

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

**University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK

**PhD** in Geography, expected 2021

Thesis: „The climatic. Developing a realist phenomenology of climate and its changes“

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Mike Hulme

**State University of New York at Stony Brook**, Stony Brook, NY, USA

PhD-student in Philosophy, 2017-2018

**Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg**, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany

**M.A.** in Philosophy (two-year taught and research degree), August 2017

Thesis: „The perceptibility of weather. Phenomenological approaches to weather starting from Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger, and Günter Figal“

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Günter Figal

**University of Vienna**, Vienna, Austria

**B.A.** in Philosophy, July 2015

Thesis I: „Being and climate. A comparative study of existence between Watsuji Tetsuro and Martin Heidegger“

Thesis II: „Science as myth. The structure of scientific and mythical thought in Ernst Cassirer and Thomas Kuhn“

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed articles

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| „Entangled phenomenologies: Reassessing (post-)phenomenology’s promise for human geography“, in: <i>Progress in Human Geography</i> . | in press |
| „A Phenomenology of Weather and Qi“, in: <i>The Journal of Japanese Philosophy</i> , 5(1), 43-65.                                     | 2018     |
| „Dasein as an Answer from Nothingness“, in: <i>Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy</i> , 13, 23-27.                 | 2018     |

### **Contributions to edited volumes**

- „Sein und Klima. Komparative Studie der Existenz zwischen Watsuji Tetsuro und Martin Heidegger“, in: *Komparative Philosophie und Interdisziplinäre Bildung*, Band 3, Hrsg. von Hisaki Hashi, Hamburg: Dr. Kovac, 135-158. 2015

### **Translations**

- Trigg, Dylan. *The Thing. Eine Phänomenologie des Grauens*. Wien/Berlin: Turia+Kant. 2019

### **Reviews**

- „David W. Johnson. Watsuji on Nature: Japanese Philosophy in the Wake of Heidegger. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 2019.“, in: *Environmental Philosophy*, 17(1), 187-191. 2020

- „Tobias Keiling: Seinsgeschichte und phänomenologischer Realismus. Eine Interpretation und Kritik der Spätphilosophie Heideggers. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015.“, in: *Journal Phänomenologie*, 47. 2017

- „Peter Gaitsch: Erik Weils Logik der Philosophie. Eine phänomenologische Relektüre. Freiburg: Alber, 2014.“, in: *Journal Phänomenologie*, 45. 2016

## **PRESENTATIONS**

„Realities of climate: a phenomenological account.“ Paper presented at the *Annual International Conference of the Royal Geographical Society*, Royal Geographical Society. London, September 2020 (postponed until 2021).

„Is climate real? The phenomenological givenness of climate.“ Paper presented at the *Congress of the German Philosophical Society*, University of Nürnberg. Nürnberg, Germany, September 2020 (postponed until 2021).

„Is climate real? The phenomenological givenness of climate.“ Paper presented at the *Open Commons of Phenomenology Summer Meeting*. Thyon, Switzerland, August 2020 (postponed until 2021).

„Realities of climate: a phenomenological account.“ Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Vancouver Convention Center. Vancouver, Canada, November 2019.

„Is climate real? A phenomenological response.“ Paper presented at the *German Geographers Congress*, University of Kiel. Kiel, Germany, September 2019.

„(In-)Conspicuous Climate.“ Paper presented at the *Atmospheres of Shared Emotion Workshop*, University of Vienna. Vienna, Austria, April 2019.

„Identity as mnemonic dialectic. The (dis-)entanglement of enlightenment.“ Paper presented at the

*Warwick Continental Philosophy Conference*, University of Warwick. Coventry, United Kingdom, June 2018.

„Feeling, seeing, breathing air? Experiencing the (in-)conspicuousness of air.“ Paper presented at the *Cultural Histories of Air and Illness Conference*, University of Warwick. Coventry, United Kingdom, June 2018.

„Weather: immaterial and inconspicuous.“ Paper presented at the *Graduate Conference of the Collegium Phaenomenologicum*. Citta di Castello, Italy, July 2017.

„A phenomenology of weather and ki.“ Paper presented at the *European Network of Japanese Philosophy Conference*, Université Libre de Bruxelles. Brussels, Belgium, December 2016.

„Attempting a philosophy of climate.“ Paper presented at the *East-West Philosophers Conference*, University of Hawaii'i at Manoa. Honolulu, United States, May 2016.

„Attempting an anthropology of the alien.“ Paper presented at the *Congress of the Austrian Philosophical Society*, University of Innsbruck. Innsbruck, Austria, June 2015.

„Being beyond meaninglessness.“ Paper presented at the *Phenomenology and Health Conference*, University of Oxford. Oxford, United Kingdom, March 2015.

„Being as an answer.“ Paper presented at the *Modern European Philosophy and its Politics Conference*, Kingston University. London, United Kingdom, September 2013.

„Dasein as an answer from nothingness.“ Paper presented at the *XXIII. World Congress of Philosophy*, University of Athens. Athens, Greece, August 2013.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- › Cambridge University Fieldwork Fund, June 2019
- › Philip Lake II Fund, June 2019
- › Cambridge European Scholarship, October 2018
- › Cambridge Arts and Humanities Research Council studentship, October 2018
- › Friends of the University of Freiburg Travel Grant, Honolulu, May 2016
- › Wellcome Trust Travel Grant, Oxford, March 2015

## TEACHING

**Department of Geography, University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK

MPhil Anthropocene Studies seminars, 2021–present

*Getting a feel for the Anthropocene: on technology and shame*, 2021

Geography undergraduate supervisions, 2019–present

*Living with Global Change*, 2020

*Understanding Cultural Geographies*, 2020

*Environmental Knowledges & the Politics of Expertise*, 2019

**Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Stony Brook**, Stony Brook, NY, USA

Teaching assistant, 2017–2018

*Logical and Critical Reasoning*, Spring 2018

*Introduction to Ancient Philosophy*, Fall 2017

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Beyond the Terrestrial: Climate Change and the Blue Humanities Research Group**, Arts and Humanities Research Council DTP, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

**Convenor**, 2021–present

**unearthed, an environmental humanities reading group**, online.

**Co-convenor**, 2021–present

**Girton College**, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

**Trustee of Girton College**, 2020–present

**Girton College**, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

**MCR Vice-President**, 2020–present

**Geographies of Knowledge Research Group**, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

**Co-convenor**, 2019–present

**Vegetal Epistemologies Research Group**, Arts and Humanities Research Council DTP, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

**Co-convenor**, 2019–2020

**Girton College**, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

**MCR Welfare Secretary**, 2018–2019

**University of Freiburg**, Freiburg, Germany

**Research assistant**, 2016–2017

**Phenomenological Reviews**

**Language editor**, 2015–

**The Huffington Post**  
**Translator, 2013–2015**

## **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in both German (native language) and English (TOEFL 119/GRE Verbal 166), translating competence in Latin, basic competence in Ancient Greek and Japanese.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- › American Association of Geographers
- › British Society for Phenomenology
- › German Society for Phenomenological Research
- › German Society for Philosophy
- › International Association for Environmental Philosophy
- › Postgraduate Fellowship, Royal Geographical Society