

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Employment

Employed, since January 2016, as Assistant Professor Theoretical Philosophy (80%) at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University.

- Current research project: ‘Unifying Metaphysical Pluralism’ (NWO-VENI, 2017–2021).
- PhD obtained *cum laude* on June 18, 2014.

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Publications

Academic, peer-reviewed

2018:

- ‘The Limits of Humeanism’, *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* 8(3): 671–87.
- Together with C.W.M. Naastepad: ‘Robots and Us: Towards an Economics of the “Good Life”’, *Review of Social Economy* 76(3): 302–34.
- ‘Why Intentions?’, *Ratio* 31(S1): 51–64.

2017:

- ‘De eenheid van een gedachte’ (‘The unity of a thought’), *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte* 109(1): 145–60.
- ‘Two Fundamentally Different Perspectives on Time’, *Axiomathes* 27(3): 295–320.

2016:

- ‘A Seeming Problem for Higher-Order Theories of Consciousness’, *Dialogue* 55(3): 449–65.
- ‘Defining Original Presentism’, *Kriterion* 30(2): 29–60.
- ‘A Vital Challenge to Materialism’, *Philosophy* 91(2): 153–82. (Winning essay of the Royal Institute of Philosophy’s 2015 *Philosophy* Essay Prize.)

2015:

- ‘Review of Josh Weisberg: *Consciousness*’, *Ethical Perspectives* 22(4): 740–3.
- ‘Review of Michael Bratman: *Shared Agency*’, *Ethical Perspectives* 22(2): 336–41.

2014:

- Dissertation: *Conceptual Realism. The Structure of Metaphysical Thought*. (Quaestiones Infnitae vol. 81.) *Cum laude* defended on June 18, 2014.

2013:

- ‘The Essentialist Inference’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 91(4): 755–69.

2012:

- ‘What Generates the Realism/Anti-Realism Dichotomy?’, *Philosophica* 84: 49–80.

Academic, non-peer-reviewed

2017: Together with N. van Miltenburg and D.L.A. Ometto: ‘Is deontische logica werkelijk neutraal?’, *De Filosoof* 74: 15–19 (Journal of the Utrecht Philosophy Students Association).

2016: ‘De eenheid van een gedachte’, *De Filosoof* 71: 13–15.

Publications for the general public

- 2016: ‘Het einde van een tijdperk’, *Motief* 204: 9–11.
 2015: ‘“Het leven van de wereld moet fundamenteel worden vernieuwd”’, *Motief* 197.
 2014: ‘De eenheid van een gedachte’, *Filosofie* 24(5): 43–7.
 2014: ‘Terug naar Aristoteles’ (interview) *Motief* 185: 4–7.
 2011: ‘Hoe benaderen we het vraagstuk van de vrije wil?’, *Motief* 169.

