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EDUCATION & ACADEMIC JOB EXPERIENCE

Postdoc at the Chair for Ethics (100%)

📅 Jan 2025 – Present 📍 University of Zurich

Postdoc at the Chair for Ethics (25%)

📅 Sep 2024 – Dec 2024 📍 University of Zurich

Postdoc at the Chair for Ethics of AI (75%)

📅 Mar 2024 – Dec 2024 📍 University of Graz

PhD in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*) SNSF Eccellenza Grant (Prof. K. Reuter)

Dimensions of Evaluativity: Taxonomic and Methodological Insights into Thick and Thin Concepts and Dual Character Concepts

📅 2020 – 2024 📍 University of Zurich

PhD Excellence Program of the Digital Society Initiative

📅 2021 – 2023 📍 University of Zurich

Master of Arts in Social Sciences

📅 2016 – 2019 📍 University of Zurich

Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences

📅 2013 – 2016 📍 University of Zurich

PUBLICATIONS

Reuter, K., Baumgartner, L., and Messerli, M. (forthcoming): A Corpus Study on the Normativity of Rationality. *Thought*. <https://philpapers.org/archive/REUACS.pdf>

Baumgartner, L., and Kneer, M. (2025): The meaning of ‘reasonable’: evidence from a corpus-linguistic study. In Tobia, K. P. (Ed.): *The Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Jurisprudence*. Cambridge University Press. <https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/bt9c4/>

Baumgartner, L. (2024): The pragmatic view on dual character concepts and expressions. *Mind & Language*, pp. 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12505>

Willemsen, P., Baumgartner, L., Cepollaro, B., and Reuter, K. (2024): Evaluative deflation, social expectations, and the zone of moral indifference. *Cognitive Science*, 48(1), e13406. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cogs.13406>

Reuter, K., and Baumgartner, L. (forthcoming): Conspiracy theories are not theories: time to rename conspiracy theories. In: Isaac, M. G., Scharp, K., and Koch, S. (Eds.): *New Perspectives on Conceptual Engineering* (Vol. 3). Synthese Library. <https://philpapers.org/archive/REUCTA-2.pdf>

Reuter, K., and Baumgartner, L. (forthcoming): Corpus analysis — building and using corpora: a case study on the use of ‘conspiracy theory’. In Bauer, M., Kornmesser, S. (Eds.): *Experimental Philosophy for Beginners*. Springer.

TEACHING

Contemporary Semantics and Pragmatics

📅 Spring 2022 📍 University of Zurich

Normativity in Moral Language (co-taught with Dr. P. Willemsen)

📅 Spring 2021 📍 University of Zurich

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

Conference on the Ethics of AI and Human-Computer Interaction

📅 06.–07.03.2024 📍 University of Graz

Empirical Conceptual Engineering: Implementations, Challenges, and its Theoretical Basis (Workshop)

📅 07.–08.12.2023 📍 University of Zurich

Conference on Dual Character Concepts, Normative Generics, and Evaluative Language

📅 16.–18.06.2022 📍 University of Zurich

Interdisciplinary Speaker Series: The Many Faces of Normativity

📅 2022 📍 University of Zurich

Corpus Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop 2021

📅 10.–12.06.2021 📍 Online

GRANTS

CHF 4'125 from the **Marie-Gretler-Stiftung** for organising the workshop “Empirical Conceptual Engineering: Implementations, Challenges, and its Theoretical Basis” (2023).

CHF 4'300 from the **UZH Graduate Campus** for organising the workshop “Empirical Conceptual Engineering: Implementations, Challenges, and its Theoretical Basis” (2023).

CHF 4'870 from the **UZH Graduate Campus** for organising the interdisciplinary speaker series “The Many Faces of Normativity” (2021).

LANGUAGES

- English: Fluent
- French: Fluent
- German: Native

PUBLICATIONS *continued*

Willemsen, P., Baumgartner, L., Frohofer, S., and Reuter, K. (2023): Examining evaluativity in legal discourse: a comparative corpus-linguistic study of thick concepts. In Magen, S., Prochownik, K. (Eds.): *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Law*, pp. 192–214. Bloomsbury. <https://doi.org/10.5040/9781350278301.0017>.

