

CV (August 2025)

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Current Position: Postdoctoral Researcher in the Project “Knowledge in the Age of Mistrust” at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové.

Areas of Specialization:

- Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology

Areas of Competence:

- Philosophy of Language, History of Philosophy, Metaphysics

Academic Positions:

- **2025- : Postdoctoral Researcher** in the project “Knowledge in the Age of Mistrust” at the philosophical faculty of the University of Hradec Králové
- **2023-2024: Visiting Researcher**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- **2022-2023: Lecturer**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- **2018-2022: Fully funded doctoral student and teaching assistant**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Education:

- **2019-2024: PhD in Philosophy**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (distinctions are no longer given in the French system). **Title of Dissertation:** "Pictures in the Mind: The problem of the definition and pictoriality of mental images". Advisors: Max Kistler and Jérôme Dokic.
- **2017-2018: MA in Logic, Philosophy of Sciences and Philosophy of Knowledge (LOPHISC)**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Summa cum laude (*mention très bien*).
Title of Dissertation: "The problem of the existence and definition of mental images". Advisor: Denis Forest.
- **2017: "Agrégation" in Philosophy** (highly competitive national French examination). National Rank: 34th (out of 1265 applicants).

- **2013–2015: MA in History of Philosophy**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Summa cum laude (*mention très bien*).

Second Year Dissertation: Fodor on Concept Acquisition and Nativism of Mechanisms. Advisor: Max Kistler.

First Year Dissertation: The Abstract and the Universal: The Role of General Ideas in John Locke's Philosophy. Advisor: Laurent Jaffro.

- **2010-2013: BA in Philosophy**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Summa cum laude (*mention très bien*).

Teaching Experience:

- **2025-: University of Hradec Králové, Philosophical Faculty:**
 - **2025– 2026:** Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- **2022-2023, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Department of Philosophy:**
 - **2022 – 2023:** Philosophical Methodology for advanced students ("agrégatifs", i.e. post Master's students)
- **2018-2022, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Department of Philosophy:**
 - **2021 – 2022:** a/ Research Methodology. b/ Philosophy of Science (the course focused on the difference between scientific explanation and other types of explanations of the world, such as religion).
 - **2020 – 2021:** a/ Research Methodology. b/ Philosophy of Science (the course focused on the notion of scientific progress, its various meanings, and the arguments for and against the existence of such progress).
 - **2019 – 2020:** a/ Research Methodology. b/ Philosophy of Science (the course focused on the relationship between scientific revolutions and scientific progress).
 - **2018 – 2019:** a/ Research Methodology. b/ Philosophy of Science (the course was a detailed analysis of Thomas Kuhn's *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*).

Fellowships and Scholarships:

- **2025-:** Postdoctoral Fellowship in the project “Knowledge in the Age of Mistrust” at the University of Hradec Králové

- **2024:** Short-listed for Fulbright Doctoral Research Scholarship
- **March-July 2024:** International Mobility Grant of the Ile-de-France region
- **2023-2024:** Short-Term Doctoral Grant (six months) of the German Academic Exchange Service to fund a research stay at the LMU in Munich
- **June 2023:** Bursary to attend the Analytic Philosophy of Mind Sopha Early-Career Researchers Conference as a speaker in Grenoble, France
- **2018-2022:** 4 years PhD Scholarship of the French Government

Publications:

- Behrend, S. (2025). Imagination as recognition: a recognitional approach to mental imagery. *Inquiry*, 1–28.
- Behrend, S. (Forthcoming). John Locke (*An essay concerning human understanding; two treatises of government*) and Thomas Kuhn (*The structure of scientific revolutions*). In E. Ballanfat, A. Benoit, C. Nouët, & J.-F. Suratteau (Eds.), *Encyclopédie des œuvres philosophiques*. Ellipses.
- Behrend, S. (2024). Promising the Moon: On the promises of neuroscience (Promettre la lune: sur les promesses des neurosciences). *Zilsel*, 13.
- Behrend, S. (2022). On the apparent incompatibility of perceptual and conventional accounts of pictures. *Proceedings of the European Society for Aesthetics*, 14.
- Behrend, S. (2022). The relation between mental imagery and perception in light of cognitive science (Le rapport entre imagerie mentale et perception à la lumière des sciences cognitives). *Philonsorbonne*, 16, 13-30.
- Behrend, S., & Michon, M. (2022). Desuetude and neuroplasticity (Désuétude et neuroplasticité). *Philosophia Scientiae*, 26(1), 11-28.
- Behrend, S. (2021). Physicalism (Physicalisme). In M. Kristanek (Ed.), *L'Encyclopédie philosophique*. (Online publication).
- Behrend, S. (2015). Fodor on concept acquisition and the nativism of mechanisms (Acquisition des concepts et nativisme des mécanismes chez Jerry Fodor). *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*, dumas-01194857. (Online publication).

Under Review:

- Mental Imagery as a Form of Memory (preprint: https://osf.io/preprints/osf/4257r_v1)

In Preparation:

- The Three Faces of Mental Imagery: Towards a Unified Definition of Mental Imagery
- A paper on the role of mental imagery in deliberation and decision-making

Presentations:

- "Should Philosophers Reconsider Mental Imagery?", October 19th, 2024, *2nd Online conference of the International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind*, online.
- "Is Mental Imagery Picture-Like?", September 14th, 2024, *Conference "Varieties of Representations"*, Sofia University, Bulgaria.
- "Mental Imagery: Imagination or Memory?", July 4th, 2024, *31st Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Université Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble, France.
- "A Case for the Classification of Mental Imagery as a Form of Memory", April 25th, 2024, *Neurophilosophy Colloquium*, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich, Germany.
- "A Case for the Classification of Mental Imagery as a Form of Memory", October 28th 2023, *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 3.5*, Université Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble, France.
- "A Case for the Classification of Mental Imagery as a Form of Memory", October 25th 2023, *Weekly Seminar of the Cognition, Values, Behaviour Interdisciplinary Research Lab* from Munich, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich, Germany.
- "Are Mental Images Picture-like ?", July 1st 2023, *Society for Analytic Philosophy (SoPhA) Early-Career Researchers Conference*, Université Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble, France.
- Respondent for Alfredo Paternoster's Presentation entitled "The Challenge of Anti-Representationalism in Cognitive Science", October 24th 2022, *Philosophy Graduate School Seminar*, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France.
- "Some Principles for a Syncretic Theory of Pictures", June 29th 2022, *Conference of the European Society for Aesthetics*, Tallinn, Estonia.
- "Is Mental Imagery a Form of Memory ?", February 25th 2022, *Centre for Philosophy of Memory seminar*, Université Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble, France.
- "On the Definitions of Mental Imagery in Philosophy and Cognitive Science", August 30th 2021, *28th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Leipzig, Germany.
- "Neuroplasticité et désuétude", June 10th 2021, *Workshop on Conceptual Outdatedness*, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France.

- "Some Principles for a Syncretic Theory of Pictures", August 26th 2020, *10th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- "Is mental imagery depictive ?", February 7th 2020, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, France.
- "Le problème de la définition des images mentales", May 2019, Institut d'Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France.
- Respondent for Mauricio Suarez's Presentation Entitled "Representation as Inference in Science and Art", December 14th 2018, *Philosophy Graduate School Seminar*, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France.

Research Groups and Activities:

- Co-founder of the Empirically Informed Philosophy of Mind International Seminar, 2025-, online.
- Co-organization of the 10th International Doctoral Conference in Philosophy of Science, May 19th and 20th 2022, Université de Strasbourg, France.
- Co-organization of the Philosophy of Science Doctoral Seminar (PhilSci), 2020-2023, Institut d'Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques (IHPST), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France.

Language Spoken:

French (mother tongue)
 English (fluent, TOEFL Score: 112/120)
 Spanish (limited working proficiency)
 Latin (studied during BA and MA)
 German (beginner level)

Others:

- Peer review for *Lato Sensu*, *New Ideas in Psychology*, *Cognitive Science*, *Journal of Cognitive Science*, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*.

References:

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