

# Dr. Leopold Hess

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## Research interests

Philosophy of language and theoretical linguistics:

semantics, pragmatics, social philosophy of language, offensive and derogatory expressions, theories of meaning, theories of communication.

Linguistics:

perspective-taking in language, narratives and narratology, corpus and text linguistics, Ancient Greek linguistics.

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## Education and Employment

- 2019-      Postdoctoral Researcher (*adiunkt*), Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Warsaw
- 2018/19    Lecturer (part-time) at Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University  
              Lecturer (part-time) at Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, Radboud University Nijmegen
- 2014-19    PhD candidate, Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, Radboud University (expected defense Dec 2019) Dissertation: *Perspective and Word Choice: A Study of Expressives, Slurs, and Narrative*
- 2016        PhD, Faculty of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland  
              Dissertation: *Normativity and second nature. The normative constitution of the subject of thought and action*
- 2011        MA (*magister*) in Classics, University of Warsaw; with excellent grade
- 2009        MA (*magister*) in Philosophy, Jagiellonian University; with honors

## Research projects

2019-	Ideological Speech (NCN research grant SONATINA 2019/32/C/HS1/00475)	Principal investigator
2014-19	Unraveling the Language of Perspective, (ERC Starting Grant 338421-Perspective; PI: Corien Bary)	Team member
2014	Normativity and Second Nature (NCN research grant ETIUDA 2013/08/T/HS1/00092)	Principal investigator
2010/11	Transformationen des Geistes. Philosophische Psychologie 1500-1750 (Leibniz-Preis; PI: Dominik Perler)	Visiting participant

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## Teaching

- Pragmatics (seminar), MA Linguistics, Leiden University, Fall 2018
  - Cultural Interaction (lecture), BA International Studies, Leiden University:
    - 6-week block on Linguistic communication and pragmatics, Fall 2018
  - Philosophy of Language (seminar), ResMA Philosophy, Radboud University:
    - Full course, Fall 2018
    - 3-week block on Pragmatics and primate communication, Fall 2017
  - Introduction to Philosophy (reading class), Jagiellonian University:
    - 2 groups of Philosophy students (60 hours), Fall 2011
    - 2 groups of Cognitive Science students (30 hours), Fall 2011
    - 2 groups of Cognitive Science students (30 hours), Fall 2013
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## Grants, awards and scholarships

2019	National Center of Science (NCN, Poland) grant SONATINA; individual research project at University of Warsaw and 6-month research visit at University of Michigan
2019	Jacob L. Mey and Hartmut Haberland Early Career Award for a paper published in <i>Journal of Pragmatics</i> ("Perspectival Expressives")
2014/15	NCN grant ETIUDA; individual research project at Jagiellonian University and 4-month research visit at Pittsburgh University
2012/13	Fulbright Junior Research Award – Visiting Scholar at Pittsburgh University (supervisor: Prof. R. Brandom, Department of Philosophy)
2010/11	DAAD Forschungsstipendium – Visiting Researcher at Humboldt University, Berlin (supervisor: Prof. D. Perler, Institut für Philosophie)

## Publications

- [in prep.; edited, with C. Bary and K. Thijs] “Narrative Perspective” [Special Issue], *Open Library of Humanities*.
- [forthcoming] “Slurs: Semantic and Pragmatic Theories of Meaning” – for *The Cambridge Handbook of Philosophy of Language*, ed. by P. Stalmaszczyk, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming in 2021. (invited contribution)
- [forthcoming] “Practices of Slur Use” – for a special issue of *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, ed. B. Cepollaro and D. Zeman, 2020. (invited contribution)
- [with C. Bary] “Narrator Language and Character Language in Thucydides: a Quantitative Study of Narrative Perspective”, *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities*, June 2019.
- “Expressive Meanings and Expressive Commitments – a Case of Meaning as Use” in: Stalmaszczyk, P. (ed.), *Pragmatics and Beyond: Philosophical Insights Into Pragmatics*, De Gruyter, 2019.
- “Perspectival Expressives”, *Journal of Pragmatics*, 129, 2018, 13-33.
- [with C. Bary, P. Berck, I. Hendrickx, and K. Thijs] “Annotating Speech, Attitude and Perception Reports” in: *Proceedings of the 2017 EACL*, 46-56.
- “The Meaning of Normativity of Meaning” in: Araszkiewicz et al. (eds.), *Problems of Normativity, Rules, and Rule-Following*, Springer, 2015, 57-66.
- “Function of Polemic in Polybius, books I-V”, *Palamedes: A Journal of Ancient History*, 8, 2013, 87-112.
- “Superessentialism and Necessitarianism. The Cases of Spinoza and Lewis”, *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, 5, 2011, 79-95.

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## Selected conference presentations

- “Pragmatic Theories of Slurs” - New Developments in Linguistic Pragmatics, May 15-17, 2017, University of Łódź.
- “Non-speaker-oriented Expressives: A Pragmatic Approach” – Semantics and Pragmatics at Manchester, July 29, 2015, University of Manchester
- “Baker on First Person Properties: a Reevaluation of the Argument” – European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, August 28-September 2, 2014, University of Bucharest.
- “Moral Subjectivity in Leibniz”, Natur und Subjekt: IX. Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress, September 16-October 1, 2011, Hannover.

## Academic service

- External reviewer for the Polish National Agency of Academic Exchange (NAWA).
  - MA thesis examiner, Radboud University Nijmegen, 2017/18.
  - Peer reviews for journals *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Inquiry*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Studia Semiotyczne (Semiotic Studies) – English Supplement*, *Open Library of Humanities* and series *Studies in Philosophy of Language and Linguistics* (Peter Lang).
  - Review Editor in *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, 2012-2014.
  - Academic Association Collegium Invisibile: Chairman of the Board, 2009-2010; Board of Trustees Member 2019-.
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## Skills

- Languages: excellent English; good, academic-level Ancient Greek and Latin; basic German, French, Dutch; native Polish.
  - Personal: excellent organizational and time-management skills; excellent communication and team-work skills; experience in leading and administering an organization; experience in grant applications and fundraising.
  - Computer: Basic programming in R; Latex; office suite incl. Excel; familiarity with XML, TEI standards, markup and text mining tools.
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## Referees

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