

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Activities

2013 – Postdoctoral fellow, Swiss National Science Foundation, “A World of Perspectives” (147788)

10.2014–6.2015 unpaid paternal leave

2005 – editor of *dialectica*

1999 – managing editor of *dialectica*

Areas of Research and Teaching

areas of specialisation metaphysics, epistemology, philosophies of logic, language and mind, early modern philosophy, early analytic philosophy

areas of competence philosophies of mathematics, of religion, of law, logic (introductory, intermediate, advanced), critical thinking, feminist philosophy, social philosophy

Former Employments

2014 lecturer (“Lehrbeauftragter”) at the University of Zurich (perception; metaphysics)

2011 – 2013 research consultant (“consultant de recherche”) at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Lausanne

2010 – 2013 postdoctoral researcher in the project “Fundamentality”, financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation at the University of Geneva (100011-126656)

2013 lecturer (“Lehrbeauftragter”) at the University of Berne (philosophy of law)

2012 lecturer (“Lehrbeauftragter”) at the University of Berne (logic)

2012 lecturer (“chargé de cours”) at the University of Neuchâtel (mind)

2009 – 2010 postdoctoral researcher at the Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico

2009 lecturer (“Lehrbeauftragter”) at the University of Berne (logic)

2007 – 2009 postdoctoral researcher in the project “Properties and Relations”, financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation, at the University of Geneva (100011-113688)

2008 lecturer (“Lehrbeauftragter”) at the Universities of Berne and Fribourg (logic and metaphysics)

2006 – 2007 researcher in the project “e-philosophy” at the University of Geneva

2000 – 2006 assistant at the department of philosophy at the University of Geneva (chair Kevin Mulligan)

2006 lecturer (“chargé de cours”) at the University of Fribourg

2002 – 2003 researcher in the project “Formal Concepts”, IRIS Geneva-Lausanne

2000 – 2002 teaching assistant (“Hilfsassistent”) at the department of theoretical computer science at the University of Berne (chair Gerhard Jaeger)

1999 – 2000 teaching assistant at the department of penal law and criminology at the University of Berne (chair Karl-Ludwig Kunz)

1998 – 1999 teaching assistant at the department of philosophy at the University of Berne (chair Andreas Graeser)

Education

19. 10. 2007 thesis defense (summa cum laude) “ \in – Formal Concepts in a Material World. Truthmaking and Exemplification as Types of Determination”. Committee: John Bigelow, Fraser MacBride, Daniel Nolan. Supervisor: Kevin Mulligan
- 2000 – 2007 PhD student in philosophy at the University of Geneva, Switzerland
- 2004 – 2005 “bourse de chercheur débutant” of the Swiss National Science Foundation for research stays at MIT (Boston), RSCS (Canberra) and the State University of New Jersey (Rutgers)
- 2003 research stay during Trinity Term at University College, Oxford, under Socrates/Erasmus
- 2003 ‘mémoire de prédoctorat’ at the University of Geneva
- 1998 DES at the University of Geneva: *Philosophie et Histoire de la Logique*
- 1997 – 2001 jurisprudence at the University of Berne (MA thesis: *The courts and the law on the help to victims of crimes*).
- 1996 – 2002 mathematics, philosophy and computer science at the University of Berne: MA 31th of October 2002 (MA thesis: *Information Flow*).
- 1995 – 2000 philosophy, mathematics and computer sciences at the University of Berne (with courses in ancient Greek, English literature and linguistics, mathematical statistics and physics): MA 31th of March 2000 (MA thesis: *Ein dritter Blick auf Descartes’ Erste Philosophie*).
- 1990 – 1995 high-school Bern-Kirchenfeld (classic and modern languages)

Languages

German (mother tongue), English and French (fluent), Spanish (good), Latin and Ancient Greek (written).

Organisational Activities

- 2013-16 Graduate School CRUS (budget 140’000 CHF)
- 2013 graduate school “Lesser Entities”, five conferences founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (budget 25’000 CHF)
- 2012 graduate school “The Metaphysics of Representation”, five conferences founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (budget 25’000 CHF)
- 2011 graduate school “Fundamentality and Perspectivity”, six conferences founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (budget 25’000 CHF)
- 2009 SOPHA triannual congress (approx. 350 participants, budget 90’000 CHF)
- 2009 “Découvrir la Philosophie”, for the general public, University of Geneva
- 2009 Geneva Summerschool in the Philosophy of Physics (budget 30’000 CHF)
- 2009 graduate school “The Metaphysics of Time”, five conferences founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (budget 25’000 CHF)
- 2008 Geneva Summerschool in the Philosophy of Physics (budget 30’000 CHF)
- 2008 “Modalities: essence, necessity, and other adverbial modifiers”, five conferences founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (budget 25’000 CHF)
- 2007 ESPP annual congress (approx. 200 participants) at the University of Geneva (budget 70’000 CHF)
- 2007 graduate school “Properties and Relations”, six conferences founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (budget 25’000 CHF)
- 2007 tenth national graduate students’ conference in philosophy (budget 6’000 CHF)
- 2006 graduate school “Mind and Metaphysics”, six conferences founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (budget 25’000 CHF)
- 2005-6 PhilEAs series of conferences (40 talks, budget of 16’000 CHF)
- 2004 graduate school “Abstract Entities”, five conferences founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (budget 25’000 CHF)
- 2001-2 graduate students’ colloquium at the University of Geneva
- 2001, 2, 3, 4 national graduate students’ conferences in philosophy

