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AOS: Epistemology, Philosophy of Science

AOC: History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Political Philosophy, Normative Ethics

Education

- Since 2017 **PhD in Philosophy**
University of Salzburg / University of Graz
Thesis title: *Teleological Epistemology and Scientific Realism*
Supervisor: Prof. Charlotte Werndl, Prof. Marian David
PhD thesis handed in: 08/2022
- 2017 **BA in German Linguistics**
University of Graz
Thesis: Discourse analysis of the notion of 'post-truth'
Supervisor: Prof. Georg Weidacher
- 2016 **MA in Philosophy**
University of Graz
Thesis title: *Quine and Realism*
Supervisor: Prof. Marian David
with distinction
- 2013 **BA in Philosophy**
University of Graz / University of Toronto
Thesis title: *Sind Erkenntnisse aus Conceivability zuverlässig? [Are Conceivability Arguments Reliable].*
Supervisor: Prof. Martina Fürst
with distinction
- 2004 **Vocational Training as Chemical Laboratory Assistant**
4-year vocational school/work-hybrid
Further courses at PTS-Munich, BTG Munich, and the University of Applied Sciences Munich

Employment

- 2022- **Lecturer**
Department of Philosophy (KGW), University of Salzburg
- 2018-2022 **University Assistant (Doctoral Fellow), 30h/week**
Department of Philosophy (KGW), University of Salzburg
- 2013-2016 **Student Assistant, 10h/week**
Student Assistant of the respective head of the department of philosophy at the University of Graz: Prof. Marian David and Prof. Udo Thiel (10h/week)

- 2004-2005 **Community Service**, 38h/week
Samariterbund Salzburg: ambulance transport service
- 2000-2008 **Laboratory Trainee / Laboratory Assistant**, 38h/week
4-year trainee, 3-year assistant. Vacation- and absence substitution of the department manager. Secretary and project member of developing bioethanol technology (€ 30 mil.)
- Research and development, quality management, water and wastewater analysis, environmental analysis, process monitoring, instrumental analysis

Visiting

- 2019-20 **Visiting Research Associate** (2 terms)
Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science (CPNSS), London School of Economics
- 2012-13 **Exchange Student** (1 semester)
University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy

Publications

- Forthcoming: Pils, Raimund: “A Satisficing Theory of Epistemic Justification”, *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.
- 2021: Pils, Raimund/Schoenegger, Philipp: “On the Epistemological Similarities of Market Liberalism and Standpoint Theory”, *Episteme*, 1-21.
- 2020: Pils, Raimund: “Quine’s Scientific Realism Revisited”, *Theoria* 86(5), 612-42.
- 2019: Pils, Raimund: „Ein deterministischer Kosmos? Von der Aristotelischen Physik zur Quantenmechanik“ [A Deterministic Kosmos? From Aristotelian Physics to Quantum Mechanics], S. M. Bachhiesl, C. Bachhiesl, S. Köchel (ed.), *Zufall und Wissenschaft*. Weilerswist: Velbrück.
- 2018: Pils, Raimund: „Unbeobachtbare Entitäten in der Physik: Intuition, Anschaulichkeit und Common Sense“ [Unobservable Entities in Physics: Intuition, Illustration and Common Sense], S. M. Bachhiesl, C. Bachhiesl, S. Köchel (ed.), *Intuition und Wissenschaft*. Internationale Perspektiven. Weilerswist: Velbrück, 35-60.

Manuscripts

- 2022: *Revise and resubmit in International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*: “Scientific Realism and Blocking Strategies”
- 2022: *Under review*: “Scientific Realism and the Fundamental Epistemological Trade-Off”
- 2022: *Under review*: “Veritistic Teleological Epistemology, Epistemic Risk, and the Bad Lot”
- 2022: *Under review*: “The Crises of Social Science: An Analysis of the Structure of Academic Papers” (with Philipp Schönegger)

2022: *Under review*: “Against the Anti-Realist Aim of Science”

2022: *In preparation*: “It is Truth After All”

Teaching Experience

- 2020-2023 **Advanced Undergraduate / Postgraduate Seminars (University of Salzburg)**
- “Metaethics: The Meaning of Value Judgements”, German (upcoming 2023) (Metaethics and philosophy of language)
 - “Subjectivism and Relativism”, German (2022) (Topical treatment ranging from philosophy of language to logic, epistemology, and philosophy of science)
 - “Liberal Political Philosophy”, English (2021/2022) (Block on the classics: e.g., Locke, Mill; block on contemporary adaptations: e.g., Nozick, Rawls, Otsuka; block on criticism: Cohen, socialism)
 - “The Philosophy of W.V.O. Quine”, German (2021) (Main focus on “Two Dogmas” (epistemology, philosophy of science) and “On What There Is” (ontology, logic) and a final block on his later philosophy)
 - “Teleological Epistemology, Epistemic Consequentialism, and Virtue Epistemology”, English (2020/2021) (Introductory block and history; epistemic goal: truth vs. knowledge; virtue epistemology; criticism)
 - “The Scientific Realism Debate”, English (2020) (Introductory block: logical positivism, post-positivism, and Kuhn; block 2: success arguments pro/contra; block 3: pessimistic induction pro/contra; block 4: selective realism and reflections)
- 2021-2023 **Undergraduate Courses (University of Salzburg)**
- “Methodological Basics (for Teaching Ethics)”, German (2022/2023) (Beginner undergraduate course. Providing methods to read, interpret, and analyze classical and contemporary texts in philosophy. Also: academic paper writing and citation)
 - “Methodologies of Science”, German (2022/2023) (Advanced undergraduate course. Confirmation theory, probability theory, Bayesianism, and statistical inference)
 - “Introduction to Philosophy of Science”, German (2022) (Beginner undergraduate course. Induction, falsification, demarcation problem, scientific progress, scientific realism)
- 2020 **Undergraduate Course (London School of Economics)**
- 2 classes “Logic PH101”, English (2020) (sentential logic, predicate logic, formalization, natural deduction, semantics)
- 2016/17 **Undergraduate Course (University of Graz)**
- Exercises for Elementary Logic I, German (2020) (sentential logic, predicate logic, formalization, natural deduction)

