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Personal Details

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| Current Position | Lise-Meitner Fellow Innsbruck University |
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Education

- **Oxford University**, UK: DPhil in Philosophy (Oct. 2007-Dec. 2012).
Dissertation: *Rationality: An Expansive Bayesian Theory*
Supervisors: John Hawthorne, Antony Eagle
- **Oxford University**, UK: BPhil (Taught Masters Degree) in Philosophy (Oct. 2006-Sept. 2007).
- **Leipzig University**, Germany: Bachelors Degree in Philosophy (Oct. 2004-Sept. 2005).
- **Rutgers University**, USA: Bachelors Degree in English Literature (Sept. 1998- Aug. 2002).

Employment

- **Innsbruck University**, Austria: Lise-Meitner Fellow, Austrian Science Fund (current).
- **St. Louis University**, USA: Grant Winner, "Intellectual Humility Project" (June 2014-June 2015). (Project Leaders: Eleonore Stump, John Greco)
- **Humboldt University of Berlin**, Germany: Junior Professor (maternity cover) (Oct. 2013-April 2014).
- **Munich School of Philosophy**, Germany: Post-Doc (Feb. 2013-Sept. 2013).
- **Leipzig University/Saarbrücken University**, Germany: Academic Researcher, Institute for Formal Ontology and Medical Information Science (Sept. 2002-Sept. 2005).

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology (informal, formal, and feminist), philosophy of trust, philosophy of religion.

Areas of Competence

Metaphysics, cognitive science, feminism, ethics, philosophy of medicine, philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology, decision theory, philosophical logic, philosophy of language, philosophy of science, Early Modern philosophy, philosophical ontology and information science.

Publications

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(1) Edited Volumes

- *Trust in Epistemology*. Routledge, forthcoming, 2018.
- *Applied Ontology: An Introduction* [edited under the name “Katherine Munn”], with Barry Smith. De Gruyter, 2013.

(2) Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

- “Humility and Trust.” *Routledge Handbook of Humility*, ed. Mark Alfano, Michael Lynch, Alessandra Tanesini. Routledge, forthcoming, 2019.
- “Disagreement from the Religious Margins.” *Res Philosophica*, July 2018 [runner-up, 2017 *Res Philosophica* essay prize, “New Frontiers in Philosophy of Religion”].
- “Resolving Religious Disagreements: Bias and Evidence.” *Faith and Philosophy*, January 2018.
- “The Epistemic Function of Trust.” *Trust in Epistemology*, ed. Katherine Dormandy. Routledge, forthcoming, 2018.
- “Introduction: Trust In and Outside of Epistemology.” *Trust in Epistemology*, ed. Katherine Dormandy. Routledge, forthcoming, 2018.
- “Evidentialismus.” [“Evidentialism.”] *Handbuch der Erkenntnistheorie* [Handbook of Epistemology], ed. Martin Grajner. Metzler, forthcoming, 2018.
- “Evidence-Seeking as an Expression of Faith.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming, 2018.
- “Ein Zugang zum Problem des Leids.” [“An Approach to the Problem of Evil.”] *(Ir)rationaler Glaube? [(Ir)rational Faith?]* ed. Romy Jaster, Peter Schulte. Mentis, forthcoming, 2018.
- “Religiöser Dissens” [“Religious Disagreement.”] G. Gasser und K. Viertbauer (ed.): *Handbuch der analytischen Religionsphilosophie* [Handbook of Analytic Philosophy of Religion], Metzler, forthcoming, 2018.
- “Die Rationalität religiöser Überzeugungen.” [“The Rationality of Religious Beliefs.”] *Handbuch für Analytische Theologie* [Handbook of Analytic Theology], ed. G. Gasser, L. Jaskolla und T. Schärtl. Aschendorff, 2017.
- “Epistemic Authority: Preemption or Proper Basing?” *Erkenntnis*, DOI 10.1007/s10670-017-9913-3, 2017.
- Review of J. Seachris and S. Goetz, *God and Meaning* (Bloomsbury 2016). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2017.
- “Doktrin oder Diskurs: Kann religiöse Verschiedenheiten zur religiösen Erkenntnis führen?” [“Doctrine or Discourse: Can Religious Diversity Promote Religious Knowledge?”] *Glaube und Politik in einer pluralen Welt* [Faith and Politics in Pluralistic World], ed. M. Datterl, W. Guggenberger, C. Paganini. Innsbruck: Innsbruck University Press, 2017.
- “Argument from Personal Narrative.” *Res Philosophica*, Vol. 3, Issue 93, 601-620, 2016.
- “Religious Evidentialism” [Winner, Paternoster Young Philosopher of Religion Prize]. In *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2013.
- “Functional Anatomy: A Taxonomic Proposal” with Ingvar Johansson, *et al.* *Acta Biotheoretica*: 2005, volume 3, 2005.