Fundraising

- 2012 Fondation Charles Hummel for www.philosophie.ch (80'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2012 SNF graduate school "Lesser Entities" (FNS 101112-147361, 25'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2012 CUS doctoral school 2013-2016 (140'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2011 Fondation Charles Hummel for www.philosophie.ch (30'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2011 SNF graduate school "The Metaphysics of Representation" (FNS 101115-141421, 25'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2010 SNF graduate school "Fundamentality and Perspectivity" (FNS 101115-135419, 25'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2009 "Le Philomaton Mobile", co-funded by the COINF, Geneva (20'964 CHF) [granted]
- 2009 SNF investigator-driven research proposal "Fundamentality" (FNS 10011-126656, 328'615 CHF) [granted]
- 2009 SNF Sinergia network proposal "Intentionality is the Mark of the Mental" (CRSI11-127488, 1'350'353 CHF) [granted]
- 2009 Swiss Network for International Studies, "Counting on Property Rights" [rejected]
- 2009 Genevan side of the ERC Marie-Curie Initial Training Network PETAF (1'679'948 EUR, 317'374 CHF for Geneva) [granted]
- 2009 GSPP09 (various sources, 30'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2009 SOPHA (various sources, including private companies, 90'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2009 Sciex-NMS^{ch} fellowship for Jacek Wawer of the Jagiellonian University of Krakow (62'500 CHF) [granted]
- 2008 Fondation Boninchi "Fondamentalité" [rejected]
- 2008 ERC starting independent researcher grant "The Metaphysics of Science" [rejected]
- 2008 ESF eurocores programme proposal "The Values of Science" [rejected]
- 2008 SNF graduate school "The Metaphysics of Time" (FNS 101111-120994, 25'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2009 GSPP08 (various sources, 30'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2008 ERC advanced independent researcher grant "The Metaphysics of Emotions" [rejected]
- 2008 SNF Sinergia network proposal "Time, Substance, Self" [withdrawn]
- 2008 "Découvrir la Philosophie", Formation Continue, Geneva (9'524 CHF) [granted]
- 2007 SNF graduate school "Modalities: essence, necessity, and other adverbial modifiers" (FNS 101111-120994, 25'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2007 ESF network programme "The Metaphysics of Properties" [rejected]
- 2007 ESF eurocores programme proposal "The Metaphysics in/of Science" [rejected]
- 2009 ESPP (various sources, including private companies, 60'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2007-9 independent research project "www.philosophie.ch" [partly accepted, partly rejected] (5'741 CHF)
- 2007 ERC starting independent researcher grant "Essence and Modality" [rejected]
- 2007 SNF pro-doc application "The (Meta-)Metaphysics of Properties and Relations" (research module PDFM1-118626, 277'840 CHF) [granted]
- 2007 tenth national graduate students' conference in philosophy (various sources, 6'000 CHF)
- 2007 e-learning project "e-philosophie", University of Geneva (72'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2006 SNF graduate school "Properties and Relations" (FNS 101111-116566, 25'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2006 SNF project application "Properties and Relations" (100011-113688, 458'854 CHF) [granted]
- 2006 ESF network programme "Properties and Make-Belief" [rejected]
- 2005 SNF graduate school "Mind and Metaphysics" (101111-112120, 25'000 CHF) [granted]
- 2005 Virtual Campus "e-philosophy" [rejected]
- 2003 SNF graduate school "Abstract Entities" (101111-103468, 25'000 CHF) [granted]

Not listed are research projects I was involved in my function as research consultant in Lausanne. Total funds raised in Geneva: 3'088'387 CHF (of which 650'000 conference money).

Awards

- 2007 Prix Humbert (1000 CHF)
- 2006 Bourse Philibert Collart (10000 CHF)
- 2005 Lauener Prize for Young Talents in Analytic Philosophy (10000 CHF)

Dialectica

I became involved with *dialectica* – a philosophy journal founded in 1947 by Bachelard, Bernays and Gonthier – in 1999, taking care of its day-to-day functioning, as well as the contact with authors and referees, and reading and evaluating (almost) every article. A year before *dialectica*'s long-time editor *Henri Lauener* died in 2002, I started collaborating with *Gianfranco Soldati*, appointed in 2000 to the University of Fribourg. Together, we managed to get *dialectica* published by Blackwell-Wiley and reduced the acceptance rate from over 20% to 8% (while the number of submissions tripled). Subsequently, I continued to work as managing editor and co-editor with Pascal Engel and then Marcel Weber: during this period, the number of submissions doubled again, now approximating 350 per year, while we further reduced the acceptance rate to almost 7% and the median turnaround time to under 2 months. *Dialectica* is now ranked "A" in the European Research Index of the Humanities and the Australian Research Council's ERA and had 25'603 full article downloads in 2013.

www.philosophie.ch

In 2002, I created www.philosophie.ch, the Swiss Portal for everything related to philosophy. Its aim is to coordinate the activities of the Swiss philosophy departments (event calendar, newsletter), to offer services to the profession (job offers, preprint series) and to prospective students (study plan informations, advice), and to further the contacts between philosophical academia and the broader public. The portal is now widely used (more than 500 hits a day, excluding robots et al) and generously funded, both by the philosophy departments and private institutions.

