic, *The Philosophy of Life and Death. Ludwig Klages and the Rise of a Nazi Biopolitics* (Palgrave MacMillan, New York 2013). In: *Weimarer Beiträge* 1/2015, 156–160.

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<sup>15</sup> “Between Youth Movement and Literary Avant-garde: The Life of C.F. Heinle 1894–1914.”

<sup>16</sup> “The Gambler as Model of Modernity: The Cultural Significance of Gambling.”

<sup>17</sup> “Ideology and Victim: Reflections about Utilitarian Counterfeiting and Artaud’s Theatre of Cruelty.”

38. Review of Sigrid Weigel, *Walter Benjamin: Die Kreatur, das Heilige, die Bilder* (Fischer, Frankfurt a.M. 2008) and Daniel Weidner (ed.), *Profanes Leben. Walter Benjamins Dialektik der Säkularisierung* (Suhrkamp, Berlin 2010). In: *Weimarer Beiträge* 1/2011, 139–144.

39. Review of Ulisse Dogà, “*Port Bou – deutsch?*” *Paul Celan liest Walter Benjamin* (Rimbaud Verlag, Aachen 2009). In: URL: <http://walterbenjamin.info/ulisse-doga-port-bou-deutsch-paul-celan-liest-walter-benjamin/> (call: July 13, 2017).

#### F) Outreach Articles

1. “How the philosophy of the past can help us imagine the economy of the future.” Co-authored with T. Heisenberg and H. McCabe. In: *The Conversation* (Jan 4, 2023). URL: <https://theconversation.com/how-the-philosophy-of-the-past-can-help-us-imagine-the-economy-of-the-future-195414> (call: Jan 17, 2022)

2. “Why the Ideology of the New Right is so dangerous.” In: *The Conversation* (Nov 2, 2022). URL: <https://theconversation.com/why-the-ideology-of-the-new-right-is-so-dangerous-192833> (call: Jan 17, 2022)

3. “Klasse und Bildung. Mein akademischer Weg.” In: #FIRSTGENPHILOSOPHERS (June 17, 2022). URL: <https://userblogs.fu-berlin.de/firstgenphilosophers/2022/06/17/johannes-steizinger/> (call: Oct 12, 2022)

4. “Die ‘Neue Rechte’ im Kontext der CoV-Proteste.” In: *orf.science* (October 20, 2021) URL: <https://science.orf.at/stories/3209350/> (call: January 1, 2021).<sup>18</sup>

5. “Die identitäre Ideologie. Wiederkehr des völkischen Denkens.”<sup>19</sup> In: *Perspektiven ds* 35:2 (2018), 77–89.

6. “Schwellenkunde // Threshold Knowledge.” Co-author S. Weigel, In: *Trajekte* 30 (May 2015), 26–37.

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<sup>18</sup> “The ‘New Right’ in the Context of the COVID-19 Protests”

<sup>19</sup> “The Ideology of Identitarianism: A Return of *Völkisch* Thinking.”

7. “Von der nackten Wahrheit zur rätselhaften Wahrheit des Strumpfes. Walter Benjamins Bilddenken.”<sup>20</sup> In: *Von Kopf bis Fuß. Bausteine zu einer Kulturgeschichte der Kleidung*, edited by C. Kutschbach and F. Schmieder, Berlin (Kulturverlag Kadmos) 2015, 91–96.

*G) Under review*

“Nietzsche’s Perspectival Epistemology: Reconsidering its Relativistic Implications.”

*H) Work in Progress*

Monograph: *What Fascists Think: And Why Their Ideology Is Dangerous*

Paper on knowledge and life in Nietzsche’s philosophy

Paper on Nietzsche and fascism

Paper on the significance of the concept of “Conservative Revolution” for the New Right

Paper on Hedwig Dohm’s critical appropriation of Nietzsche’s concept of self-cultivation

**Talks**

*A) Peer-reviewed Presentations (21)*

“The Relationship of Nature and Culture: Nietzschean Lessons for the Anthropocene.”

Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, Università degli studi di Verona, July 2024

“Epistemic Sovereignty: Revisiting Nietzsche’s Perspectivism.”

Conference of the CPA, McGill University, Montreal, June 2024 (online)

“Nietzsche’s Concept of Knowledge: The Social Constitution of Perspectives”

APA Pacific, UBC, Vancouver, April 2022.

“Maßstab Leben. Nietzsches kritische Methode.”

XXV. Conference of the German Society of Philosophy (DGPhil), FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, September 2021 (online).

“Die konservative Herausforderung. ‘Klasse’ im Kontext von ‘Rasse’ und ‘Geschlecht.’”

*Momentum-Congress: Klasse*, Hallstatt, October 2018.

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<sup>20</sup> “From the Naked Truth to the Mysterious Truth of the Stocking: Walter Benjamin’s Visual Thinking.”

- “Freedom as Fate: Nietzsche’s ‘Sovereign Individual’ and the Modern Debate on Autonomy”  
XXIV. Conference of the German Society of Philosophy (DGPhil), Humboldt-University of Berlin, September 2017.
- “Philosophy from the Perspective of Life: Friedrich Nietzsche and Wilhelm Dilthey”  
BSHP Annual Conference, University of Sheffield, April 2017.
- “A Relativistic Concept of Truth? Nietzsche’s Perspectivism Reconsidered”  
Conference of the North American Friedrich Nietzsche Society, CUNY, October 2016.
- “The Concept of Philosophy in Light of its History: Nietzsche, Dilthey, and Simmel”  
Symposium of the Swiss Philosophical Society, University of Geneva, September 2016.
- “Dehumanization and Anthropology: The Case of National Socialism”  
Conference: *Dehumanization: New Approaches to Understanding the Politics of Human Nature*, CEU Budapest, April 2016.
- “Schicksal versus Moral. Alfred Baeumlers Konzeption des politischen Menschen”  
Conference of the Fritz Bauer Institute: “*NS-Moral*”. *Vorläufige Bilanz*, Frankfurt a. M., September 2015.
- “Georg Simmel’s Epistemic Relativism”  
38<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein-Symposium, Kirchberg a. Wechsel, August 2015.
- “Georg Simmels Philosophie der Kultur”  
X. Conference of the Austrian Society of Philosophy, University of Innsbruck, June 2015.  
Winter School: *Praktiken kultureller Orientierung*, University of Koblenz-Landau, February 2015.
- “Die Aktualität von Wilhelm Diltheys Epistemologie des Lebens”  
XXIII. Conference of the DGPhil, University of Münster, September 2014.
- “Engineers of Life? The Concept of Life in the Debate on Synthetic Biology”  
Summer School: *Analyzing the Societal Dimensions of Synthetic Biology*, ZfL Berlin, September 2014.
- “Politik und Geschichte in Walter Benjamins Jugendphilosophie”  
Conference of the IWBS, Goethe-University of Frankfurt, December 2013.
- “Das Nachleben der Jugend in Benjamins *Berliner Chronik*”  
Conference of the IWBS, Princeton University, November 2011.
- “Singularität als Paradigma der frühen Anthropologie Walter Benjamins”  
Conference: *Anthropologisches Wissen und zitierbares Schreiben: Walter Benjamins Aphoristik im Kontext*, ZfL Berlin, May 2010.

“Walter Benjamins *Metaphysik der Jugend*”

Conference of the IWBS, University of Antwerp, September 2009.

“Der Spieler als paradigmatische Figur der Moderne”

Summer School: *Die Macht des Zufalls*, IFK Vienna, August 2008.

*B) Invited Presentations (30)*

“Going Global. Die Konserative Revolution in der Ideologie der Neuen Rechten.“

Workshop: *Konservative Revolution als historisches Problem*, Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, June 2024.

