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1. Personal Information

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Languages Spanish (native), Euskera (native/C1), English (fluent/C1).

2. Areas

A. of Specialization Grounding, metaphysical explanation, fundamentality.
A. of Competence Philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, metaethics, epistemology.

3. Employment

2026 FPI Postdoctoral Orientation Period researcher. Project: The Philosophy of Hybrid Representations (PID2020-119588GB-I00). Universitat de Barcelona.

2024-2027 Research team. Project: New Paths in the Philosophy of Hybrid Representations (PID2023-150569NB-I00). Universitat de Barcelona.

2022-2026 Research team. Project: Philosophy of Social Cognition (PID2021-124100NB-I00). Universitat de Barcelona.

2022-2025 FPI Predoctoral researcher. Project: The Philosophy of Hybrid Representations (PID2020- 119588GB-I00). Universitat de Barcelona.

4. Grants

2023 FPI Predoctoral research grant. Body: Spanish Ministry of Education. Amount: 74857.05 €.

2020 Fundació Catalunya la Pedrera MA scholarship to academic excellence. Body: Fundació Catalunya la Pedrera. Amount: 5.000€.

5. Education

5.1. Main education

2020-2025 PhD, International Mention. CogSCI (Analytic Philosophy), Universitat de Barcelona. Dissertation: “Searching for Structure: An Inquiry into Metaphysical Grounding” (*excellent cum laude*).

2019-2020 MA. Analytic Philosophy, Universitat de Barcelona.

Dissertation: “Kinds & Essences, rescuing the new biological essentialism”.
(passed with grade 9.6/10).

2014-2018 BA. Philosophy, Universidad del País Vasco.
Dissertation: “El enigma de Pierre y la atribución de actitudes
proposicionales”. (passed with grade 9.8/10).

5.2. Research stays

2024-2025 Eidos Centre for Metaphysics, University of Geneva.

5.3. Others

2024-July Summer School, Fundamentality in Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science
by Ted Sider, University of Vienna.

6. Positions

6.1. Formal positions

2025-Present Scientific Committee of Acto y Potencia.
2022-2025 LOGOS PhD Students Representative.

6.2. Coordination positions

2021-2024 Coordinator of the LOGOS Graduate Research Seminar,
Universitat de Barcelona.
2023-2024 Coordinator of the LOGOS Grounding Reading Group.
Universitat de Barcelona.
2022-2024 Coordinator of the UB I.-II. Horror Cineforum.
Universitat de Barcelona.
2022-2023 Coordinator of the LOGOS Philosophy of Love Reading Group.
Universitat de Barcelona (UB).
2017-2018 Coordinator of the Students Philosophy Seminar,
Universidad del País Vasco (UPV/EHU).

7. Affiliations

7.1. Research groups

2021-Present Barcelona Institute of Analytic Philosophy (BIAP).
2021-Present LOGOS Research Group in Analytic Philosophy.

7.2. Scientific societies

2024-Present Sociedad Española de Filosofía Analítica (SEFA).
2023-Present Red Española de Metafísica (ReM), (*founding member*).

8. Publications

8.1. Peer reviewed papers

- Botin, M. & Kortabarria, M. (forthcoming). Grounding Physicalism and the New Challenge of Consciousness. *Erkenntnis*.
- Kortabarria, M. (2024). Is it Possible to do Without the Fundamental? *Philosophia*, 52(5): 1541-1560.
- Kortabarria, M. & Giannotti, J. (2024). Scientific Explanation as a Guide to Ground, *Synthese*, 203(3): 1-27.
- Kortabarria, M. (2022). A Defense on the Usefulness of ‘Big-G’ Grounding, *Metaphysica*, 24(1): 147-174.

8.2. Work in progress / under review

- Paper on the completability of grounds and time.
- Paper on the empirical acceptability of grounding vs. causation.
- Paper on non-cognitivism about metaphysical explanation.
- Paper on games as rule-constituted kinds, w/Aaron Alvarez-Gonzalez.

9. Teaching

9.1. Lectures

2023 Spring Meta-metaphysics: introduction to analytic metaphysics (*invited lecture*).
Metafisica II (undergraduate), Universitat de Barcelona (UB).