Other Services to the Profession

- *eidos*, the Genevan Centre for Metaphysics: co-creator, coordinator and funding manager until 2009
- *Le Philomaton Mobile*, a cinematographic popularization project: creator, coordinator and funding manager
- *Découvrir la Philosophie*, a series of interactive conferences for the broader public: creator, coordinator and funding manager
- *sequitur*, the association of Swiss graduate students in philosophy: its co-founder in 2003, (co-)organiser of most of its meetings since
- *SGSLPS*, the Swiss Graduate Society of Logic and Philosophy of Science: member of its steering committee
- *SOPHA*, the Société de Philosophie Analytique: organiser of the 2009 conference and member of its steering committee (2009–)
- *ESPP*, the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology: organiser of the 2007 conference and member of its steering committee (2009–2013)
- refereeing for *Abstracta*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Crítica*, *dialectica*, *Dialogue*, *Erkenntnis*, *Facta Philosophica*, the *Journal of Philosophical Research*, the *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy*, the *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*, *Theoria* (San Sebastian), and various conferences.
- *University Politics*: Students' representative in the committee appointing a professor in history and philosophy of sciences at the University of Berne in 1998
- *High-Schools*: Contribution to the reorganisation of philosophy teaching at high schools in the canton of Berne (1999). Philosophy expert for the highschool final exam ('Matura', 'maturité) in Berne and Biel: 2004, 2007, 2009

Web

I have been webmaster of www.philosophie.ch (2002–10), the *dialectica* website (2007 - present), the *eidos* website (2004–10), www.sequitur.ch (2004–9), the webpage of the IRIS project on formal concepts (2003–6), www.dialectica.ch (2001–7) and of the official webpage of the department of philosophy at the University of Geneva (2001–2 and 2004–7).

Professional Memberships

Société de Philosophie Analytique (2006–2012 steering board), European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2009– steering board), European Society for Analytic Philosophy, German Society for Analytic Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Asociación Latinoamericana de Filosofía Analítica, Mind Association, *sequitur*, *SGSLPS*.

Teaching Experience (full responsibility)

E-courses

Within the project “e-philosophie” (2006-7) of the Department of Philosophy of the University of Geneva, which I co-founded and for which I was responsible, I wrote two fully self-contained e-learning courses: “Introduction à la Logique” (www.unige.ch/lettres/philo/cours/logique.html) and “Quand les choses ont besoin les unes des autres, quelques thèmes de métaphysique contemporaine” (www.unige.ch/lettres/philo/cours/metaphysique.html)

Metaphysics

- 2014 (autumn) MA / PhD seminar in metaphysics [English, 2h] (University of Zurich)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/metaphysics14.php
- 2011 (spring) MA / PhD seminar in metaphysics [English, 4h] (University of Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/metaphysics11.php
- 2011 (spring) Tutorial on David Lewis, Plurality of Worlds [French, 2h] (University of Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/davidlewis11.php/
- 2010 (autumn) seminar in metaphysics [French, 2h] (University of Geneva, with others)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/ontologieetmetaphysique.shtml
- 2010 (spring) introduction to metaphysics [Spanish, 2h] (UNAM)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/intro_metafisica.shtml
- 2010 (spring) tutorial on the *Plurality of Worlds* [Spanish] (UNAM)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/davidlewis10.shtml
- 2010 (spring) PhD seminar in metaphysics [English, 2h] (UNAM)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/metaphysics10.shtml
- 2009 (autumn) the metaphysics of time [Spanish] (UNAM)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/tiempo.shtml
- 2008 (autumn) tutorial on the *Plurality of Worlds* [English] (Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/davidlewis.shtml
- 2008-2009 problems in metaphysics [English, 2h] (University of Geneva, with others)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/problemes08-09.shtml
- 2007-2008 problems in metaphysics [English, 2h] (University of Geneva, with others)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/problemes07-08.shtml
- 2007 (autumn) advanced seminar on metaphysics [French, 2h] (University of Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/metaphysique.shtml
- 2006 (spring) advanced seminar on metaphysics [German, 2h] (University of Fribourg)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/metaphysik.shtml

Logic and Language

- 2012 (spring) introduction to logic [German, 2h] (University of Berne)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/logik12.php/
- 2009 (spring) introduction to logic [German, 2h] (University of Berne)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/logik09.shtml/
- 2008 (spring) introduction to logic [German, 2h] (University of Berne)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/logik08.shtml
- 2007-2008 introduction to logic (intermediary) [French, 4h] (University of Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/logique07.shtml
- 2005-2006 intro to logic and the philosophy of language [French, 4h] (University of Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/logique05.shtml
- 2003 (autumn) introduction to logic [French, 2h] (University of Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/logique03.shtml
- 2002 (autumn) philosophy of language [French, 2h] (University of Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/langage.shtml

Practical Philosophy

- 2013 (spring) “Das Argument” – introduction to reasoning for law students [German, 2h] (University of Berne)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/das-argument.php
- 2008 (spring) introduction to political and social philosophy [French, 2h] (University of Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/philsocialdroit08.shtml