- “Counterfactual-Peer Disagreement.” *Epistemology: Contexts, Values, Disagreement*, ed. Christoph Jäger, Winfried Löffler. Frankfurt: Ontos, 2012.
- “Introduction: What is Ontology For?” *Applied Ontology: An Introduction*, ed. Katherine Munn [Dormandy], Barry Smith. Munich: De Gruyter, 2013.
- “Functions and Prototypes.” *Computation, Information, Cognition: The Nexus and the Liminal*, ed. G. Dodig-Crnkovic and S. Stuart. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007.
- “Bodily Systems and the Spatial-Functional Structure of the Human Body” with Barry Smith and Igor Papakin. *Medical Ontologies*, ed. D. Pisanelli. Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2004.

(3) Monograph in preparation

Faith in Evidence: A Robust But Fair Evidentialism for Religious Beliefs

(4) Submitted/In Preparation

- “On Faith and Bias” (on invitation for a special issue of the *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, due May 2018)
- “The Epistemic Benefits of Religious Disagreement” (R&R, *Religious Studies*)
- “Three Kinds of Epistemic Authority” (submitted to *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*)
- “Should Love Ever Be Blind?” (in preparation)
- “Recent Work on Epistemic Authority” (in preparation)
- “Are There Epistemic Virtues?” (in preparation)
- “The Social Epistemology of Metarepresentations” (in preparation)
- “Epistemically Transformative Updates: A Simple and Flexible Probabilism” (in preparation)

(5) Miscellaneous

Interview, “Von der Großstadt in die Kleinstadt” [“From the Big City to the Small City”], *Unipress: Monatsmagazin der ÖH Innsbruck*, Helena Töchterle, 2017.

Presentations

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Invited

- 21-4 Feb. 2017 Doctrine or Discourse? (Another) Reason Why Political Pluralism is Good for Religion. **Central APA** (American Philosophical Association) Annual Meeting.
- 25 July 2017 How (Not) To Believe on Authority. *Norms and Capacities in Epistemology*, **Free University of Berlin**, Germany.
- 6 July 2017 Religious Disagreement as a Guide to Religious Truth. *Arguing Religion*, **Trento University**, Italy.
- 5 June 2017 Three Types of Belief on Authority. *Bled Epistemology Conference*, **Bled**, Slovenia.
- 23 May 2017 Three Types of Belief on Authority. *Conference on Epistemic Authority*, **Innsbruck University**, Austria.

