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Curriculum Vitae

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Positions

- Winter 2024 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter at the DFG-funded research position „Eigene Stelle“: ‘Responsibility, Explanation, and the Exercise of Abilities’.
- 2023/24 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter at the research project ‘Capacities and the Good’ at FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg.
- 2022/23 Akademischer Mitarbeiter at the University of Potsdam, Chair for Applied Ethics
- 2020-2022 Junior Research Fellow at the Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities ‘Human Abilities’, FU Berlin, PIs: Barbara Vetter & Dominik Perler.

Education

University of Leeds (2016-2020)

PhD

Project: “Actual Control: Demodalising Free Will.”

Supervised by Helen Steward and Pekka Väyrynen.

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (2013-2016)

Master of Arts in Philosophy.

Masters Thesis: „Rational Abilities and Control“.

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (2009-2013)

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a Minor in German Studies.

Bachelors Thesis: „Desires, Dispositions and Reasons: On a Confusion about the Notion of Teleology.“

Areas of Specialisation

Philosophy of Action

Metaethics

Metaphysics of Agency (in particular: Action Explanation, Metaphysics of Abilities)

Areas of Competence

Normative Ethics
Metaphysics
Philosophy of Mind

Teaching

Akademischer Mitarbeiter, University of Potsdam (Oct. 2022)

Martha Nussbaum: Anger and Forgiveness
Moralische Verantwortung

Lecturer, FU Berlin (Nov. 2020)

Topics in Moral Responsibility

TA, University of Leeds (Oct. 2017- 2020)

How to Think Clearly and Argue Well [Intro to Logic].
The Good, the Bad, the Right, the Wrong [Intro to Ethics].
Philosophy of Mind.
The Mind [Intro to Phil. Mind].
Great Philosophical Thinkers [Intro Philosophy].
Metaethics.

TA, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (2013)

Introduction to Normative Ethics.
Philosophy of the Social Sciences.

Publications

(2015) 'Breaking good: Is there a patent recipe for cooking up the moral pill?', *Grazer Philosophische Studien* **92**, pp.137-145.

(2020) 'Intentionen, Misserfolg, und die Ausübung von Fähigkeiten', *Zeitschrift für Philosophische Forschung* **74** (3), pp. 454-459.

(2021) 'Actual Sequences, Frankfurt-Cases, and Non-Accidentality', *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*.

(2022) 'Why and When is Pure Moral Motivation Defective?' *Erkenntnis* **87**:1-20.

(2023) 'Reasons-responsiveness, modality and rational blind spots.' *Philosophical Studies* **180** (1):293-316.

(2023) 'Alethische und Narrative Modelle von Verschwörungstheorien'. *Zeitschrift für praktische Philosophie*.

(2023) 'Failure and Success in Agency'. *The Philosophical Quarterly*.

Presentations (selected)

External

- (2023) "Contra-intentional Agency and the Nexus Picture", The 11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, University of Vienna, 21 – 25 of August.
- (2023) "Two Perspectives on Freedom and Responsibility", University of Potsdam, June 8.
- (2023) "Alethic and Narrative Models of Conspiracy Theories", 2nd International Conference on Conspiracy Theory, VU Amsterdam, 2-4 of June.
- (2023) Comments on Sonja Schierbaum "Crusius on free will as a two-way power and its metaphysical framework", Workshop: Two-Way Powers: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, February 9th, Berlin
- (2022) „Explanationism about Responsibility as Reasons-Responsiveness and the Poverty of Actuality Challenge” GAP.11, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, September 12-15.
- (2022) "Alethische und Narrative Modelle von Verschwörungstheorien“ GAP.11, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, September 12-15.
- (2022) „Failure and Success in Agency”, Capacities and the Good, Freie Universität Berlin, September 9-10.
- (2022) (invited) "Explanationism about Freedom and Orthonomy", Oberseminar Erlangen, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Erlangen, May 15.
- (2021) (Comments) on Wayne Wu "Movements of the Mind", Book Symposium, Berlin October 13-15.
- (2021) "Against the Deontic-First Account of Normativity", XXV. Congress of the German Society for Philosophy, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Erlangen, September 5-9.
- (2021) (invited) (Comments) on Victor Tadros "Responsibility without Modality" CAMP Seminar University of Leeds, March 10.
- (2019) (invited) "Free Will, Frankfurt-cases, and Non-accidentality" 50 Years of Responsibility Without Alternative Possibilities, Humboldt University Berlin, September 12-13.
- (2019) "Towards a Hypological-First Account of Normativity." Leeds-Wuhan Normativity Workshop, University of Leeds, June 24-25.
- (2019) (Comments) on Daniel Morgan: "De Se vs. De Nunc", About Time: The de nunc and the de se", University of Leeds, June 10-11.
- (2018) (poster) „Why and When is Pure Moral Motivation Defective“, Annual BSET conference, Sheffield, July 12-13.
- (2018) (invited) "Reasons-Responsiveness and Rational Blind Spots", Free Will and Laws of

Nature, University of Cologne, March 1-2

- (2018) “Reasons, Rationality, and Exercising Capacities Subpar“, The Future of Normativity, University of Kent, June 28-30.
 - (2018) Southern Normativity Group Meeting, University of Reading, March 23
 - (2018) 10th Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy, University of Cologne September 17-20.
- (2017) (Comments) on Simon Kittle: “Control, Avoidability and the Ability to Do Otherwise”, The Agency Dimension of Moral Responsibility – Causation, Control, and Abilities, Humboldt University Berlin, August 17-18.
- (2016) (Comments) on Adam Lerner “The Puzzle of Pure Moral Motivation”, Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Seminar, Princeton University.

Awards

- (2024) DFG Research Position “Eigene Stelle” for the project “Responsibility, Explanation, and the Exercise of Abilities” at Freie Universität Berlin (€251.000 for a research position of 3 years).
- (2020) Junior Fellowship at the KFG (Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences) “Human Abilities”.
- (2019) The Aristotelian Society Student Bursary
5 available per year for all +1 year UK postgraduate students in philosophy, GBP 3000.
- (2019) The Jacobsen Studentship
8 available per year for all +1 year UK postgraduate students in philosophy, GBP 8000.
- (2016) Leeds University Research Scholarship
18 available university wide, 2 per faculty, GBP 14,296 annual maintenance allowance (+ 4,250 fees covered) for the duration of 3 years.
- (2016) Participant Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Seminar at Princeton University
Six Humboldt Students were chosen to fly to Princeton, all expenses paid.
- (2014) Winner of the third prize of the 2014 essay competition for students sponsored by the Gesellschaft für analytische Philosophie (GAP) in cooperation with the Grazer Philosophische Studien.

Administration

- (2024) Co-Organiser for the Workshop “What Kind of Constitutivism”
- (2022) Co-Organiser for the Workshop “Normative Capacities” (with Benjamin Kiesewetter)
- (2018) Co-Organiser for the conference “Morality and Rationality Revisited” (with Adina Covaci and Olof Leffler).
- (2017- 2019) Co-organiser PG Seminar, University of Leeds (with Adina Covaci).

References

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