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EMPLOYMENT

- since 2023 Postdoctoral Researcher (“wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”), University of Bremen
- 2022-2023 Visiting Assistant Professor, Ashoka University

EDUCATION

- 2015-2022 Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University
Dissertation: “*Knowledge First*” and Its Limits
- 2012-2015 Master of Arts, University of Göttingen · *with distinction*
- Fall 2014 Heythrop College, University of London · *exchange student*
- 2009-2012 Bachelor of Arts, University of Göttingen

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology (esp. Social and Political Epistemology), Social Ontology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Language, History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Asian Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

(with Norman Sieroka and Tim Neudecker:) Emergent Properties and their Definitions. Forthcoming *American Philosophical Quarterly*.

(with Enno Fischer:) Flexible or rigid? A functionalist approach to epistemic standards. Forthcoming in *Social Epistemology*.

Conceptualizing Ancient Skepticism as a Global Pattern: Zhuangzi, Sextus Empiricus and Nāgārjuna. *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* 15 (3): 185-210. 2025.

(with Norman Sieroka and Tim Neudecker:) Emergent Properties in Chemistry - Relating Molecular Properties to Bulk Behavior. *Chemistry: A European Journal* 30 (25): e202303868. 2024.

Knowledge as a Social Kind. *Acta Analytica* 39, 223-242. 2024.

Mackie and the Meaning of Moral Terms. *Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy* 10 (1), 1-13. 2022.

Knowledge and Cancelability. *Synthese* 199, 397-405. 2021.

Three Things to Do With Knowledge Ascriptions. *Episteme* 18 (1), 99-110. 2021.

“Putting the linguistic method in its place”: Mackie’s distinction between conceptual and factual analysis. *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* 22, 92-105. 2019.

The Basis-Access Dilemma for Epistemological Disjunctivism. *Logos & Episteme* 9 (2), 151-172. 2018.

Was heißt “sich vorstellen, eine andere Person zu sein”? *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 90, 307-316. 2014.

BOOK REVIEW

Note on *Sharing Knowledge: A Functionalist Account of Assertion* by Christoph Kelp and Mona Simion. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 102(2):1. 2024.

PRESENTATIONS

- September 2025 *Antike Skepsis als Globales Phänomen: Überschneidungen zwischen Zhuangzi, Sextus Empiricus und Nāgārjuna*, Philosophisches Kolloquium, ETH Zürich.
- July 2025 (Epistemische) Standards und wie sie sich ändern, AG Methodische Standards, Akademie der Wissenschaften Hamburg (online).
- October 2024 *Können wir in Wahrheit nichts wissen?*, Philosophische Gesellschaft Bremen.
- September 2024 *Zhuangzi, Sextus Empiricus and Nagarjuna: Three Ancient Skeptics and their Similarities*, Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie, University of Münster.
- February 2024 *Epistemic Standards* (with Enno Fischer), Philosophy of Science Colloquium, University of Bochum.
- February 2023 *Is Our Epistemic Standard Dissolving?*, Philosophy Colloquium, Ashoka University (invited).
- January 2023 *Is Our Standard of Knowledge Dissolving?*, 1st International Philosophy Conference in India: Mind, Reasoning and the World (invited).
- August 2022 *Is Knowledge a Social Kind?*, Social Ontology/Collective Intentionality 2022, University of Vienna.
- January 2022 “Unhinged” – *Wie Verschwörungserzählungen Evidenz aus den Angeln heben*, Wo liegt die Wahrheit? Verschwörungserzählungen und ihre Rezeption, University of Augsburg (online, in German).
- January 2022 “What is religion?” as a structuring question for inclusive syllabi, AAPT-APA Teaching Hub, Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore (online).
- October 2021 *The Significance of Agreement Despite Irrelevant Factors*, Agreement and Disagreement Beyond Ethics and Epistemology, University of Kent (online).
- July 2020 *Craigian Functionalism and Grounding Epistemic Rights*, Social Ontology 2020, University of Geneva (online).
- June 2019 “Putting the linguistic method in its place”: Mackie’s distinction between conceptual and factual analysis, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy, Boston University.
- March 2019 *Inferences as the Subject of Epistemology*, North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, UNC Greensboro.
- August 2017 *What I Talk About When I Talk About Knowledge*, European Congress of Analytic Philosophy 9, Munich University.
- July 2017 *Knowledge and Conversation*, Tübingen Masterclass in Theoretical Philosophy

2017 with Jonathan Schaffer.

May 2014

Epistemically Rigid Expressions, 13th Göttinger Philosophisches Kolloquium with David Chalmers.

TEACHING

At University of Bremen

Winter 2025

Philosophie im chinesischen und japanischen Buddhismus

Sprache und Erkenntnis bei Wittgenstein

Summer 2025

Einführung in die Philosophie des Geistes

Standards

Winter 2024

Metaethik

Chinesische Philosophie: Zhuangzi

Summer 2024

Skeptizismus

Was sind Religionen?

Winter 2023

Einführung in die Chinesische Philosophie: Menzius

Soziale und Politische Erkenntnistheorie

At Ashoka University

Spring 2023

Foundations Course: Mind & Behavior

Symbolic Logic

Fall 2022

Foundations Course: Mind & Behavior

Philosophy of Religion: Historical Perspectives

At Johns Hopkins University

(only courses taught as primary instructor listed here)

Spring 2022

Problems with Knowledge, Evidence, and Action

Fall 2020

Themes from the Philosophy of Religion

Winter 2020

Do we have souls? If so, what are they?

Winter 2019

Wittgenstein and the Limits of our World · co-taught with Itai Marom

Winter 2018

Belief in God

Summer 2017

Philosophical Intuitions

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Spring 2022

Dean's Teaching Fellowship
School-wide teaching fellowship.

Fall 2021

David Sachs Fellowship
Departmental dissertation completion fellowship

Fall 2020

Dean's Teaching Fellowship

School-wide teaching fellowship.

2020 Finalist for the Excellence In Teaching Awards
at the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins.

2016 & 2019 Miller Prize
Departmental essay prize.

2014 Erasmus Scholarship
Scholarship funding a semester abroad at Heythrop College, London.

2013 GAP Essay Prize (first prize)
Essay competition of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP) for
philosophy students · Prize question: *Can I imagine being a different person?*

2011-13 Deutschlandstipendium ("Germany Scholarship")
Federal scholarship based on student performance.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2026 Organization of the workshop "Wittgenstein on Epistemic Practice: Ignorance,
Hinges and Skepticism" at the Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg in Delmenhorst.

since 2025 Editor, The Diversity Reading List.

Summer 2025 Organization of the Institute of Philosophy's Colloquium (on the topic of
skepticism), University of Bremen.

since 2024 Staff Council ("Personalrat"), University of Bremen.

since 2023 Commission on Teaching Quality, University of Bremen.

2020-2022 Sustainability Leadership Council, Johns Hopkins.

2018-2019 Department Colloquium Chair, Hammond Society.

2016-2017 Society Colloquia Chair, Hammond Society.

2015-2016 Representative at the Graduate Council, Johns Hopkins

May 2014 13th Göttinger Philosophisches Kolloquium, main organizer.

2011-2015 Round Table Philosophy, University of Göttingen, co-organizer

Reviewer *Acta Analytica*, *Analysis* (x2), *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal for the Philosophy of
Science, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, *Philosophical Papers*.

November 18, 2025