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Employment

Postdoctoral Researcher Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiter an der Professur für Theoretische Philosophie Philosophisches Institut, <i>Universität des Saarlandes</i>	2025–2032
Postdoctoral Researcher Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiter an der Professur für Theoretische Philosophie Institut für Philosophie, <i>Technische Universität Dresden</i>	2024–2025

Education

PhD in Philosophy (<i>summa cum laude</i>) <i>Freie Universität Berlin</i> Dissertation title: The Surprise Account of Modal Competence Supervisor: Prof. Barbara Vetter	2020–2023
BPhil in Philosophy <i>University of Oxford</i> Dissertation title: The Modal Universe Supervisor: Prof. Timothy Williamson	2018–2020
BA(Hons) in Philosophy <i>University of Manchester</i> Dissertation title: David Lewis' Epistemology of Modality Supervisor: Prof. Chris Daly	2015–2018

Areas of Expertise

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language	AOS
Metaphysics	AOC

Publications

2026. The Surprise Account of Modal Knowledge Acquisition. *Synthese*, 207 (144).

2025. Core Imagination. *Philosophers' Imprint*, 25:29. (w/ Tom Schoonen)

2025. The Agentive Achievement of Acceptance. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 111, 3–24.

2023. Epistemologists of Modality Wanted. *Synthese*, 202 (192). (w/ Tom Schoonen)

Teaching Experience

Modal Knowledge

Primary instructor, 16-week undergraduate seminar

Freie Universität Berlin

Winter 2022–2023

Selected Talks

Acceptance as Assurance

2026

- Acceptance in Language, Mind, and Action, *Freie Universität Berlin*

The Role of Emotional Intelligence in Modal Cognition

2025

- Valencia Workshop on the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Modality, *Universitat de València*

A Puzzle about Surprise

- Epistemology and the Sentiments, *the Human Abilities Centre*
- Workshop in Theoretical Philosophy, *University of Graz*

The Acceptance Norm of Intention (w/ Sophie Kikkert)

- Acceptance: Between Cognition and Action, *Technische Universität Dresden*

Acceptance as the Policy to Premise

2024

- Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, *Technische Universität Dresden*

The Agentive Achievement of Acceptance

- Topics in Language and Epistemology, *Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf*
- The Value in Abilities, *FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg*
- Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, *Technische Universität Dresden*

Knowledge of Graded Modality

- Workshop in Theoretical Philosophy, *Technische Universität Dresden*
- Berlin WIP Seminar, *Humboldt University Berlin*

The Surprise Account of Modal Knowledge Acquisition

2023

- Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, *Freie Universität Berlin*
- The Science & Philosophy of Modal Thought, *the Human Abilities Centre*
- GAP 11, *Humboldt University Berlin*

Epistemologists of Modality Wanted (w/ Tom Schoonen)

- IV Blasco Disputatio, *Universitat de València*
- Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, *Freie Universität Berlin*

Core Imagination (w/ Tom Schoonen)

- Naturalised Epistemologies of Modality Workshop, *the Human Abilities Centre*

The Deontic Demarcation Challenge

- Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, *Freie Universität Berlin*

From Modal Semantics to Modal Knowledge Acquisition

2021

- Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, *Freie Universität Berlin*

Competence and Performance in the Modal Domain

- Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, *Freie Universität Berlin*

Knowledge of the Modal Universe

2020

- PhilChat2020, *University of Manchester*

Scholarships, Awards, & Grants

Conference Organization Grant €600 awarded from the GAP to fund the workshop <i>Acceptance in Language, Mind, and Action</i>	2026
Fee-waiver Bursary <i>Central European University</i> €500 awarded to attend Identity: Logic and Metaphysics, an international graduate summer school	2021
Fee-waiver Bursary <i>University of Urbino, Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Logic and the Philosophy of Science</i> €180 awarded to the best applicants to the Urbino Epistemology Summer School	2019
Burton Fund Award <i>University of Oxford</i> Lady Margaret Hall Academic Development Fund	
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award <i>University of Manchester</i> £1,000 awarded to 0.5% of the student population every year	2018
Michael Polanyi Memorial Prize <i>University of Manchester</i> Best third-year performance in (Single or Joint Honours) Philosophy	
Michael Polanyi Memorial Scholarship <i>University of Manchester</i> Best second-year performance in (Single or Joint Honours) Philosophy	2017
Michael Polanyi Logic Prize <i>University of Manchester</i> Best second-year performance in Logic	
Undergraduate Conference Support Fund <i>University of Manchester</i> £200 awarded to attend University of Sheffield Undergraduate Conference	
Elizabeth Wegner Prize <i>University of Manchester</i> Best first-year performance in (Single or Joint Honours) Philosophy	2016
The Manchester Bursary <i>University of Manchester</i> £9,000 awarded to those with annual household income below £17,000	2015

Professional Roles

Postdoctoral Researcher <i>The Nature and Norms of Acceptance</i> (DFG)	2024–2026
Doctoral Researcher <i>Capacities and the Good</i> (DFG)	2020–2023
Associated Researcher <i>Human Abilities: Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities</i> (DFG)	

Conference & Workshop Organization

Acceptance in Language, Mind, and Action <i>Freie Universität Berlin</i> Norms and Nature of Acceptance DFG Project	2026
Acceptance: Between Cognition and Action <i>Technische Universität Dresden</i> Norms and Nature of Acceptance DFG Project	2025
Naturalised Epistemologies of Modality <i>Human Abilities: Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities</i>	2022
Capacities and the Good <i>Freie Universität Berlin</i> Capacities and the Good DFG Project	
Epistemic Capacities and the Good <i>Freie Universität Berlin</i> Capacities and the Good DFG Project	
PhilChat2017: Philosophy of Gender, Race, and Class <i>University of Manchester</i>	2017
Open Minds XII <i>University of Manchester</i>	2016

Referee Work

Open Minds XII; 23rd Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference; Capacities and the Good Conference; GAP.12 Epistemology Section

Philosophical Studies; Erkenntnis, Asian Journal of Philosophy, Res Philosophica

References

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Prof. Timothy Williamson

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University of Oxford
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