“Der Begriff Jugend. Leitmotiv gesellschaftlichen Aufbruchs nach 1900.“

Conference: *Aufbrüche und Scheitern*, Klassik Stiftung Weimar, March 2024

“Zum existentiellen Verhältnis von Natur und Kultur bei Nietzsche.“

Kolloquium von Prof. Dr. Matthias Schlossberger, Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, December 2023.

“The Concept of Bildung: its Meaning and Significance in German Thought.”

Keynote lecture of the PhD-course: *Anthropocene, Bildung and Education*, University of Stavanger, December 2023.

„Creativity and Gender Images: Dohm Contra Nietzsche.“

Workshop: *Hedwig Dohm and Nietzschean Feminism*, Western University (London, CA), October 2023

“Kultivierung. Zur kulturphilosophischen Bändigung der Natur“

Conference: *Kulturphilosophie der Natur*, University of Greifswald, July 2023.

“Lebensphilosophie unter Relativismus-Verdacht. Nietzsches und Simmels Antworten”

Lecture Series: *Geschichte und Gegenwart der Lebensphilosophie*, University of Duesseldorf, June 2023.

“The Canonization of Goethe: Between the Myth of the Male Genius and Women’s Emancipation”

Conference: *Canonical Pressures: German Literature and its Voices of Difference*, University of Toronto, May 2022.

“The Dark Legacy of Lebensphilosophie: Erich Rothacker’s Path to National Socialism”

Speaker series, University of Ottawa, October 2022.

Online-Seminar: *Life-Philosophies. Exploring heterodox naturalism*, Ghent University, March 2022.

“Die identitäre Ideologie der Neuen Rechten. Eine philosophische Kritik”

Conference: *Neue Schwierigkeiten nein zu sagen*, IFK Kunstuniversität Linz, Oct 2021.

“Die identitäre Ideologie. Wiederkehr des völkischen Denkens”

Workshop: *Future of Law*, University of Dresden, December 2018.

“Georg Simmel’s Commitment to Relativism”

Conference: *Der Philosoph Georg Simmel*, University of Wuppertal, September 2018.

“The Will to Truth: Pragmatic Arguments in Nietzsche’s Philosophy”

Conference: *European Pragmatism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, together with Matthieu Queloz, University of Vienna, April 2018.

“The Perspective of Life: Genealogy and Critique in Nietzsche’s Mature Philosophy”

Workshop: *Genealogy, Historicism, and Relativism*, University of Basel, February 2018.

“The Charge of Relativism: The Significance of Political Motifs”

Conference: *Relativism Re-evaluated*, University of Vienna, September 2017.

“Walter Benjamins Figur des Literaten”

Workshop: *Literatur und Engagement? Baudelaire – Sartre – Benjamin*, University of Vienna, July 2017.

Lecture Series: *Schleusen, Ausland*, Berlin, October 2011.

“A Sociological Reading of Dilthey’s Philosophy”

Conference: *Folk Psychology and Descriptive Psychology in the Contexts of Historicism, Relativism, and Naturalism*, University of Vienna, April 2017.

“Jugendbewegung und Lebensreform. Der geistesgeschichtliche Kontext des Wiener Kreises”

Workshop: *Universität, Wiener Kreis und Architektur*, University of Vienna, March 2017.

“Ideological and Psychological Dehumanization: The Case of National Socialism”

Workshop: *Topics in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, CEU Budapest, January 2017.

“National Socialism and the Problem of Relativism“

Workshop: *Rechtfertigungen des Unrechts. Recht und Moral im Nationalsozialismus*, University of Vienna, November 2016.

Conference: *Relativism in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century German-Speaking Philosophy*, University of Vienna, September 2016.

“Jugendbewegung als metaphysische Revolte. Gustav Wynekens Weltanschauung”

Conference: *Logischer Empirismus, Lebensreform und die deutsche Jugendbewegung*, University of Vienna, June 2016.

