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Areas of specialisation: history of analytic philosophy, (meta)metaphysics

Areas of competence: philosophy of language, logic, philosophy of music

Education

- 2019–2023 PhD Philosophy
Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge
- Preliminary dissertation title*
Frege, Russell and Wittgenstein on existence and negative existentials
- 2018–2019 Logic Year
ILLC, University of Amsterdam
- 2017–2018 MPhil Philosophy (distinction)
Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge
- 2014–2017 BA Musicology (*cum laude*)
Utrecht University
- 2013–2017 BA Philosophy (*cum laude*)
Utrecht University

Publications

- forthcoming Would Carnap have tolerated modern metaphysics?
(with Benjamin Marschall)
The Monist.
- forthcoming Frege's many existence concepts.
In *Varieties of Being*, edited by Dolf Rami (Springer).
- forthcoming The audibility problem and indirect listening.
Australasian Journal of Philosophy.
- 2022 Denoting concepts and ontology in Russell's *Principles of Mathematics*.
Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy 10(7): 1–22.
- 2021 Ways of being have no way of being useful.
Thought 10: 293–301.
- 2017 Fictional realism and metaphysically indeterminate identity.
Analysis 77: 511–19.

Presentations

- 2023 A Russellian theory of modality.
Graduate seminar, University of Cambridge
- 2022 Appreciating music.
Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge
- 2022 Would Carnap have tolerated Sider? (with Benjamin Marschall)
Serious Metaphysics Group, University of Cambridge
- 2021 Frege on existence.
Serious Metaphysics Group, University of Cambridge
- 2019 What it takes to hear a work of music.
Graduate seminar, University of Cambridge
- 2018 The logic of relative modality.
Cool logic seminar, IILC, University of Amsterdam

Awards and scholarships

- 2023 Travel bursary
Women in London Philosophy Conference
- 2022 Postgraduate fellowship
British Society for the History of Philosophy
- 2022 Student bursary
The Aristotelian Society
- 2022 Student bursary
Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds
- 2019–2022 Bauer PhD scholarship
Gonville and Caius College
- 2019 Travel bursary
CUSO Summer School in Recursion Theory and Philosophy
- 2017 MPhil bursary
Hendrik Mullerfonds
- 2017 MPhil bursary
Fundatie van Renswoude

Teaching

- 2019– **University of Cambridge**
Lecturer:
- *IB Modality*

Supervisor:

- *IA Meaning*
- *IB Knowledge, Language and World*
- *IB History of Analytic Philosophy*
- *II Mathematical Logic*

Class leader:

- *IA Formal Methods*

Discussion group leader:

- *IA Metaphysics*
- *IB History of Analytic Philosophy*

2016–2017

Utrecht University

Teaching assistant:

- *Mathematics for A.I. (Wiskunde voor K.I.)*
- *Philosophy of Mind (Filosofie van de Geest)*

Service

2023

Co-organiser of the Extended Essays and Dissertations Workshop for second- and third-year undergraduates.

University of Cambridge

2021

Co-organiser of the 14th Annual Graduate Conference of Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic

University of Cambridge

2020–2021

Co-convenor of the Serious Metaphysics Group

University of Cambridge

2020–2021

Secretary of the Moral Sciences Club

University of Cambridge

2020

Philosophy Tripos admissions interviewer

University of Cambridge (Lucy Cavendish College; Churchill College)

2020

Chair of the Graduate Seminar (Easter term)

University of Cambridge

2020

Co-organiser of the 13th Annual Graduate Conference of Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic

University of Cambridge

Summer schools

2019

CUSO summer school in recursion theory and philosophy

University of Geneva

- 2016 28th European summer school in logic, language and information
Free University of Bolzano-Bozen
- 2016 The challenges of natural teleology: final causes from Aristotle to Darwin
University of Groningen

Outreach

Columnist for *Bij Nader Inzien*: <https://bijnaderinzien.com/author/wouter-cohen/>

- forthcoming Hoe hoog is een heuvel?
 [How high is a hill?]
Bij Nader Inzien.
- 2022 Moet je expert zijn om kunst te waarderen?
 [Do you have to be an expert to appreciate art?]
Bij Nader Inzien.
- 2022 Moeten we controversiële standbeelden toch maar laten staan?
 [Should controversial statues stand?]
Bij Nader Inzien.
- 2022 Bertrand Russell en de dochter van Mark Rutte.
 [Bertrand Russell and the daughter of Mark Rutte.]
Bij Nader Inzien.
- 2021 Waarom diversiteit belangrijk is: *stereotype threat*.
 [Why diversity is important: the danger of stereotypes.]
Bij Nader Inzien.
- 2021 Problematische grappen doen meer dan kwetsen.
 [Problematic jokes do more than hurt.]
Bij Nader Inzien.
- 2021 We moeten af van ‘hij’ en ‘zij’.
 [We should stop using ‘he’ and ‘she’.]
Bij Nader Inzien.

Languages

- Dutch* Native
- English* Fluent
- German* Strong reading proficiency