Philosophy of Mind

- 2014 (spring) BA seminar on the philosophy of mind [German, 2h] (University of Zurich)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/philgeist.php
- 2012 (spring) MA seminar on the metaphysics of representation [French, 2h] (University of Neuchâtel)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/perception.php
- 2010 (spring) consciousness and intentionality [Spanish, 2h] (UNAM)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/mente.shtml
- 2009 (spring) intro to the philosophy of mind [French, 2h] (University of Geneva, with others)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/esprit.shtml

History of Philosophy

- 2011 (spring) reading seminar for MA students [French, 2h] (University of Geneva, with others)
cms.unige.ch/lettres/philo/wiki/Seminaire_Discussion_2010-11
- 2008-9 reading seminar for MA students [French, 2h] (University of Geneva, with others)
www.unige.ch/lettres/philo/wiki/index.php/Seminaire_Discussion_2008
- 2007-8 reading seminar for MA students [French, 2h] (University of Geneva, with others)
www.unige.ch/lettres/philo/cours/SeminaireAssistants07.html
- 2002 (spring) British empiricism [French, 2h] (University of Geneva, with Fabrice Teroni)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/empiristes.shtml

Others

- 2008 (autumn) introduction to the philosophy of mathematics (Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/philomath.shtml
- 2001 (autumn) seminar on paradoxes [French, 2h] (University of Geneva)
www.philosophie.ch/philipp/teaching/paradoxes.shtml
- 2000-1 teaching assistant on theoretical computer science, logic and recursion theory [German, 4h] (University of Berne)
- 2001-2 teaching assistant on theoretical computer science, logic and recursion theory [German, 4h] (University of Berne)
- 1999-2000 teaching assistant on criminology and philosophy of law [German, 4h] (University of Berne)

Presentations

Talks 2015

1. *Aspects – in Kant and in general*, Doktorandenkolloquium des Lehrstuhls für Klassische Deutsche Philosophie, Berlin, 10th of December
2. *Processes and the Instant of Change*, Limit Decision Problem – Medieval and Contemporary Perspectives, Excellence Cluster TOPOI, Berlin, 20th of November. [invited]
3. *Truthmaking is Explanation by Things*, Institutskolloquium des Philosophischen Seminars der Universität Göttingen, 11th of November. [invited]
4. *Discrimination is about Politics, not Ethics*, Commentary on Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen, Born Free and Equal? A Philosophical Enquiry into the Nature of Discrimination (OUP 2013), 10th NOMOS meeting, Berlin, 28th of September. [invited]
5. *Horizontal Grounding*, conference “Truth and Grounds”, Monte Verità, Ascona, 25th of May. [invited]
6. Intervention in the TV show “Ma parole”, TSR, 8th of April. [invited]
7. *Egocentric judgements: multiple, but perspectival*, eidos colloquium, Neuchâtel 25th of March.

Talks 2014

1. *Meta-metametaphysics*, eidos colloquium, Neuchâtel 3rd of December.
2. *Truthmaking, Grounding and Metaphysical Explanation*, workshop “Necessary Connections”, Glasgow 3rd of May. [invited]
3. *Lesser Entities*, Institutskolloquium, Tübingen, 23rd of April. [invited]
4. *Contingent Essence*, PMS series of talks, Barcelona, 14th of March. [invited]
5. *What Numbers Might Be*, PoL seminar, Barcelona, 13th of March. [invited]
6. *A Structuralist Account of Logical Consequence*, PoL seminar, Barcelona, 6th of February. [invited]

Talks 2013

1. *Fundamentally, there are no relations*, Logos seminar, Barcelona, 13th of November. [invited]
2. *Truthmaking is Explanation by Things*, PMS series of talks, Barcelona, 8th of November. [invited]
3. *Baxterian Aspects and Qua Objects*, “Themes from Baxter II”, Ligerz, 23rd of October. [invited]
4. *Intrinsic, but Relational*, “Themes from Baxter II”, Ligerz, 22nd of October. [invited]
5. *Continuant Processes*, “Ontology of Mind”, Ligerz, 17th of September. [invited]
6. *Qua Qua Qua*, Fine conference, Lago di Comabbio, 1st of August. [invited]
7. *What is a Word?*, Fine conference, Lago di Comabbio, 31st of July. [invited]
8. *Contingent Essence*, Fine conference, Lago di Comabbio, 29th of July. [invited]
9. *Seeing-As*, ESPP conference, Granada, 11th of July. [refereed]
10. *Stuff and Distributional Properties*, 61st eidos workshop, 7th of June. [invited]
11. *Kit Fine on Mixtures*, 61st eidos workshop, 6th of June. [invited]
12. *The Ontology of Relations*, Themes from the Philosophy of John Heil, Lausanne, 1st of May. [invited]
13. *There is no, and cannot be, such a thing as relative truth*, workshop with Paul Horwich, Geneva, 16th of January. [invited]