“Walter Benjamins jugendliche Kriegserfahrung. Ein Trauma und sein Nachleben”

Symposium: *Der Erste Weltkrieg und die Erste Kulturwissenschaft*, ZfL Berlin, July 2014.

“Hermeneutik der Immanenz. Wilhelm Diltheys Epistemologie des Lebens”

Department of Philosophy, University of Potsdam, February 2014.

Austrian Society of Phenomenology, University of Vienna, November 2013.

“Geschichtsdeutung im Zeichen der Jugend. Walter Benjamins Juvenilia im Kontext”

*Frankfurter Benjamin Vorträge*, April 2013.

“Between Tragedy and Gnosis: Susan Taubes’ Philosophical Writings”

Conference: *Jakob and Susan Taubes and their Circles*, UCLA, March 2013.

“Figuren der Sprachlosigkeit in Benjamins früher Sprachphilosophie”

Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna, October 2011.

“Berlin. Stadt der Phantasmagorie Jugend”

Conference: *Phantasmagorie Berlin. Vor und nach dem Mauerfall*, University of Potsdam, July 2011.

### C) Other Academic Presentations (10)

Commentary on the book *Kulturrevolution von Rechts* by Alain de Benoist

Research seminar, Department of German, Humboldt-University Berlin, April 2024.

Commentary on the panel *Nietzsche and the Politics of Reaction*

Conference of the Canadian Political Science Association, York University, May 2023.

“Reconciling Individualism and Socialism: G. Simmel’s Pluralist Economic Vision.”

Workshop: *Economic Pluralism: Past and Present*, McMaster University, Sept 2022.

Commentary on the chapter “The Epistemic Benefits of Social Justice”

Book workshop (online): Lisa Herzog *Democratic knowledge. Markets, experts, and the epistemic infrastructure of democracy*, McMaster University, March 2022.

“Dehumanizing Strategies in Nazi Ideology”

Speaker series (online), Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, Nov 2022.

“Right-Wing Identity Politics: History and Critique”

Conference: *Relativism: Historical, Systematic, and Sociological Perspectives*, together with N. Ashton, University of Vienna, May 2019.

“Society from the Perspective of Life: Erich Rothacker’s Cultural Anthropology”

Workshop: *A Science of Society? Controversies over the Possibility of Social-Scientific Knowledge around 1900*, University of Vienna, April 2018.

“Zur Bedeutung Goethes in Wilhelm Diltheys Philosophie des Lebens”

Workshop: *Goethe um 1900*, ZfL Berlin, December 2014.

“Schlüssel zum Ganzen? Potentiale und Probleme des Begriffs Leben”

Conference: *Epistemologien des Lebens. Jenseits der ‘zwei Kulturen’ 1900/2000*, ZfL Berlin, October 2014.

“Kultur im Spiegel des Spiels. Georges Bataille und Walter Benjamin”

Workshop: *Kulturtheorie an den Rändern der Wissenschaft. Georges Bataille zum 50. Todestag*, ZfL Berlin, December 2012.

#### D) Outreach Presentations (5)

Talk on political critique, Upper Austrian Chamber of Labor, Vöcklabruck, May 2018.

Panel discussion about the book *Konrad Morgen: The Conscience of a Nazi Judge*, University of Vienna, June 2017.

Book presentation: *Walter Benjamin: Theorie – Leben – Rezeption. Drei neue Bücher über Walter Benjamin*, Literaturforum im Brecht-Haus, Berlin, June 2016.

Interview with Dietmar Dath about literature and politics, Literaturtage of the ZfL Berlin, October 2013.

Talk “Language,” *Long Night of Science*, ZfL Berlin, June 8, 2013.