Reuter, K., Baumgartner, L., and Willemsen, P. (2023): Tracing thick and thin concepts through corpora. *Language and Cognition*, pp. 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1017/langcog.2023.35>

Baumgartner, L., and Kneer, M. (2023): What's the matter with 'reasonable'? *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, pp. 2736–2743. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/6h8823bv>

Baumgartner, L., Willemsen, P., and Reuter, K. (2022): The polarity effect of evaluative language. *Philosophical Psychology*, pp. 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2022.2123311>

Baumgartner, L. (2022): Why are reckless socks not (more of) a thing? Towards an empirical classification of evaluative concepts. *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 44, pp. 2869–2875. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/0h97049x>

Gilardi, F., Baumgartner, L., Dermont, C., Donnay, K., Gessler, T., Kubli, M., Leemann, L., Müller, S. (2022): Building research infrastructures to study digital technology and politics: lessons from Switzerland. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 55(2), pp. 354–359. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096521000895>

TALKS

Lund Gothenburg Responsibility Project (LGRP) Conference

Mapping Out Praise-Related Expressions

03.-05.06.2024 Lund University

4th European Experimental Philosophy Conference

Examining Praise Vocabulary Using Corpus Analysis with Pascale Willemsen

31.05.2024 Jagiellonian University, Krakow

Invited Talk at the 4th European Experimental Philosophy Conference Pre-conference Symposium: LLMs for xPhi

Leveraging LLMs for Conceptual Change Detection

30.05.2024 Jagiellonian University, Krakow

Linguistic Justice Society Webinar

Linguistic Inequity in Academic Philosophy: A Big Data Analysis of Publication Trends (1975-2021)

with Neri Marsili and Paul Rehren

30.01.2024 Online

Workshop: Empirical Conceptual Engineering: Implementations, Challenges, and its Theoretical Basis

Measuring (un)intentional conceptual change in philosophy: a corpus study

with Krzysztof Sękowski and Paul Rehren

07–08.12.2023 University of Zurich

ATTENDED WORKSHOPS

Dawn of Experimental Conceptual Engineering Workshop

13.09.2023 University of Zurich

Workshop on Corpus Analysis, Conceptual Change, and Socially Disruptive Technologies

16.02.2023 TU Delft

Summer School on Conceptual Engineering, Experimental Methods, and Politically Correct Language

04.–08.07.2022 University of Zurich

Summer School of the Digital Society Initiative

26.–30.06.2022 University of Zurich

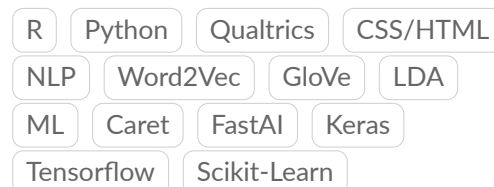
POSTER PRESENTATIONS

45th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

What's the matter with 'reasonable'?

26.–29.07.2023 Sydney (online)

SKILLS



XPHI UK

What's the matter with "reasonable"? A corpus study on laypeople's use of the term
with Markus Kneer

📅 08.11.2023

📍 Online

3rd European Experimental Philosophy Conference

Talk 1: "Death": A Diachronic Semantic Change Detection Study
Talk 2: Conspiracy Theories Are Not Theories

📅 14.-16.09.2023

📍 University of Zurich

Dawn of Experimental Conceptual Engineering Workshop

Towards Diachronic Conceptual Change Detection Using Large Language Models

📅 13.09.2023

📍 University of Zurich

30th European Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference

Conspiracy Theories Are Not Theories

📅 28.-31.08.2023

📍 Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague

11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy

Conspiracy Theories Are Not Theories

📅 21.-25.08.2023

📍 University of Vienna

8th International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics

Conspiracy Theories Are Not Theories

📅 12.-14.05.2023

📍 University of Lodz

Invited Talk for the Workshop on Corpus Analysis, Conceptual Change, and Socially Disruptive Technologies

Modeling Conceptual Change

📅 16.02.2023

📍 TU Delft (online)

Speaker Series: The Many Faces of Normativity

Dual Character Concepts Gone Wild

📅 13.10.2022

📍 University of Zurich

6th Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference

Pragmatic Dual Character Classifications

📅 15.-17.09.2022

📍 University of Krakow

2nd European Experimental Philosophy Conference

How to classify evaluative concepts

📅 08.-10.09.2022

📍 University of Granada

44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

Talk 1: The Polarity Effect of Evaluative Language

Talk 2: Why are reckless socks not (more of) a thing? Towards an empirical classification of evaluative concepts.

📅 27.-30.07.2022

📍 Toronto (online)

3rd Joint Conference of the SPP and ESPP

Figurative Dual Character Classifications

📅 19.-22.07.2022

📍 University of Milan

Conference on Dual Character Concepts, Normative Generics, and Evaluative Language

Dual Character Concepts Classifications: Can Dual Character Be Reduced to Double-Dissociation?

📅 16.-18.06.2022

📍 University of Zurich

TALKS *continued*

1st European Experimental Philosophy Conference

Talk 1: Tracing Thick Concepts Through Corpora

Talk 2: Examining Evaluativity in Legal Discourse: A Comparative Corpus-Linguistic Study of Thick Concepts

 17.–19.06.2021

 Charles University, Prague (online)