9.2. Assistant teaching

2023 Fall Theory of knowledge I (undergraduate), Universitat de Barcelona (UB).

9.3. Private teaching

2016-2018 Free lance private logic teacher for graduates and undergraduates.

2017-2018 High school social studies teacher at Ekide academy

2017-2018 Secondary education social studies teacher at Ekide academy.

10. Talks

10.1. Invited talks

2023 May “Scientific explanation as a guide to ground” w/Joaquim Giannotti, FraMEPhys Final Conference on Metaphysical Explanation in Physics, Birmingham.

2023 April “Disipando el humo metafísico: hacia una teoría naturalizada de la fundamentación”, Weekly Philosophy Seminar, Universidad del País Vasco .

2022 June “Metaphysical explanation and the dilemma of grounding explanatoriness”, FraMEPhys WiP Workshop, University of Birmingham.

2023 October Comment on Esa Diaz-Leon’s “A taxonomy of social facts”, XVII NOMOS Meeting, Universitat de Barcelona.

2022 July Comment on Emily Sullivan’s “Vice epistemology”, XVI NOMOS Meeting, University of Amsterdam.

2022 June Comment on Joaquim Giannotti's "Grounding perspectivalism", FraMEPhys Conference on Causal Perspectivalism, Birmingham.

10.2. Peer reviewed conferences

2025 October "Forever, only ever partially grounded" XI. Conference of the Spanish Society of Analytic Philosophy (SEFA), Universidad de Sevilla.

2025 April "Grounding physicalism and the new challenge of consciousness" w/Marcelino Botin, XII Taller d'Investigació en Filosofia, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

2024 July "Grounding physicalism and the new challenge of consciousness" w/Marcelino Botin, Grounding and Metaphysical Explanation Workshop 2024, Bristol.

2023 May "Grounding the infinite descent", KCL Conference on Perspectives in Infinity, Kings College London.

2022 December "Grounding and metaphysical explanation: is it really that complicated?", X. Conference of the Spanish Society of Analytic Philosophy (SEFA), Universidad de Santiago.

2022 November "Could scientific explanation be a better guide to ground?" w/Joaquin Giannotti, Grounding and Metaphysical Explanation WiP Group, University of Bristol.

2022 November "Una defensa de la cimentación metafísica de la realidad", Founding Conference of the Spanish Network of Metaphysics (ReM), Universidad de Granada.

2022 September "Grounding and metaphysical explanation: it's really not that complicated", Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, Salzburg.

10.3. Internal seminars & workshops

2025 September "No (full) grounds for eternity", LOGOS Graduate Research Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona.

2025 May "Two ground recipes for the new physicalist" w/Marcelino Botin, LOGOS Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona.

2024 November "Grounding physicalism relit", Eidos Seminar, University of Geneva.

2023 October "Is it possible to do without the fundamental?", LOGOS Graduate Research Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona.

2023 March "Could scientific explanation be a better guide to ground?", LOGOS Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona.

2022 October "Structure naturalized: how grounding could figure in a scientifically responsible view of the world", LOGOS Graduate Research Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona.

2022 April "Grounding and constitutive explanation, balancing on a tightrope", LOGOS Graduate Research Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona.

2021 October "A defense on the usefulness of 'Big-G' Grounding", LOGOS Graduate Research Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona.

2021 April "Grounding metaphysics: disentangling the problems of structure", LOGOS Graduate Research Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona.

11. Service to the Profession

11.1. Refereeing

Acta Analytica (1), Acto y Potencia (2), Australasian Journal of Philosophy (1), British Journal of Aesthetics (1), Erkenntnis (5), Organon F (1), Synthese (3).

11.2. Outreach / dissemination

"Must there be a something fundamental?" BIAP Open Philosophy blog ([Must There Be Something Fundamental? – Open Philosophy](#))

2023 November – “La experiencia del doctorando en LOGOS”, in Festival de Filosofia Barcelona Pensa, Universitat de Barcelona (UB).

2022 November – “La experiencia del doctorando en LOGOS”, in Festival de Filosofia Barcelona Pensa, Universitat de Barcelona (UB).