
Transforming Crossroads or Obfuscating Pathways: A Hermeneutical-Theological Exploration of Ontotheology and Alterity in Emmanuel Falque

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Project abstract:

Ontotheology has been considered a significant problem in theology for decades. Despite this, Emmanuel Falque dismisses ontotheology and aims to philosophize beyond its specter. In this project, I aim to explore to what extent Emmanuel Falque has absolved himself from the perils of Ontotheology through different phases of his work. This leads to a hermeneutical theological exploration that programmatically takes place through Falque's works, starting from his treatment of the doctrine of the Incarnation in his *Triduum Philosophique*, his treatment of ontotheology, specifically in the works of Bonaventure, his treatment of the theme of alterity in patristic and medieval theologians, and finally the implications he draws for the relationship between philosophy and theology. Through a hermeneutical theological examination of Falque's works, the project aims to expose the theological pre-understandings that Falque brings to his phenomenological readings and subsequently clarify ontotheological problems in his texts. In doing so, the project uncovers a new paradigm through which ontotheology can be understood and dealt with anew. Consequently, the project draws implications of this new paradigm for philosophical theology and the philosophy and phenomenology of religious experience.

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1. Research Data Summary

List and describe all datasets or research materials that you plan to generate/collect or reuse during your research project. For each dataset or data type (observational, experimental etc.), provide a short name & description (sufficient for yourself to know what data it is about), indicate whether the data are newly generated/collected or reused, digital or physical, also indicate the type of the data (the kind of content), its technical format (file extension), and an estimate of the upper limit of the volume of the data.

				Only for digital data	Only for digital data	Only for digital data	Only for physical data
Dataset Name	Description	New or reused	Digital or Physical	Digital Data Type	Digital Data format	Digital data volume (MB/GB/TB)	Physical volume
Doctoral Dissertation	Final Outcome of the doctoral project.	Generates new data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	300-350 pages
Paper	Paper on Ontotheology and Falque's Engagement with it.	Generates new data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	15-25 pages
Paper	Paper on Falque's engagement with Incarnation	Generates New Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	15-25 pages
Paper	Paper on Falque's dealings with the Christian tradition	Generates New Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	15-25 pages
Paper	Paper on Falque's proposal for new metaphysics in Christian Theology	Generates New Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	15-25 pages
Literature	Falque, Emmanuel. By Way of Obstacles. Translated by Sarah Horton. Cascade Books, 2022.	Existing Data	Physical	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Literature	Falque, Emmanuel. Crossing the Rubicon: The Borderlands of Philosophy and Theology. Translated by Reuben Shank. Crossing the Rubicon: The Borderl. of Philos. and Theol. Perspectives in Continental Philosophy. Fordham University Press, 2016.	Existing Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Literature	Falque, Emmanuel. God, the Flesh, and the Other: From Irenaeus to Duns Scotus. Translated by William Christian Hackett. God, the Flesh, and the Other: From Irenaeus to Duns Scotus. Evanston, Illinois: Northwestern University Press, 2015.	Existing Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Literature	Falque, Emmanuel. Saint Bonaventure and the Entrance of God into Theology: The Breviloquium as a Summa Theologica. Translated by Sarah Horton and Brian Lapsa. Franciscan Institute Publications, 2018.	Existing Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Literature	Falque, Emmanuel. The Book of Experience: From Anselm of Canterbury to Bernard of Clairvaux. Translated by George Hughes. The Book of Exp.: From Anselm of Canterbury to Bernard of Clairvaux. Explorations in Philosophy and Theology. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2023.	Existing Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Literature	Falque, Emmanuel. The Guide to Gethsemane: Anxiety, Suffering, and Death. Translated by George Hughes. Perspectives in Continental Philosophy. New York: Fordham University Press, 2019.	Existing Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	

Literature	Falque, Emmanuel. The Metamorphosis of Finitude: An Essay on Birth and Resurrection. Translated by George. Hughes. Perspectives in Continental Philosophy. New York (N.Y.): Fordham University Press, 2012.	Existing Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Literature	Falque, Emmanuel. The Wedding Feast of the Lamb: Eros, the Body, and the Eucharist. Translated by George Hughes. The Wedd. Feast of the Lamb: Eros, the Body, and the Eucharist. Perspectives in Continental Philosophy. Fordham University Press, 2014.	Existing Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Literature	Kočí, Martin, and Jason W. Alvis, eds. Transforming the Theological Turn: Phenomenology with Emmanuel Falque. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020.	Existing Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Literature	Boeve, Lieven. Lyotard and Theology: Beyond the Christian Master Narrative of Love. Philosophy and Theology Series. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2014.	Existing Data	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Notes	Handwritten/Digital Notes	New	Physical and Digital	Textual		<1GB	
Dissertation Outline	Handwritten/Digital Visualization of the Project	New	Physical and Digital	Textual		<1GB	