Talks 2012

1. Participation à la table ronde *Le jour où...les poules auront des dents*, Geneva, Musée d'histoire des sciences, 17th of December. [invited]
2. *Wen liebe ich?*, philosophie.ch outreach event, Berne, 1st of November. [invited]
3. *Contingent Explanation*, 59th eidos meeting, Geneva, 28th of October. [invited]
4. *Bradley's Regress*, 59th eidos meeting, Geneva, 27th of October. [invited]
5. *Défendant un dogme, et: pourquoi il n'y a pas de relations*, PhilEAs, Geneva, 25th of October. [invited]
6. *Bundle theory made relational?*, “The Metaphysics of Science: Objets, Relations and Structures”, Lausanne, 12th of October. [invited]
7. *Seeing As and Ephemeral Percepta*, “Perceptual Ephemera and other non-canonical objects of perception”, Geneva, 26th of September. [invited]
8. *Semantic Relationalism and the Metaphysics of Words*, 56th eidos meeting (“What Did We Learn From Twodimensionalism?”), 6th of July. [invited]
9. *Expressivism About Belief*, 54th eidos meeting (“Imperatives, Truth and Relativism”), 18th of June. [invited]
10. *There is no such thing as relative truth*, 54th eidos meeting (“Imperatives, Truth and Relativism”), 17th of June. [invited]
11. *Grounding objective resemblance – the truthmaker argument for the existence of universals, x is P at t* – Topics in the Metaphysics of Properties, Istituto di Studi Filosofici Lugano, 4th of June. [invited]
12. *Aspects, many-one identity and stages – different routes to the same destination?*, 53th eidos meeting (“Themes from Baxter”), 28th of May. [invited]
13. *Exemplification, Parthood and Constitution*, 53th eidos meeting (“Themes from Baxter”), 27th of May. [invited]
14. *Aspects and Respects*, 53th eidos meeting (“Themes from Baxter”), 26th of May. [invited]
15. *Representation: relational, but intrinsic*, SOPHA Paris, 6th of May. [refereed]
16. *Why there are no relations*, eidos research colloquium, 2nd of May. [invited]
17. *Racisme et bêtise*, interview with the French radio station “Radio France Internationale”, *Caroline Lachowsky, Autour de la question*, 2nd of May. [invited]
18. *Lessons from Russell*, 52th eidos meeting (“Moore, Russell, etc.”), 28th of April. [invited]
19. *L'énigme de la représentation*, research seminar Neuchâtel, 28th of February. [invited]

20. *Grounding Modality in Essence*, “Logic and Metaphysics of Essence”, Istituto di Filosofia Applicata ISFA, Lugano, 13th of January. [invited]

Talks 2011

1. *Theories of time, presentism, persistence and the real problem of change*, Geneva, 14th of December. [invited]
2. *Humean Supervenience – Not Quite Dead Yet*, “Hume’s Metaphysics and Humean Metaphysics”, Tampere, Finland, 4th of July. [refereed]
3. *Exemplification as Parthood*, Geneva, 11th of June. [invited]
4. *What Universals Essentially Are*, Geneva, 10th of June. [invited]
5. *Heterogeneous Simples*, Geneva, 29th of May. [invited]
6. *Representation and intentionality: where intrinsicness/extrinsicness and non-□ /relationality crosscut*, Geneva, 28th of May. [invited]
7. comments on Gonçalo Santos, *Unlimited Possibilities*, GVA-BCN meeting, Barcelona, 12th of May. [invited]
8. *In Favour of Determinable Universals*, Geneva, 23rd of April. [invited]
9. *Why There Are No Tropes*, Geneva, 22nd of April. [invited]
10. *Rigid Reference is Existential Dependence*, eidos research seminar, Geneva, 6th of April. [invited]
11. *Truthmaking is Explanation by Things*, Geneva, 2nd of April. [invited]
12. *Lesser Entities*, Geneva, 4th of March. [invited]
13. *What Descartes Said, Meant and Was Right About*, eidos research seminar, Geneva, 2nd of March. [invited]
14. *Expressivism about Belief*, Sinergia series of talks, Geneva, 28th of February. [invited]

Talks 2010

1. *Contingent Essence*, first PETAF workshop, Geneva, 10th of December. [invited]
2. *Relacionismo Semántico y la Metafísica de las Palabras*, Celebración Filosófica I: Identidad y Modalidad, Instituto Tecnológico de la Costa Grande, 5th of November. [invited]
3. *Contingent Explanations*, workshop on Contingentism, Geneva, 25th of September. [invited]
4. *Fundamentalmente, no hay relaciones*, Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México, Academia de Filosofía e Historia de las ideas, 26th of May. [invited]
5. comments on Adam Pautz, *Disjunctivism and Knowledge of Color*, Taller sobre la Percepción y el Lenguaje del Color, 20th of May. [invited]
6. *Acerca de lo que no hay*, Seminario Principia, Filosofía en Tezonco, Academia Fil. e Hist. de las Ideas, UACM-SLT, Mexico D.F., 26th of May. [invited]
7. *Why Bradley’s regress is harmless*, Primer Congreso de la Asociación de Filosofía Analítica de América Latina, Mérida, Yucatan, 16th of April. [refereed]
8. comments on Kathrin Koslicki, *Dependence, Constituency and Explanation*, workshop on Grounding, Explanation, and Dependence, University of Geneva, 26th of March. [invited]
9. *Superveniencia sin cajas y rombos*, Seminario de investigadores, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM, 24th of March. [invited]

