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AOS: Philosophy of Science, Epistemology

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

Education

- 2017-2022 **PhD in Philosophy** (with distinction)
University of Salzburg / University of Graz
Thesis title: *Teleological Epistemology and Scientific Realism*
Supervisor: Prof. Charlotte Werndl, Prof. Marian David
- 2009-2017 **BA in German Linguistics**
University of Graz
Thesis: *Discourse Analysis of the Notion of 'Post-Truth'* (highest grade)
Supervisor: Prof. Georg Weidacher
- 2014-2016 **MA in Philosophy** (with distinction)
University of Graz
Thesis title: *Quine and Realism*
Supervisor: Prof. Marian David
- 2009-2013 **BA in Philosophy** (with distinction)
University of Graz / University of Toronto
Thesis title: *Sind Erkenntnisse aus Conceivability zuverlässig? [Are Conceivability Arguments Reliable]*.
Supervisor: Prof. Martina Fürst
- 2000-2004 **Vocational Training as Chemical Laboratory Assistant**
4-year vocational school/work-hybrid
Courses at PTS Munich, BTG Munich, and the University of Applied Sciences Munich

Employment

- 2023- **Post-Doc Researcher and Lecturer**, 32+6h/week
Department of Philosophy (KGW), University of Salzburg. As part of the project
“Cluster of Excellence: Knowledge in Crisis”.
- 2022-2023 **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
Department of Philosophy, University of Graz, Prof. Marian David and Prof. Udo Thiel
- 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: with Philipp Schoenegger: “Scientific Realism, Scientific Practice, and Science Communication: An Empirical Investigation of Academics and Science Communicators”, *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science*.
- 2023: “Veritistic Teleological Epistemology, The Bad Lot, and Epistemic Risk Consistency”, *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*.
- 2023: with Philipp Schoenegger: “Social Sciences in Crisis: On the Proposed Elimination of the Discussion Section”, *Synthese* 202(54).
- 2022: “Scientific Realism and Blocking Strategies”, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*.
- 2022: “A Satisficing Theory of Epistemic Justification”, *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 52(4), 450-467.
- 2021: with Philipp Schoenegger: “On the Epistemological Similarities of Market Liberalism and Standpoint Theory”, *Episteme*, 1-21.
- 2020: “Quine’s Scientific Realism Revisited”, *Theoria* 86(5), 612-42.
- 2019: „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, 45-78.
- 2018: „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

- 2024: *Under review*: “Scientific Realism and the Fundamental Epistemological Trade-Off”
- 2024: with Philipp Schoenegger: *Under review*. “Scientific Realism, Scientific Practice, and Science Communication: An Empirical Investigation of Academics and Science Communicators”
- 2024: *Under review*: “It is Truth After All”
- 2024: Two manuscripts on scientific realism and science communication in preparation

Other Publications

- 2024: “反思社科“八股文”之“讨论”部分”at 中国社会科学院, Chinese Social Science net by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.
https://www.cssn.cn/skwxsd/gjhy/202401/t20240108_5726392.shtml
- 2023: with Philipp Schoenegger: “To Improve Social Science Publications Let’s Lose the Discussion Section”, London School of Economics: LSE Impact Blog.
<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2023/11/29/to-improve-social-science-publications-lets-lose-the-discussion-section>

Teaching Experience

- 2023/2024 **Lectures (University of Salzburg)**
- “Methodologies of Science”, German (2023/2024)
(Advanced undergraduate lecture. Confirmation theory, probability theory, Bayesianism, statistical inference, and values in science)
- 2020-2024 **Advanced Undergraduate / Postgraduate Seminars (University of Salzburg)**
- “The Scientific Realism Debate”, English (2023/2024)
(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)
 - “Metaethics: The Meaning of Value Judgements”, German (2023)
(Metaethics focusing on issues in philosophy of language, semantics and ontology)
 - “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)
- 2021-2024 **Undergraduate Courses (University of Salzburg)**
- “Methodologies of Science”, German (2023/2024)
(Advanced undergraduate course. Confirmation theory, probability theory, Bayesianism, and statistical inference)
 - “Methodological Basics (for Teaching Ethics)”, German (2022/2023)