Presentations

- 2022 “Scientific Realism and Epistemic Risk”, *International Conference of the German Society for Philosophy of Science, Technische Universität Berlin*
- 2021 “Scientific Realism and the Aims of Science and Epistemology”, *WIP Series, University of Salzburg*
- 2020 “It is Truth After All”, *WIP Series, University of Salzburg*
- 2020 “3 Strategies for Breaking the Stalemate of the Realism Debate Based on Veritistic Teleological Epistemology”, *PhD Seminar, LSE, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method*
- 2019 “A Satisficing Theory of Epistemic Justification”, *WIP Series, University of Salzburg*
- 2019 “Teleological Epistemology as a Solution to the Scientific Realism Debate”, *public Ph.D project presentation, University of Salzburg*
- 2018 „Ein deterministischer Kosmos? Von der Aristotelischen Physik zur Quantenmechanik“ [A Deterministic Kosmos? From Aristotelian Physics to Quantum Mechanics]. *Interdisciplinary conference Zufall und Wissenschaft, KFU Graz*
- 2016 „Unbeobachtbare Entitäten in der Physik: Intuition, Anschaulichkeit und Common Sense“ [Unobservable Entities in Physics: Intuition, Illustration and Common Sense]. *Interdisciplinary conference Intuition und Wissenschaft, KFU Graz*
- 2015 „Die Rolle von Beobachtungssätzen in W.V.O. Quines Bestätigungsholismus“ [The Role of Observation Sentences in W.V.O. Quine’s Confirmation Holism]. *Lecture series Philosophische Perspektiven, KFU Graz, Department of Philosophy*

Academic Service

- From 2023 **Managing Editor**
Grazer Philosophische Studien
- Since 2020 **Referee**
Foundations of Physics, Philosophy of Science, American Philosophical Quarterly
- Since 2020 **Accountant and Board Member**
Georg Kreisel-Institute for Philosophy of Science
- Since 2019- **Financial Manager (2019-2020), Chair of the Organizing Committee (since 2020)**
SOPhiA Conference Salzburg. One of the biggest philosophy graduate conferences in the world. Since 2021 in hybrid format with 120-150 talks.
- Since 2014 **Organization of Conferences and Workshops**
- Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA), University of Salzburg (2019, 2021, 2022)
 - ILMPS (Irvine-London-Munich-Polimi-Salzburg Network in Philosophy and Foundations of Physics) Conference, University of Salzburg (2019)

- 2nd Fragmentation Workshop: Developments in Philosophy and Psychology, University of Graz (2016)
- 1st Fragmentation Workshop: Foundations, University of Graz (2015)
- Lecture Series Philosophical Perspectives II. University of Graz (2015)
- Workshop with Tyler Burge, Mind, Psychology, and Epistemology, University of Graz (2014)
- Lecture Series Philosophical Perspectives I. University of Graz (2014)

2016-2018: **Co-Founder and Organizer**
Graz Philosophy Club: Organization of bi-weekly meetings for discussions of papers/books and feedback for member-written papers for conferences/journals

2014-2016: **Founder and Chair of the Organizing Committee**
Philosophy Graduate Student Society Graz. Promotion of networking between the four philosophy sections at the University of Graz. Organizing of lecture series.

Funding

2023 **Honorarium and Travel Funding** (€ 3.500 + accommodation)
Awarded by the Centre for the Study of Governance & Society (King's College London).

2022 **Travel Funding** (€ 360)
Awarded by the University of Salzburg.

2019-2021 **Funding Acquisition – SOPhiA Conference** (~ € 6.000/year)
Awarded by the rectorate of the University of Salzburg, Austrian Society for Philosophy (ÖGP), Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), University of Salzburg Department of Philosophy, Springer Publishing, Metzler Publishing, DeGruyter Publishing, City Salzburg science funding, State Salzburg science funding

2018-2022 **Fully Funded PhD at the University of Salzburg**
Awarded by the University of Salzburg

2012 **ISEP grant**
Full student fee coverage for one semester at the University of Toronto and allowance for flight and accommodation.

Further Skills and Interests

Fluent in German and English (speaking, reading, writing); high school diploma in business and media informatics (Microsoft Office and Windows, internet and new media, image editing and graphic design (Adobe Photoshop)); nutrition and fitness (theoretically and applied, esp. powerlifting); music (esp. guitar)

References

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