Talks 2009

1. *Fundamentally, there are no relations*, International Colloquium “The Metaphysics of Relations”, Aix en Provence, 11th of December. [invited]
2. *Worldly Perspectivalität*, 14th eidos meeting, Geneva, 7th of December. [invited]
3. *Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure*, UNAM, Mexico, 23rd of November. [invited]
4. *Perspectival Facts*, SOPHA 2009, Geneva, 2nd of September. [refereed]
5. *An adverbialist solution to the problem of temporary intrinsics*, Issues in Contemporary Semantics and Ontology, Buenos Aires, 28th of August. [refereed]
6. *Perspektivalität*, research colloquium, Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf, 1st of July. [invited]
7. *Adverbialism and Temporary Intrinsics*, The Metaphysics of Time and Change, Turku, 5th of June. [invited]
8. *Every Thing Is Positive*, 15th eidos workshop, Geneva, 30th of May. [invited]
9. *Descartes: l’illusion, le rêve, le fou et le malin génie*, Découvrir la Philosophie, Geneva, 25th of April. [invited]
10. *Ontological explanation: by things, contingent, and never partial*, Metametaphysical workshop, Ghent, 23th of April. [invited]

11. Comments on Dennis Perrin, “L’indexicalité égologique à travers le temps: la notion de perspective temporelle”, Journées de Référence, Grenoble, 6th of April. [invited]
12. *Le paradoxe de Newcomb et le dilemme des prisonniers*, Découvrir la Philosophie, Geneva, 28th of March. [invited]
13. *The Metaphysics of Vectors*, Geneva, 4th of March. [invited]
14. *L’intelligence, est-elle héritable?*, Geneva, 21st of February. [invited]
15. interview with “dare-dare” of the *French Swiss Radio*, Lausanne, 19th of February. [invited]

Talks 2008

1. *How properties and relations are had*, Fribourg, 15th of December. [invited]
2. *Why Bradley’s regress is harmless*, conference on Bradley’s regress, Geneva, 7th of December. [invited]
3. *Structural Realism – the worst of both worlds?* (with Stephan Leuenberger), Fribourg, 1st of December. [invited]
4. *An A-Theory of the Self* (with Olivier Massin), Fribourg, 10th of November. [invited]
5. *Dependance, operators and functions*, Palmyr, Paris, 7th of October. [refereed]
6. *Les théories de conspiration – incroyable, même si elles sont vraies?*, Festival de Philosophie, Geneva, 28th of September. [invited]
7. *Ontic Structuralism - the worst of both worlds*, SIFA, Bergamo, 26th of September. [refereed]
8. *Armstrong on Truthmaking*, 8th eidos meeting, Geneva, 3rd of September. [invited]
9. *Truthmakers and Explanation*, ECAP6, Kraków, 21th of August. [refereed]
10. *Defining Time in Terms of Change*, 7th eidos meeting, Geneva, 20th of August. [invited]
11. *Fundamentality*, 7th eidos meeting, Geneva, 18th of August. [invited]
12. *Supervenience is nothing modal*, eidos metaphysics conference, Geneva, 15th of July. [refereed]
13. Comments on Sanna Hirvonen, “Unger’s hypothesis of semantic relativity”, 5th eidos/logos meeting, Barcelona, 4th of June. [invited]
14. *Towards a Metaphysics of Knowledge*, Keith Hossack symposium, Berne, 31th of May. [invited]
15. *Reducing Relations Again*, 13th sequitur conference, Berne, 29th of May. [invited]
16. *Contingent Essence*, Center for Mind and Metaphysics research seminar, Leeds, 25th of April. [invited]
17. *Semantic Relationism and the Metaphysics of Words*, Geneva, 14th of February. [invited]

Talks 2007

1. *Self-explanatory explanations*, Geneva, 21th of December. [invited]
2. *Vers une métaphysique de la connaissance*, conference on Engel, ‘Va Savoir’, Geneva, 13th of December. [invited]
3. *Contingent Essence*, Doktorandenkolloquium, Frankfurt, 6th of November. [invited]
4. *Essence and Modality (again)*, thesis defense, 19th of October.
5. *Racial Epiteths*, David Kaplan conference, Berne, 24th of September. [invited]
6. *In Defense of Metaphysical Vagueness*, SEFA, Barcelona, 7th of September. [refereed]
7. *Resisting Counterevaluatives*, ESPP, Geneva, 12th of July. [refereed]
8. Comments on Mark Heller, “The Donkey Problem”, Ovronnaz, 3rd of July. [invited]
9. *Metaphysical Vagueness*, vagueness workshop, Ovronnaz, 3rd of July. [invited]
10. *The Reducibility of Relations*, congress of the Société de Philosophie des Sciences, Geneva, 30th of March. [refereed]
11. *Getting a Grip: Ontological Commitment and Truthmaking*, IHPST workshop on ontological commitment, Paris, 23rd of March. [invited]
12. *Intrinsicness and Spacetime*, Scienze e Ontologia research group, Roma Tre, Rome, 12th of March. [invited]

Talks 2006

1. *Contingent Essence*, Geneva, 31st of October. [invited]
2. *What Universals Essentially Are*, Geneva, 1st of November. [invited]
3. *How to Tell Universals From Particulars*, “meaning”-workshop, Berne, 12th of October. [refereed]
4. *Might I have had another Life?*, VII International Ontology Congress, Donostia / San Sebastian, 6th of October. [refereed]
5. *Contingent Essence*, GAP, Berlin, 12th of September. [refereed]
6. *La croyance n’est pas une relation*, SOPHA, Aix-en-Provence, 2nd of September. [refereed]