Conference contributions and talks*Academic*

- 2018:
- ‘Not So Simple Powers’, invited contribution to the *Self-Consciousness and Objectivity* conference at Chicago University, October 06, 2018.
 - ‘Determination and Determinism’, invited contribution to the *Institutskolloquium* of Leipzig University’s philosophy department, May 02, 2018.
 - ‘Varieties of Individuation: A Metaphysical Exploration’, invited contribution at the *Institute of Education*, UCL, London May 30, 2018.
- 2017:
- ‘A Powerful Idea’, at the *Amsterdam Metaphysics Seminar*, November 23, 2017, at the University of Amsterdam.
 - ‘The Varieties of Power’, contribution to the symposium ‘Varieties of Power’ in the context of the *Annual OZSW Conference*, November 10–11, 2017, at Utrecht University.
 - ‘Self-Consciousness and Individuation’, at the *Judgment Day* workshop, November 23, 2017, at Utrecht University.
- 2016:
- ‘Normative Capacities in Nature’ (with Niels van Miltenburg), contribution to the panel ‘Normative Capacities’ in the context of the *Annual OZSW Conference*, December 9–10, 2016, at Groningen University.
 - ‘The Limits of Humeanism’, at the *Workshop Anti-Humean Metaphysics*, September 29, 2016, at Leiden University.
 - ‘Lifeforms in Action’, at the *Action, Practical Knowledge, and Spontaneity* workshop, September 27–28, 2016, at Utrecht University.
 - ‘Limited Indeterminism’, session of the master class ‘Agency and (quantum) physics’, held in the context of the international *AQP2016* conference, September 19–23, 2016, at Constance University.
- 2015:
- ‘Towards an Aristotelian Theory of Consciousness’, at the *Towards a Science of Consciousness 2015* conference (TSC2015), June 8–13, 2015, at Helsinki University.
 - ‘Two Perspectives on Time’, at the *Real Possibilities, Indeterminism, and Free Will* conference, March 18–21, 2015, at Constance University.
- 2014:
- ‘Conceptual Realism’, at the *Conceptual Realism workshop* on the occasion of my dissertation defense, June 19, 2014, at Utrecht University.
- 2013:
- ‘Conceptual Truth’, at the *1st Annual OZSW Conference*, November 15–16, 2013, at Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- 2012:
- ‘The Proper Starting Point for Metaphysics’, invited talk at the second meeting of the *Metametaphysical Club*, November 23, 2012, at Erasmus University Rotterdam.
 - Poster-presentation: ‘The Essentialist Inference’, at *GAP.8 International Conference*, September 17–20, 2012, at Constance University. (Winner of poster award; see below.)
 - ‘Commentary on A. Marmodoro’s *Aristotelian Powers at Work*’, at the workshop *History and philosophy of logic and metaphysics*, September 3, 2012, at Free University Amsterdam.
 - ‘Which Humean Mosaic?’, at the *BSPS Annual Conference*, July 5–6, 2012, at Stirling University.
 - ‘Dismounting the Realism/Anti-Realism See-Saw’, at the *international Perspectivalism conference*,

January 19–20, 2012, at Ghent University.

2011:

- ‘What is a Humean Mosaic?’, together with Dr. T. Müller, at a seminar on the *Best Systems approach*, December 22, 2011, at Cologne University.
- ‘What Price BSA?’, in the context of the symposium *Can We Really Lewis the Laws of Nature?* during the *EPSA 2011 International Conference*, October 5–8, 2011, at the University of Athens.
- ‘Substantial Causal Explanation’, together with Niels van Miltenburg, at the *Nederlands-Vlaamse Filosofiedag 2011*, October 31, 2011, at Delft University of Technology.

2010 and before:

- ‘Commentary on D. Kovacs’ *Microphysical Supervenience, Intrinsicness, and the Doctrine of Arbitrary Undetached Parts*’, at the *XII Taller de Investigación en Filosofía*, January 11–12, 2010, at the Universitat de Girona.
- ‘Logical Consequence’, Lunch Lecture, December 2, 2009, at Utrecht University.
- ‘Russell’s Principle’, at the *Graduate Conference on the Work of Professor Ruth Garrett Millikan*, November 21, 2007, at Utrecht University.

Public lectures

2018:

- ‘The limits of artificial intelligence’, lecture at *NSU Students’ Association*, March 28, 2017, in Utrecht.
- ‘Stones fall, roses bloom, birds fly, people think’, seminar, January 21, 2018, Aoyama University, Tokyo, Japan.
- ‘Stones fall, roses bloom, birds fly, people think’, seminar, January 20, 2018, Glan Fabrique café, Ibaraki, Osaka, Japan.

2017:

- ‘I think vs. It is thinking in me’, lecture and seminar at the *Study Group Philosophy and Anthroposophy*, November 17–19, 2017, in Driebergen.
- ‘ICT and contemporary academic practice’, lecture at the *Bernard Lievegoed Academisch Netwerk*, June 09, 2017, in Den Haag.