(Beginner undergraduate course. Providing methods to read, interpret, and analyze philosophical texts. 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)

Talks

- 2024 “Informed Consensus Reporting on Scientific Findings: Insights from the Scientific Realism Debate”, Workshop *Gatekeeping in Science*, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 2024 “From Scientific Realism to Epistemic Autonomy: Reframing Science Reporting”, Workshop *Method Theory and Reality*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts (online)
- 2024 “From Scientific Realism to Epistemic Autonomy: Reframing Science Reporting”, Workshop *Bochum meets Grazer Philosophische Studien*, University of Bochum, Germany
- 2024 “Esotericism in Epistemic Consequentialism”, Conference *Cluster of Excellence – Epistemology Research Meeting*, Central European University, Vienna, Austria
- 2024 “The Role of Epistemic Autonomy in Science Communication at the Background of a Voluntarist Epistemology in the Scientific Realism Debate”, Conference *Cluster of Excellence – Philosophy of Science Research Meeting*, University of Salzburg, Austria
- 2023 “How to Separate Teleological Non-Consequentialist from Consequentialist Views of Epistemic Justification”, Conference *Epistemic Justification: Formal Epistemology Meets Mainstream Epistemology*, LMU Munich, Germany
- 2023 “On the Epistemological Similarities of Standpoint Theory and Market Liberalism”, Workshop at the *Centre for the Study of Governance & Society*, King’s College London, UK
- 2022 “Teleological Epistemology and Scientific Realism”, public presentation as part of the *Ph.D. defense*, University of Salzburg, Austria
- 2022 “Scientific Realism and Epistemic Risk”, Conference *International Conference of the German Society for Philosophy of Science*, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany
- 2021 “Scientific Realism and the Aims of Science and Epistemology”, *WIP Series*, University of Salzburg, Austria
- 2021 “Scientific Realism, Epistemic Voluntarism, and Historical Evidence”, *Mountain Seminar in Kals*, Austria organized by the *Georg Kreisler-Institute for Philosophy of Science*
- 2020 “It is Truth After All”, *WIP Series*, University of Salzburg, Austria

- 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, UK*
- 2019 “A Satisficing Theory of Epistemic Justification”, *WIP Series, University of Salzburg, Austria*
- 2019 “Teleological Epistemology as a Solution to the Scientific Realism Debate”, *public Ph.D project presentation, University of Salzburg, Austria*
- 2018 „Ein deterministischer Kosmos? Von der Aristotelischen Physik zur Quantenmechanik“ [A Deterministic Kosmos? From Aristotelian Physics to Quantum Mechanics]. *Interdisciplinary conference Zufall und Wissenschaft, University of Graz, Austria*
- 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, University of Graz, Austria*
- 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, University of Graz, Austria Department of Philosophy*

Academic Service

- Since 2023 **Managing Editor**
Grazer Philosophische Studien
- Since 2020 **Referee**
Philosophy of Science, Synthese, American Philosophical Quarterly, Routledge Philosophy, Kriterion, Foundations of Physics
- Since 2020 **Accountant and Board Member**
Georg Kreisel-Institute for Philosophy of Science
- Since 2019 **Financial Manager (2019-2020), Chair of the Organizing Committee (2020-2024)**
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**
- Methodological Reflections on Science, Policy & Communication, University of Salzburg (2024)
 - Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA), University of Salzburg (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023)
 - 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 and Awards

- 2024 **Travel Funding** (€ 250)
Awarded by the University of Salzburg, Austria
- 2024 **Travel Funding** (€ 700)
Awarded by the University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 2024 **Travel Funding** (€ 750)
Awarded by the University of Bochum, Germany
- 2024 **Travel Funding** (€ 130)
Awarded by the Central European University, Vienna
- 2023 **Young Investigator Award** (€ 630), 1st place in Ph.D. research competition
Awarded by the University of Salzburg
- 2023 **Travel Funding** (€ 270)
Awarded by the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich
- 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. e-guitar)

References

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