7. *Belief is Not a Relation*, ESPP, Belfast, 25th of August. [refereed]
8. *Not Quite Like Clouds – Defending Metaphysical Vagueness*, vagueness workshop, Ovronnaz, 24th of June. [invited]
9. *What Philosophy Is*, bi-annual meeting of the Swiss Society for Philosophy, Neuchâtel, 19th of May. [refereed]
10. *Contingent Truthmaking*, Geneva, 20th of April. [invited]
11. *Contingent Essence*, Geneva, 18th of April. [invited]
12. *Disbelieving the Skeptics Without Proving Them Wrong*, Geneva, 12th of April. [invited]
13. *Détermination essentielle*, PhilEAs research seminar, Geneva, 6th of April. [invited]
14. *Is Belief a Propositional Attitude?*, 8th national sequitur meeting, Berne, 1st of April. [invited]
15. *Is Belief a Relation?*, PhilEAs research seminar, Geneva, 30th of March. [invited]
16. *Contingent Essence*, graduate seminar, Fribourg, 23rd of January. [invited]

Talks 2005

1. *Vagueness and Temporal Parts*, 2nd GVA-BCN meeting, Geneva, 4th of November. [refereed]
2. *What, if anything, is Swiss philosophy?*, Lauener Price Ceremony, Berne, 28th of October. [invited]
3. *Emotions and their formal objects*, ‘Emotion, rationality and moral philosophy’, Neuchâtel, 27th of October. [refereed]
4. *Truthmaking is not necessitation*, ECAP5, Lisbon, 30th of August. [refereed]
5. *Truthmaking is not necessitation*, AAP, Sydney, 4th of July. [refereed]
6. *The Tao of Metaphysics* (with Elena Casetta), international colloquium ‘On Identity: Ontological Perspectives’, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, 26th of May. [refereed]
7. *Truthmakers enough*, RSSH/Philsoc seminar ANU, Canberra, 5th of May. [invited]
8. *Descriptivism Reloaded?* (comments on Sam Cumming), Harvard/MIT graduate conference, Cambridge MA, 20th of March. [invited]
9. *The Epidemiology of Names*, “Friends and Eminees” seminar at MIT/Harvard, Cambridge MA, 5th of February. [invited]

Talks 2004

1. *A World of Truthmakers?* (invited), “Twenty Years After” – colloquium on truthmakers, Aix-en-Provence, 11th of December. [invited]
2. *Le Tao de la Métaphysique* (with Elena Casetta), graduate research seminar Geneva, 4th of November. [invited]
3. *Analyticity Ontologised?*, Fifth Swiss Philosophy Graduate Conference, Berne, 23rd of October. [invited]
4. *Tropes, in- and outside of time*, Geneva, 5th of July. [invited]
5. *How to tell particulars from universals*, Geneva, 3rd of July. [invited]
6. *What natural numbers might be*, Geneva, 8th of June. [invited]
7. *Qua qua qua*, Geneva, 6th of June. [invited]
8. *Towards a metaphysics of relations*, Geneva, 4th of June. [invited]
9. *No relations*, First Geneva-Barcelona meeting of graduate students in philosophy, Barcelona, 29th of May. [invited]
10. *À la recherche d'une métaphysique des relations*, graduate research seminar, Neuchâtel, 18th of May.
11. *The Thickness of A-intensions*, Geneva, 7th of May. [invited]
12. *Supervenience and Dependence*, Geneva, 6th of May. [invited]
13. *The Metaphysics of Adverbs*, Geneva, 29th of April. [invited]
14. *Against the Necessity of Necessity*, Geneva, 26th of March. [invited]
15. *Is “o” a Singular Term?*, national logic colloquium, Neuchâtel, 20th of March. [refereed]
16. *Quelques réflexions sur la logique des adverbes*, logic colloquium, Neuchâtel, 21th of January. [invited]

Talks 2003

1. *How to tell Universals from Particulars*, Arché graduate conference, St. Andrews, 4th of September. [refereed]
2. *Moore’s paradox, pragmatic indefensibility and skepticism*, 26th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg, 4th of August. [refereed]
3. *Moore and Skepticism*, graduate student seminar, Oxford, 15th of May. [invited]

4. *Logical Consequence: A Two-Dimensional Account*, graduate student colloquium Fribourg, 20th of January. [invited]
5. *Ramsey's paradox*, graduate student colloquium, Neuchâtel,, 7th of January. [invited]

Talks 2002

1. *Comments on Miscevic, "The Explainability of Intuitions"*, workshop "Intuition and Epistemology", Fribourg, 30th of November. [invited]
2. *Si P alors Q – Une introduction à la philosophie du sexe*, graduate student colloquium Geneva, 6th of December. [invited]
3. *Qua qua qua*, Fourth European Congress for Analytic Philosophy ECAP-4, Lund, 16th of June. [refereed]
4. *What is a logic of information*, workshop "Inference and Deduction", Münchenwiler, 5th of July. [invited]
5. *Can two-dimensionalists acquire concepts?* (poster presentation), Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, ASSC-6, Barcelona, 1st of June. [refereed]
6. *Descartes on contingent modal truths and how much you can doubt*, graduate student colloquium, Neuchâtel, 7th of May. [invited]
7. *Est-ce qu'il y a une paix juste?* (with Fabrice Teroni), public conference of the Department of Philosophy, Geneva, 23th of April. [invited]
8. *How to think yourself into existence*, graduate student colloquium, Zurich, 16th of January. [invited]