2016:

- ‘Artificial intelligence vs. ‘real’ intelligence’, lecture and seminar at the *Study Group Philosophy and Anthroposophy*, November 25–27, 2016, in Driebergen.
- ‘Freedom and Determinism’, lecture for the Philosophy Café Wageningen, August 14, 2016 in Wageningen.
- Philosophy course at *FC Gouda* (Philosophy Club Gouda), on April 25 and October 6, 2015, and January 12, March 1, April 12, en June 7, 2016, in Gouda.

2015:

- ‘The *Philosophy of Freedom* in conversation with contemporary thinkers’, lecture and seminar at the *Study Group Philosophy and Anthroposophy*, November 20–22, 2015, in Driebergen.
- ‘Safety in information technology’, lecture for the Utrecht University alumni network, November 9, 2015, in Meppel.
- ‘Artificial Intelligence and ‘Real’ Intelligence’, contribution to *Café Scientifique* on ‘AI: Gevaarlijk dichtbij?’, June 25, 2015, in Amsterdam.
- ‘Conceptual Realism’, presentation at a meeting of the *Bernard Lievegoed Academisch Netwerk*, April 17, 2015, in Utrecht.
- ‘Conceptual Realism’, presentation at the *Study Group Philosophy and Anthroposophy*, February 21, 2015, in Driebergen.
- ‘Ways of thinking, ways of being’, presentation at the *Philos* philosophical café in Groningen, February 3, 2015.

2014 and before:

- ‘Free will, a framework’, presentation at the *Humanistic Association* in Doetinchem, January 15, 2014, together with Niels van Miltenburg.
- ‘Freedom and Science’, lecture at the *Study Center Amsterdam*, March 2, 2012, in Amsterdam.

Grants, awards, and prizes

- July 2017: Awarded a VENI grant by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) for a three-year project entitled ‘Unifying Metaphysical Pluralism’ (€250.000).
- December 2015: Winner of the Royal Institute of Philosophy’s 2015 *Philosophy Essay Prize* (£2500).
- June 2014: Dissertation awarded *cum laude* (highest possible distinction at Utrecht University, awarded to <3% of all successful dissertations.)
- September 2012: Winner of the *Best Poster Award* at *GAP.8 International Conference* (€500).
- September 2010: Master’s Thesis nominated for the yearly thesis award of the Humanities faculty.
- April 2007: Winner of the *WetFil Award* in the context of the interdisciplinary BA “Studium Generale” course *Philosophy of Science: Science and Conscience*.

Other academic activities

Organization and coordination

- 2017–2019 Coordinator of the BA Philosophy programme.
- 2016–now: Organizer of the monthly *Philosophy Lunch Lectures* (together with D. During, A. Joosse, and J. de Jong).
- 2016–2017 Member of the Faculty Council of the Humanities Faculty at Utrecht University.
- 2011–2014: Member of the PhD Council of the Humanities Faculty at Utrecht University.
- 2010–2014: Organizer of the lunch lecture series of the Group Theoretical Philosophy.
- 2008–2009: Organizer of the monthly Research Master Luncheon sessions.

Reviewing for peer-reviewed journals

- Academic journals: *Acta Analytica*, *ANTW*, *Analysis*, *Axiomathes*, *Erkenntnis*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, and *Synthese*.
- Publishers: *Cambridge University Press*.

Research stays abroad

- 2014: Short research visit with Prof. Thomas Müller at Constance University.
- 2014: Short research visit with Profs. Ruth Millikan and C.L. Elder at University of Connecticut.
- 2013: Short research visit with Prof. Michael Thompson at Pittsburgh University.
- 2009: Visiting Scholar at the University of Connecticut during the Spring semester.

Teaching

Courses and Tutorials

2018–19:

- *Topics in Metaphysics: The Logic and Metaphysics of Time* (RMA-course)
- *Philosophical Reflection on Scientific Models of Man* (BA3-course, together with Prof. D. Cohnitz).