#### Media

- 11/2022      Radio interview for The Bill Kelly Show, 900 CHML  
<https://player.fm/series/series-2342627/most-ontarians-blame-ford-govt-for-school-closures-why-the-culture-of-the-new-right-is-dangerous-ontario-backtracks-on-greenbelt-pledge>
- 11/2022      Interview for the podcast Economic Pluralism (by Helen McCabe)  
[https://open.spotify.com/episode/1WAhAlI6f3wY37B8iA9NV0?go=1&sp\\_cid=52086d27d4ad024e54fc19edd56e1609&utm\\_source=embed\\_player\\_p&utm\\_medium=desktop&nd=1](https://open.spotify.com/episode/1WAhAlI6f3wY37B8iA9NV0?go=1&sp_cid=52086d27d4ad024e54fc19edd56e1609&utm_source=embed_player_p&utm_medium=desktop&nd=1)
- 10/2022      Interview for the podcast Speaking Bull (by Timothy Thompson)  
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/211VwLNo6PRORoshDZ3ZzR>
- 05/2021      Radio interview for Ö1, Radiokolleg *War früher alles besser?*  
<https://oe1.orf.at/programm/20210707/647615/Radiokolleg-War-frueher-alles-besser>
- 11/2018      Interview for 3:AM Magazine (literature and philosophy journal)  
<https://www.3-16am.co.uk/articles/dilthey-simmel-nietzsche-benjamin-life-and-relativism>

- 09/2017 Radio interview for Ö1, Dimensionen *Zeitreise Molekularbiologie. Was ist Leben?* <http://oe1.orf.at/programm/20170918/486216>.
- 01/2016 Radio interview for Radio Orange (by Richard Heinrich)  
<https://audiothek.philo.at/podcasts/werkstattgespraeche/jugend-leben-philosophie-richard-heinrich-intervie>
- 04/2013 TV interview for rbb Evening News (TV), *Berlin 2020*

## Teaching

- Fall 2024 Graduate seminar: Nietzsche's concept of culture  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
- Fall 2024 Lecture course 3B03: European Philosophy from Nietzsche to WWII  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
- Winter 2023 Lecture course 1F03: Meaning in Life  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
- Winter 2023 Lecture course IBH 2BD3: Moral Issues  
Integrated Business & Humanities Program, McMaster University
- Fall 2022 Graduate seminar: Concepts of Life in 19<sup>th</sup>-century German Philosophy  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
- Fall 2022 Lecture course 3B03: Continental Philosophy After Hegel  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
- Winter 2022 Lecture 3B03: Continental Philosophy After Hegel  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
- Winter 2022 Lecture course IBH 2BD3: Moral Issues  
Integrated Business & Humanities Program, McMaster University
- Fall 2021 Graduate seminar: What Is Fascism?  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, hybrid
- Fall 2021 Lecture course 3YY3: Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, online
- Winter 2021 Lecture 1F03: Meaning in Life  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, online
- Winter 2021 Lecture course IBH 2BD3: Moral Issues  
Integrated Business & Humanities Program, McMaster University, online
- Fall 2020 Graduate seminar: Nietzsche on Philosophy and Art  
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, online

Fall 2020	Lecture course 3YY3: Hegel's <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, online
Winter 2020	Graduate seminar Nietzsche's <i>Genealogy of Morality</i> Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
Winter 2020	Lecture course IBH 2BD3: Moral Issues Integrated Business and Humanities Program, McMaster University
Fall 2019	Lecture course 3YY3: Hegel's <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
Fall 2019	Lecture course 3B03: Continental Philosophy After Hegel Department of Philosophy, McMaster University
Winter 2018/19	Lecture course on relativism in political philosophy Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
Summer 2018	Seminar on relativism in political philosophy Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik (summer school)
Winter 2017/18	Lecture course on Nazi racism and its philosophical roots Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
Summer 2017	Seminar on the epistemologies of Nietzsche and Simmel Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik (summer school) Seminar on Benjamin's aesthetics University of Vienna (workshop)
Winter 2016/17	Co-instructor of a lecture on cultural relativism and racism Part of the lecture course <i>Philosophical Perspectives: Escape, Asylum, Human Rights</i> , University of Vienna
Winter 2015/16	Seminar on the criticism of technology in the "philosophy of life" Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
Summer 2015	Seminar on Simmel's philosophy of modernity Department of Philosophy, University of Potsdam
Winter 2014/15	Lecture course on Benjamin's aesthetics Philosophy, University of Vienna
Summer 2014	Seminar on the ethical debate about human enhancement Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna Seminar on cultural theory in early twentieth-century philosophy Department of Cultural Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin

Winter 2012/13      Seminar on Dilthey's hermeneutics  
 Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna

### **Supervision of Students**

#### *PhD Primary Supervisor, McMaster University (2)*

2022 – present, Jonathan Whittaker (fanaticism in de Staël and Nietzsche), in progress

2022 – present, Dakota Parson (oppression in Marcuse and Fanon), in progress

#### *PhD Committee Member, McMaster University (11)*

2022 – present, Adam O'Neill, in progress

2022 – present, Lisa Will, in progress

2021 – present, Omar Khan, in progress

2021 – present, Sajan Karn, in progress

2021 – present, Eamon Brennon, in progress

2020 – present, Fernando Rangel Lennertz, in progress

2020 – present, Taylor Aitken, in progress

2020 – present, Amir Ganjavie, in progress

2019 – present, Isaac Jiang, in progress

2019 – present, Miriam Bronski, in progress

2019 – 2023, Peter Stewart-Kroeker, completed

#### *MA Primary Supervisor, McMaster University (3)*

2021 – 2023, Austin Noonan (Dilthey and Camus on meaning of life), completed

2020 – 2022, Lisa Will (authenticity in Nietzsche, Heidegger, and Sartre), completed

2020 – 2022, Seija Alberton (a phenomenology of incest), completed

#### *MA Committee Member, McMaster University (3)*

2021 – present, Bryston Langlois, completed

2020 – 2022, Rachel Yeo, completed

2020 – 2022, Enzo Guerra, completed

#### *MA Thesis Supervisor, University of Vienna, Completed (2)*

L. Battlogg, “Erich Rothacker’s Philosophy of National Socialism.”

R. Staudinger, “Ernst Krieck’s Philosophy of Education and National Socialism.”

*BA Supervisor, McMaster University (3)*

2022, Dalton Bath (Hegel’s economic thought), UG Student Research Award, completed

2021-2022, Ryan Edwards (Nietzsche on values), Arts & Science UG thesis, completed

2020, Austin Noonan (Dilthey’s aesthetics), UG Student Research Award, completed

*BA Thesis Supervisor, University of Vienna, Completed (12)*

L. Adamer, “Henri Bergsons Technikverständnis.”

M. Huber, “Die Auswirkungen der Industrialisierung auf das Geschlechterverhältnis mit Beispielen aus der Lebensphilosophie.”

M. L. Sailer, “Georg Simmels *Philosophie des Geldes*.”

J. Weckerle, “Zu Natur und Technik als dichotome Kategorien in Positionen der Lebensphilosophie.”

E. Bauer, “Das Verhältnis von Authentizität und Neuroenhancement.”

L. Eisenmenger, “Selbstoptimierung und Anpassungsdruck.”

X. Gschnitzer, “Neuroenhancement – Mittel zur Selbstverwirklichung.”

L. Haag, “Was ist Enhancement? Drei Definitionsstrategien im Vergleich.”

G. Holeschofsky, “Biokonservativ? Rhetorik und Argumentation bei S. Lewitscharoff und J. Habermas.”

P. Porenta, “Die Abschaffung der menschlichen Natur in Philosophie und Literatur.”

W. Steinwendner, “Habermas und der Diskurs über den Umgang mit Genforschung und vorpersonalem Leben.“

K. Stiegler, “Enhancement – Idealbild oder Trugbild?”

### **Professional Development**

Workshop “Crafting a Learner-Centered Online Syllabus”, MacPherson Institute, McMaster University, June 2020

