

# Ásgeir Berg Matthíasson

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## Research interests

I currently run my own research project to develop a conventionalist account of mathematical truth, funded by the *Icelandic Research Fund* (RANNÍS). It is based on my previous work on the rule-following paradox and the philosophy of mathematics.

As a part of this work, I'm also writing papers on inference, what it is to follow a rule, as well as semantic dispositionalism.

**Areas of Specialisation:** Philosophy of language, philosophy of mathematics, logic, Wittgenstein, the rule-following paradox

**Areas of Competence:** Metaphysics, epistemology, history of analytic philosophy.

## Current position

2022 — present

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
Institute of Philosophy, University of Iceland

## Previous positions

2021 — 2022

**Adjunct Lecturer**  
University of Iceland

2020 — 2021

**Sessional Instructor**  
University of Iceland

2016 — 2019

**Early Stage Researcher**  
University of Stirling

## Education

2020

**PhD in Philosophy**, University of St Andrews and University of Stirling (SASP)

2015

**M.Litt. in Philosophy (with distinction)**, University of St Andrews and University of Stirling (SASP)

2013

**M.Sc. in Logic**, University of Amsterdam

2011

**BA in Philosophy and Ancient Greek**, University of Iceland

# Publications

## Peer-reviewed journal articles

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| 2024 | J6 | <b>An Objective Communitarian Account of Semantic Content (in R&amp;R)</b><br><i>Resubmitted after minor revisions to Ergo</i>                          |
|      | J5 | <b>Problems for “Standard” Dispositionalist Accounts of Semantic Content (in R&amp;R)</b><br><i>Resubmitted after minor revisions to Synthese</i>       |
|      | J4 | <b>Wittgenstein on Mathematical Facts</b><br><i>Philosophical Investigations</i>                                                                        |
|      | J3 | <b>Was Wittgenstein a Radical Conventionalist?</b><br><i>Synthese 203 (37)</i>                                                                          |
| 2022 | J2 | <b>Rules as constitutive practices defined by correlated equilibria</b><br><i>Inquiry 65: 1–35</i>                                                      |
| 2021 | J1 | <b>Contradictions and falling bridges: what was Wittgenstein’s reply to Turing?</b><br><i>British Journal for History of Philosophy 29 (3): 537–559</i> |

## Other work

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| 2022 | J1 | <b>fyrir öll x</b><br>Icelandic version of forall x, an open and free logic textbook |
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## Grants, awards and fellowships

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| 2022 — 2025 | Postdoctoral Research Grant from the <i>Icelandic Research Fund</i> .                              |
| 2016 — 2019 | Early Stage Research Fellowship with the Marie Skłodowska-Curie European Training Network DIAPHORA |

## Selected talks

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| 2024 | T9 | <b>Family-resemblance concepts and Wittgenstein’s metaphilosophy,</b><br>Young Network for Wittgensteinian Philosophy Colloquium, Brussels                                 |
|      | T8 | <b>Was Wittgenstein a Radical Conventionalist?,</b><br>Wittgenstein and the formal sciences 3, World Logic Day                                                             |
| 2023 | T7 | <b>What is it to Follow a Rule?,</b><br>Institute of Philosophy, University of Iceland, Reykjavík                                                                          |
|      | T6 | <b>Philosophical Implications of Using Large Language Models in Mathematics,</b><br>Philosophy of Mathematics Seminar, University of Oxford, Oxford (with Fenner Tanswell) |
|      | T5 | <b>Was Wittgenstein a Radical Conventionalist?,</b><br>Wittgenstein and the Philosophy of Mathematical Practice, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels                      |
| 2022 | T4 | <b>Wittgenstein on contradiction: Wittgenstein’s debate with Turing,</b><br>11th British Wittgenstein Society Conference: Wittgenstein and AI, New College                 |

2019	T3	<b>What was Wittgenstein's reply to Turing?: Contradictions and falling bridges</b> , Wittgenstein: Naturalism and Necessity, University of Bergen, Bergen
	T2	<b>A Game-Theoretic Solution to the Rule-Following Paradox,</b> Arché 20th Anniversary Conference, University of St Andrews, St Andrews
	T1	<b>Rules as Constitutive Practices Defined by Correlated Equilibria,</b> Rules, Norms, and Reasons 1: Kripkenstein's Paradox, University of Milan, Milan

## Teaching

2022	C5	<b>HSP201G Logic (Spring)</b> Primary Instructor. University of Iceland
	C6	<b>HSP201G Metaphysics (Spring)</b> Co-Instructor. University of Iceland
2021	C1	<b>HSP201G Introduction to Logic (Spring)</b> Primary Instructor. University of Iceland
	C2	<b>HSP425M Seminar: Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations (Spring)</b> Primary Instructor. University of Iceland
	C3	<b>HSP105G/HSP724M Critical Thinking (Fall)</b> Primary Instructor. University of Iceland
	C4	<b>HSP073F Research Ethics (Fall)</b> Co-Instructor. University of Iceland

## Reviewing and refereeing

*Erkenntnis*

*Philosophical Quarterly*

*Philosophical Investigations*

*Measurement*

*Philosophical Inquiries*

*Synthese*

*Argumenta*

## References

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