2017–18:

- *Core Readings Theoretical Philosophy: Donald Davidson* (RMA-course)
- *Philosophical Reflection on Scientific Models of Man* (BA3-course, together with Prof. D. Cohnitz).

2016–17:

- *Analytical Metaphysics* (Engelstalige BA3-cursus).
- *BA-thesis seminar* (supervision of a group of BA-students; together with various others).
- *Philosophical Reflection on Scientific Models of Man* (BA3-course, together with Prof. D. Cohnitz).
- *Topics in Metaphysics: The Logic and Metaphysics of Time* (RMA-course)

2015–16:

- *Philosophical Reflection on Scientific Models of Man* (BA3-course, together with Prof. D. Cohnitz).
- *Studium Generale Philosophy of Science* (university-wide BA3-course, together with various others).

2014–15:

- *Philosophical Reflection on Scientific Models of Man* (BA3-course, together with D.L.A. Ometto MA; we have developed this course together).
- *Honours Academic Context Course: Humanities in Context* (interdisciplinary BA2-course, with various others).

- *Reading Thompson's 'Life and Action'* (RMA-tutorial).
 - *The Linguistic Turn* (RMA-tutorial).
- 2013–14 (final year of PhD project):
- *Reading Williamson's 'Modal Logic as Metaphysics'* (RMA-tutorial).
- 2012–13:
- *Introduction to Logic* (BA1-course, with Dr. H. Hendriks).
 - *Reading Millikan's 'On Clear and Confused Ideas'* (BA-tutorial).
- 2011–12:
- *Introduction to Logic* (BA1-course, with Dr. H. Hendriks).
 - *Knowledge and Science II* (BA2/3-course, with Dr. J. van Lith and Dr. T. Müller).
- 2010–11:
- *History of Logic* (BA2/3-course, together with Prof. Dr. A. Visser).
 - *Introduction to Logic* (BA1-course, together with Dr. J. Leo).

Teaching assistantships

- *History of Philosophy I: Ancient Philosophy* (Prof. Dr. K.A. Algra, Dr. T. Tieleman, Dr. R.M. van den Berg, in 2009 and 2008).
- *Introduction to Logic* (Dr. J. Leo and Dr. H. Hendriks, in 2009, 2008 and 2007).
- *Philosophy of Cognitive Science* (Dr. A. Wouters in 2008 and Dr. M. Lievers in 2007).
- *Foundations of Knowledge* (Dr. J.H. van Lith, in 2007).
- *Philosophy of Science in Context* (Dr. J.H. van Lith, in 2007).

Academic Education and Career

- 2014–15: Post-doctoral researcher (70%) in the context of the ERC Consolidator Grant research project 'Responsible Intelligent Systems', led by Dr. ir. Jan Broersen, at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies of Utrecht University.
- 2010–14: PhD-researcher at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University, in the context of the ERC Starting Grant research project *Indeterminism Ltd. An Intervention on the Free Will Debate*, led by Prof. Dr. T. Müller.
- 2008–10: Research master Philosophy at Utrecht University, *cum laude*. Master's thesis: 'Summing Things Up. What Can Mereology Teach Us About Metaphysics?', graded 9.5 out of 10. Secondary supervisor: Prof. Crawford L. Elder (University of Connecticut).
- 2004–08: Bachelor Philosophy at Utrecht University. Bachelor's Thesis: 'Thought and Thinking. Millikan and Evans on Russell's Principle', graded 9.5 out of 10. Secondary supervisor: Prof. Ruth G. Millikan (University of Connecticut).
- 2004–08: Bachelor Liberal Arts and Sciences at Utrecht University. Major: philosophy. Interdisciplinary Bachelor's Thesis, together with Rik Velzen (biology): 'Het Chronisch Vermoeidheidssyndroom' ('The Chronic Fatigue Syndrome').

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