Talks 2001

1. *Qua qua qua*, graduate student colloquium, Geneva, 16th of November. [invited]
2. *What are formal concepts?*, 24th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg, 17th of August. [refereed]
3. *n-Dimensionalism*, II Barcelona Workshop on Issues in the Theory of Reference, Barcelona, 30th of June. [invited]
4. *Might water not be watery?*, graduate student colloquium, Fribourg, 18th of June. [invited]
5. *What Singletons Could Be*, Russell Centennial Conference, Munich, 5th of June. [refereed]
6. *€*, graduate student colloquium, Fribourg, 21th of May. [invited]
7. *Disbelieving the Sceptic without Proving Him Wrong*, graduate student colloquium, Geneva, 12th of April. [invited]

Talks 2000

1. *Exemplification*, graduate student colloquium, Geneva, 27th of October. [invited]
2. *Information Flow – The Logic of Distributed Systems*, colloquium on deductive aspects of proof theory and computer science, Munich, 21th of December. [invited]
3. *Die transzendente Deduktion der Kategorien – Versuch einer Darstellung*, talk at the IX. international Kant congress, Berlin, 27th of March. [refereed]

Publications

Books

1. *How Things Are*, to be submitted to *Mentis*.
This is a very extensively expanded (and substantially revised) version of my thesis, in seven parts (of which (parts of) the first three comprised my thesis):
 - (i) Determination – a defense and generalisation of Fine's critique of modal accounts of essence, including an argument for non-modal and contingent concepts of essence and supervenience;
 - (ii) A Theory of Truthmaking – an analysis, and defense, of the core idea of truthmaker theory, including an argument against truthmaking necessitarianism;
 - (iii) Properties and their Kind(s) – a novel defense of the truthmaker argument in favour of properties, and an extension of it to a defense of Aristotelian universals, including an original account of determinables in terms of determination;
 - (iv) Universals – a novel account of intrinsicness used in an argument that, fundamentally, there are no relations, while there may well be intrinsic structure;

- (v) Exemplification – a defense of the view that exemplification is a relation, that it explains the unity we observe in the world and that properties are parts of the particulars that exemplify them;
 - (vi) Generalised adverbialism – a novel account of adverbial modification and its application to the problem of temporary intrinsics and the philosophy of modality;
 - (vii) Qua qua qua – a defense that so-called ‘qua objects’ (‘Picasso qua painter’) are the referents of adverbially modified noun phrases, ontologically kosher and theoretically very useful.
2. *Introduction à la logique*, to be submitted to *Armand Colin*.
This is the first (!) comprehensive introduction to logic for philosophers written in French. It differs from Lepage’s (1991) introduction and from the available translations of Quine (1971) by covering both natural deduction and tree methods, including correctness and completeness proofs for both propositional and predicate logic, and by paying particular (and non-partisan) attention to philosophical questions. It is ideally suited to be used in an (ambitious) logic course of four hours/semester, as they are being introduced (or, at least should be introduced) in francophone universities.
 3. *Ein Dritter Blick auf Descartes’ Erste Philosophie*, to appear in the “Berner Reihe Philosophischer Studien” (Lang, Bern).
This is an extensively expanded version of my MA thesis: a critical reconstruction of Descartes’ arguments in the first three *Meditations*, defending them against their critics both of his and of our times. In particular, I argue that
 - (i) understanding the distinction between the so-called ‘analytic’ and ‘synthetic’ methods and Descartes’ use of it allows us to understand how Descartes can reasonably claim that the doubt of *Med. I* is universal and the Cogito is indubitable; that universal doubt leaves reasoning intact; that universal doubt includes claims that are performatively indubitable; that it ‘follows’ from our doubting it that we must hold it true that we think; and that the indubitability of our thinking is the ‘first’ principle of Cartesian theism;
 - (ii) a reconstruction of Descartes’ three-step skeptical argument confirms his claim that the doubt so reached is the widest-ranging possible, encompassing in particular second-order knowledge claims that lie at the heart of the Cartesian validation of reason;
 - (iii) that the Cartesian inference from thinking to existence (which I locate in the third, not the second *Meditation*) is valid and sound and substantiates Descartes’ claim that we are essentially thinking beings.
 4. (edited), *The Philosophy of Vectors*, special issue of *Dialectica*, 63(4), with Stephan Leuenberger, 2009 (under the name of “Keller”).
 5. (edited), *Formal Concepts*, special issue of *Dialectica*, 58(3), with Fabrice Correia, 2004 (under the name of “Keller”).

Papers

1. *Processes and Change*, forthcoming in the proceedings of the conference “Limit Decision Problem – Medieval and Contemporary Perspectives”, organised by the Excellence Cluster *Topoi*, Berlin, ed. Frédéric Goubier and Magali Roques.
2. *Relationen*, forthcoming in: *Handbuch Metaphysik*, ed. Markus Schrenk, Stuttgart. Metzler Verlag.
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15. *Die Rechtsprechung zum Opferhilfegesetz in den Jahren 1993 – 1998* (with Karl-Ludwig Kunz), Bundesamt für Justiz, Bern 2000, 97 pages,
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