- 17 May 2017 Doctrine vs. Discourse: The Epistemic Benefits of Religious Disagreement [Doktrin oder Diskurs? Die epistemischen Vorteile des religiösen Dissenses]. **Trier University**, Germany.
- 15 Dec. 2016 The Value of Trust. *Philosophical Dimensions of Trust*, **Innsbruck University** [international conference organized by myself].
- 23 Nov. 2016 Doctrine vs. Discourse: The Epistemic Benefits of Religious Disagreement [Doktrin vs. Diskurs: Die Erkenntnistheoretischen Vorteile des Dissenses]. **Salzburg University**, Austria.
- 22 June 2016 Resolving Religious Disagreements: Bias and Evidence. *Roundtable Workshop on Religious Pluralism*, **Constance University**, Germany.
- 3 June 2016 An Approach to the Problem of Evil [Ein Zugang zum Problem des Übels]. (Ir)rational Faith: On the Compatibility of Rationality and Theism [(Ir)rationaler Glaube: Zur Vereinbarkeit von Rationalität und Theismus], **Bielefeld University**, Germany.
- 7 Mar. 2016 Resolving Religious Disagreements: Bias and Evidence. **Edinburgh University**, UK.
- 19 Oct. 2015 Resolving Religious Disagreements: Evidence and Implicit Bias. *Workshop with Robert Audi*, **Humboldt University, Berlin**, Germany.
- 12 May 2015 Acquaintance with Others' Perspectives. *Capstone Conference for the Saint Louis University Intellectual Humility Project*, **Santa Catalina Island**, California.
- 26 Mar. 2015 Are There Epistemic Virtues? Workshop *Humble Minds*, **Munich School of Philosophy**, Germany.
- 12 Feb. 2015 Rational Religious Belief: Philosophical Lessons from Psychology. *Wycliffe Symposium*, **Oxford University**, UK.
- 20 June 2013 The Rationality of Religious Beliefs [Die Rationalität Religiöser Überzeugungen]. **Munich School of Philosophy**, Germany.
- 14 Apr. 2013 Can Bayesian Evidentialism Account for Rational Conversions? *Workshop on Epistemology*, **Innsbruck University**, Austria.
- 4 June 2013 Preemptive Reasons or Total Reasons? *Workshop with Linda Zagzebski on Epistemic Authority*, Innsbruck University, Austria.
- 16 Aug. 2011 Counterfactual-Peer Disagreement. *34th Annual Wittgenstein Symposium*, **Kirchberg**, Austria.
- 30 June 2011 Evidence and Faith. Conference *Tyndale Fellowship's Study Group in Philosophy of Religion*, **Cambridge University**, UK.
- 22 Oct. 2010 Evidence and Faith. Conference *Evolution and Ethics*, **Peking University, Beijing**, China.
- 22 Apr. 2009 Religious Belief and Deep Disagreement. Innsbruck **University**, Austria.
- 12 May 2004 Epistemic Deontology in Leibniz [Epistemische Deontologie bei Leibniz]. Philosophisches Colloquium, **Leipzig University**, Germany.

Submitted

- 24-6 May '18 Disagreement from the Religious Margins. *LOGOS Conference: Race, Gender, Ability, and Class: Expanding Conversations in Analytic Theology*, **University of Notre Dame**.
- 23 May 2018 Three Types of Epistemic Authority. *1st Annual Social Epistemology Network Event*, **University of Oslo**.
- 26 Sep. 2017 Doctrine or Discourse? [Doktrin oder Diskurs?] *Kongress der Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil)*, **Humboldt University**, Berlin.
- 19 Aug. 2015 An Approach to the Problem of Evil. *European Society for the Philosophy of Religion*, **Universität Uppsala**, Sweden.

- 28 Nov. 2015 Acquaintance with Other People's Perspectives, and Why Feminist Epistemology Needs an Account of It. *Annual Conference of the Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP)*, **Trinity College Dublin**, Ireland.
- 6 June 2015 "Acquaintance with Others' Perspectives" [Bekanntschaft mit den Perspektiven Anderer]. Congress of the Austrian Society for Philosophy [Kongress der Österreichische Gesellschaft für Philosophie (ÖGP)], **Innsbruck University**.
- 24 July 2012 with Michael Dormandy: Biblical Knowledge: Epistemic and Active. Konferenz *Philosophical Investigations of the Hebrew Bible, Talmud and Midrash*, Institute for Advanced Studies, **Shalem Center, Jerusalem**.
- 13 Sep. 2011 Evidence and Faith. Konferenz *British Society for Philosophy of Religion*, Lady Margaret Hall, **Oxford University**, UK.
- 28 Oct. 2009 Rational Faith: Philosophical Tradition vs. the Hebrew Bible. Konferenz *The Bible and Philosophy*, **Shalem Center, Jerusalem**, Israel.
- 20 Aug. 2009 Rational Deep Disagreement. Konferenz *Responsible Belief in the Face of Disagreement*, **Free University of Amsterdam**, The Netherlands.
- 19 May 2009 Rational Deep Disagreement. Ockham Society, **Oxford University**.
- 3 June 2005 Functions and Prototypes. *Annual Conference of European Computing and Philosophy (E-CAP)*, **Mälardalen University**, Västerås, Sweden.
- 13 Nov. 2004 What Does Functioning Have to Do with Survival? *Medicine and Metaphysics*, **University of Buffalo**, NY.
- 8 July 2004 Is Survival a Function? *Annual Conference, British Society for the Philosophy of Science*, **University of Kent at Canterbury**, UK.
- 19 Oct. 2003 Bodily Systems and the Modular Structure of the Human Body. *9th Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine in Europe*, **Protaras**, Cyprus.