Workshop “Facilitating Online Discussion”, MacPherson Institute, McMaster University, June 2020

### **Editorships and Reviewing Activities**

Advisory Board of the Theodor Koerner Fund (<https://theodorkoernerfonds.at/Start.html>)

Editor for the leaf “dehumanization” on PhilPapers.org

Referee for Canada Graduate Scholarship Master’s Competition (2022),

Swiss National Fonds (2x), Czech Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, Philosopher’s Imprint, Journal of Social Philosophy, History of Philosophy Quarterly, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, European Journal of Political Theory, Journal of the Nietzsche Studies, Theory & Psychology, and other venues.

### **Organization of Conferences, Workshops, and Lectures**

Co-organizer (chair) of the Speaker Series at the Philosophy Department of McMaster University, since 2024.

Co-organizer of the panel: New Perspectives on Nietzsche’s Concept of Sovereignty, Conference of the CPA, McGill University, Montreal, June 2024.

Co-organizer of the Workshop: *Economic Pluralism: Past and Present*, McMaster University, September 2022.

Co-organizer of the Speaker Series at the Philosophy Department of McMaster University, 2019–2020.

Co-organizer of the Workshop: *A Science of Society? Controversies over the Possibility of Social-Scientific Knowledge around 1900*, University of Vienna, April 2018.

Co-organizer of the Workshop: *Historische Hermeneutik und Hermeneutik des Lebens*, University of Vienna, June 2017.

Co-organizer of the Symposium *Philosophy, History, and Life: Reconsidering German Historicism* at the BSHP Annual Conference, University of Sheffield, April 2017.

Co-organizer of the early career workshop: *Relativism, Contextualism, and Pluralism in Epistemology, Science, and Politics*, University of Vienna, February 2017.

Co-organizer of the Workshop: *History of Philosophy: Methodological Issues*, University of Vienna, January 2017.

Co-organizer of the conference *Relativism in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century German-Speaking Philosophy*, University of Vienna, September 2016.

Co-organizer of the ERC lecture series *The Emergence of Relativism*, University of Vienna, 2014–2019.

Co-organizer of the workshop: *Goethe um 1900*, ZfL Berlin, December 2014.

Co-organizer of the conference: *Epistemologien des Lebens. Jenseits der ‘zwei Kulturen’ 1900/2000*, ZfL Berlin, October 2014.

Co-organizer of the workshop: *Kulturtheorie an den Rändern der Wissenschaft. Georges Bataille zum 50. Todestag*, ZfL Berlin, December 2012.

### **Departmental Service**

Faculty Representative, Arts and Research Board, McMaster University, since 2024

MA Advisor, Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, 2024

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, 2021–2023

Member and chair (from 2021) of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, 2019–2023.

Member, Hiring Committee, Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, 2021–2023 (served on 1 tenure-track and several CLA committees).

Representative of the Faculty of Humanities at the Faculty of Business, McMaster University, 2021-2023.

Member of the PhD Programming Committee, Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, 2020–2021.

Representative of the non-professorial staff (“Mittelbauvertreter”) in the leadership team of the Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna, 2014–2016.

Member of the habilitation committee regarding the habilitation of Dr. Christian Damböck.

Assisted with hiring process for one postdoc position and two Ph.D. positions on the *Emergence of Relativism*-project (incl. reviewing applications and interviewing).

### **Mentoring Activities**

Mentor for the network *European Early Career Philosophers*:

<https://eecphilosophers.wixsite.com/ilmiosito>

Mentor for a network for first-generation college students in Germany and Austria

### **Affiliations**

Member of:

Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA)

German Society of Philosophy (DGPhil)

American Philosophical Association (APA)

Network for the Social History of Philosophy (INSHIP), founding member

Austrian Society of Philosophy (OeGP)  
Georg Simmel Society (GSG)

### **Language Skills**

German (native), English (fluent), French (reading skills), Latin proficiency certificate

### **References**

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