

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

Funding: Cambridge AHRC-DTP & Cambridge Trust

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 with *Distinction* (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 with *First Class Honours*, 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

- „Entangled phenomenologies: Reassessing (post-)phenomenology’s promise for human geography“, in: *Progress in Human Geography*. [2021](#)
- „A Phenomenology of Weather and Qi“, in: *The Journal of Japanese Philosophy*, 5(1), 43-65. [2018](#)
- „Dasein as an Answer from Nothingness“, in: *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy*, 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, UK, 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).

„Waking up from climate dreams. A return to phenomenology for a better understanding of climate and its changes.“ Paper presented at the *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, Denver, USA, April 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 (URL)

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