If you reuse existing data, please specify the source, preferably by using a persistent identifier (e.g. DOI, Handle, URL etc.) per dataset or data type:

- Falque, Emmanuel. By Way of Obstacles. Translated by Sarah Horton. Cascade Books, 2022. ISBN: 9781666729689
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- Boeve, Lieven. Lyotard and Theology: Beyond the Christian Master Narrative of Love. Philosophy and Theology Series. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2014. ISBN: 9780567038746

Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? Describe these issues in the comment section. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate.

- No

Will you process personal data? If so, briefly describe the kind of personal data you will use in the comment section. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate.

- No

Does your work have potential for commercial valorization (e.g. tech transfer, for example spin-offs, commercial exploitation, ...)? If so, please comment per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- No

Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict exploitation or dissemination of the data you (re)use (e.g. Material/Data transfer agreements/ research collaboration agreements)? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and what restrictions are in place.

- No

Are there any other legal issues, such as intellectual property rights and ownership, to be managed related to the data you (re)use? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and which restrictions will be asserted.

- No

2. Documentation and Metadata

Clearly describe what approach will be followed to capture the accompanying information necessary to keep data understandable and usable, for yourself and others, now and in the future (e.g., in terms of documentation levels and types required, procedures used, Electronic Lab Notebooks, README.txt files, Codebook.tsv etc. where this information is recorded).

All data (includes data sets and content) will be stored in OneDrive folders which is provided by KU Leuven for every researcher with

exclusive access.

Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier to find and reuse the data? If so, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata standard will be used. If not, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.

- Yes

I will use the metadata standard of KU Leuven Research Data Repository.

3. Data storage & back-up during the research project

Where will the data be stored?

KU Leuven Onedrive and personal hard drives.

How will the data be backed up?

I will avail the automatic backup feature offered by KU Leuven Onedrive. I will regularly make and update backups of my work in my personal data storage hard drives alongside the KU Leuven Onedrive backups.

Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project? If yes, specify concisely. If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, then explain how this will be taken care of.

- Yes

KU Leuven OneDrive provides 2000 GB storage. This far exceeds the expected storage needed for my research.

How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?

KU Leuven OneDrive offers exclusive access through a personal institutional login access to each student and researcher. By extension, I will make use of the secured access provided to me under that system.

What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered?

NA

4. Data preservation after the end of the research project

Which data will be retained for at least five years (or longer, in agreement with other retention policies that are applicable) after the end of the project? In case some data cannot be preserved, clearly state the reasons for this (e.g. legal or contractual restrictions, storage/budget issues, institutional policies...).

According to KU Leuven RDM Policy, all data will be preserved for 10 years.

Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)?

KU Leuven OneDrive

What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered?

NA

5. Data sharing and reuse

Will the data (or part of the data) be made available for reuse after/during the project? In the comment section please explain per dataset or data type which data will be made available.

- Yes, in an Open Access repository

Data sets 'Doctoral Dissertation' and 'Paper' will be made available.

If access is restricted, please specify who will be able to access the data and under what conditions.

NA

Are there any factors that restrict or prevent the sharing of (some of) the data (e.g. as defined in an agreement with a 3rd party, legal restrictions)? Please explain in the comment section per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- Yes, Intellectual Property Rights

All data described previously that fall under the category of existing data are protected by Intellectual Property rights and their use will be done under fair-use ensuring that the data utilized is properly cited without any plagiarism. All data sets that generate new data will only be shared having intellectual property rights in view.

Where will the data be made available? If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type.

KU Leuven RDR

When will the data be made available?

After the completion of my research.

Which data usage licenses are you going to provide? If none, please explain why.

Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International.

Do you intend to add a PID/DOI/accession number to your dataset(s)? If already available, you have the option to provide it in the comment section.

- Yes

Yes a PID will be added upon deposit in a data repository
RDR

What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered?

NA

6. Responsibilities

Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project?

Rohan Vinu Abraham

Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project?

Rohan Vinu Abraham

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

Rohan Abraham

Who will update and implement this DMP?

Rohan Abraham and Lieven Boeve