Invited Participation

- 22 Jun. 2015 *Society for Women in Philosophy UK Mentoring and Networking Conference*, **York University**, UK.
- 13 May 2014 *Mid-point Conference for the Intellectual Humility Project*, **Saint Louis University**, USA.
- 2-4 June 2011 *Logos Conference: Divine Revelation: Meaning, Authority, and Canon*, **Notre Dame University**, USA.

Teaching

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Innsbruck University

- Winter 2017/18 Foundational Texts in Social Epistemology [Grundlegende Lektüre in der sozialen Erkenntnistheorie]
 Knowledge and Power [Erkenntnis und Macht]
- Spring 2017 Contemporary Philosophy of Religion [Grundfragen der aktuellen Religionsphilosophie]
- Winter 2015/16 Epistemic Injustice [Epistemische Ungerechtigkeit]
- Spring 2015 Faith and Thinking [Glauben und Denken]

Edinburgh University

MOOC (Online-Lecture) on “Intellectual Humility”, filmed März 2016, available from 2017: “Resolving Religious Disagreements: Bias and Evidence.”

Humboldt University of Berlin

Winter 2013/14 Probabilistic Reasoning in Epistemology [Wahrscheinlichkeitstheoretisches Denken in der Erkenntnistheorie]
Argument and Language [Argumentation und Sprache]

Oxford University (2007-2010)

Tutorials on Early Modern Philosophy (Wycliffe Hall)
Introductory Logic (Wadham College, Merton College, Oriel College)
Logic and Language (Wycliffe Hall)
General Philosophy (St Benet’s Hall)
General Philosophy (Merton College)
Knowledge and Reality (St Benet’s Hall)

(Note: *Tutorials* are the standard form of instruction in Oxford and consist of the weekly discussion of student essays or logic homework.)

Other Professional Activities

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Awards and Funded Projects

- In Preparation: Grant Proposal on Trust and Epistemic Authority.
- In Preparation: Grant Proposal “Varieties of Dogmatism” (with the Euregio program of the Austrian Science Fund) in cooperation with the Fondazione Bruno Kessler and the Philosophical-Theological College of Brixen.
- Project Leader, “Emuna: Evidence and Religious Belief”, Lise-Meitner Grant (Austrian Science Fund - FWF), 2016-2018.
- Member of the Interdisciplinary Project, “Religious Diversity,” (John Templeton Foundation), Sankt-Georgen University, Frankfurt, 2016-2018.
- Member of the international Doctoral Research Group in Philosophy of Religion (Innsbruck University), from 2017.
- *Analysis* Bursary for Participation in the *Society for Women in Philosophy UK Mentoring and Networking Conference*, York University, 2015.
- Grant Winner, “Intellectual Humility” Project, Saint Louis University, 2015.
- Group Leader, “Reasons and Religious Belief,” (John Templeton Foundation), 2011-2013.

Conference Organization

14-15 Mar. 2013 Co-organizer of the conference *Reasoning from Different Religious Perspectives* Catholic Academy of Berlin.

15-16 Dec. 2016 Sole organizer of the conference *Philosophical Dimensions of Trust*, University of Innsbruck.

21-22 Mar. 2018 Co-organizer of the *Workshop with Catherine Elgin*, University of Innsbruck.

Professional Service and Other Memberships

- Member of the Advisory Board for the Series *Philosophical Analysis*, De Gruyter.
- Referee for *Synthese*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Topoi*, *Analytic Theology*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *TheoLogica* (in Spanish).
- Vice Chair of “Sophia forscht”, the women’s network at the Theology and Philosophy Institutes of the University of Innsbruck.
- Member of the Interdisciplinary Research Platform “Synagoge und Kirchen” [“Synagogues and Churches”] at the University of Innsbruck
- Professional Associations: British Philosophical Association, American Philosophical Association (APA), Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP) UK, Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP) Germany, Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (GAP), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil), Österreichische Gesellschaft für Philosophie (ÖGP)

Additional Information

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Languages

English (native), German, Spanish, French (all fluent), Italian (basic), ancient Greek (beginner).

References

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