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Areas of Specialisation: Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Epistemology

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of language, Early modern philosophy

Appointments

University of Hamburg – Postdoctoral researcher with the SNF Sinergia Project “Grounding: Metaphysics, Science & Logic” 2015 - 2017

New York University – Pre-doctoral visiting fellow at the NYU Center for Mind, Brain and Consciousness 2014 - 2015

University of Barcelona – Early Stage Researcher in the FP7 Marie Curie Initial Training Network on Perspectival Thoughts And Facts (PETAF) 2010 - 2013

Education

University of Barcelona 2010 - 2015

PhD in Philosophy

Supervisors: Sven Rosenkranz & John Hawthorne

Thesis: “The World As I Found It. A Subjectivist Metaphysics of the Mental”

Dissertation committee: Manuel Garcia-Carpintero, Tim Crane & Kit Fine

University of Oxford, Corpus Christi College 2008 - 2010

BPhil in Philosophy

Supervisor: John Hawthorne

Thesis: “Subjectivity and Temporariness”

Università degli Studi di Padova 2005 - 2008

Laurea Triennale (BA) in Philosophy

Supervisor: Massimiliano Carrara

Thesis: “What It Is Like To Be Something”

Publications

“Subjectivism and the mental”, *Dialectica*, forthcoming.

This paper defends the view that one's own mental states are metaphysically different from all other mental states, even if only subjectively so. It is argued that such a view can dissolve certain long-standing puzzles concerning the unity of consciousness, the contents of self-awareness and the intransmissibility of experiential knowledge.

“Multiple reference and vague objects”, *Synthese*, forthcoming.

This paper advocates a novel account of the semantics of terms purportedly referring to vague objects. It is argued that each such term multiply refers to several precise objects instead of being indeterminate in reference among them.

“Specialness and Egalitarianism”, *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 2 (3), 2013: 248-257.

This paper uses cross-temporal grounding as a way of reconciling the so-called “A-theory” of time with the intuition that past, present and future times are all equally real.

“Leibnizian Aggregates Are Not Mind-Dependent Entities”, *Studia Leibnitiana*, vol. 44 (2), 2012.

This paper argues that, according to Leibniz's view of *entia per aggregationem*, there are (or, at any rate, there could be) aggregates that are entirely mind-independent.

“Complexity, Existence and Infinite Analysis”, *The Leibniz Review*, vol. 22, 2012.

This paper argues that, on Leibniz's infinite-analysis account of contingency, the *a priori* proof of a contingent truth is infinitely long because it involves an infinitely long comparison between the actual and the merely possible.

“Review of Ciuni, R., Miller, K. & G. Torrenzo (eds.), *New Papers on the Present* (Philosophia Verlag, Basic Philosophical Concepts, Munich)”, *Dialectica* 69 (1): 148-53.

Work in progress

“Three questions about immunity to error through misidentification”
(conditionally accepted for publication in *Erkenntnis*)

“From relative truth to subjective facts”
(co-authored with Giulia Pravato; under review with *Philosophical Studies*)

Teaching

Spring 2016: *Topics in the philosophy of mind*, University of Hamburg (Hauptseminar)

Fall 2016: *Topics in metaphysics*, University of Hamburg (Hauptseminar)

Selected academic talks

“The Subjective Grounds of Consciousness”, Consciousness & Grounding Conference, University of Birmingham, 18 June 2016.

“Phenomenal Facts as Experiential Facts”, CUNY Cognitive Science Speaker Series, City University of New York, 17 April 2015.

“Multiple Reference and Vague Objects”, 8th Arché Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews, 8 November 2014

“Subjectivism and the Mental”, NYU Consciousness Seminar, New York University, 22 September 2014.

“Explaining Immunity to Error Through Misidentification”, NIP / Institut Jean-Nicod Workshop 'Thinking of Oneself, Paris, 7-8 November 2013.

“Complexity, Existence and Infinite Analysis”, Seventh Annual Conference of the Leibniz Society of North America, Yale University, 18 October 2013.

“Specialness, Egalitarianism and the A-Theory of Time”, PETAF Final Conference, University of Barcelona, 3-6 September 2013.

“Grounding Fragmentalism”, Conference on the philosophy of Kit Fine, Lago di Comabbio (Varese), 28 July – 3 August 2013.

“On Immunity to Error through Misidentification”, Second HUJI Graduate Conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 30 June – 1 July 2013.

“Phenomenal Knowledge and Subjective Facts”, Workshop on Subjectivism, Temporalism and the Mind-Body Problem, New York University, 8 December 2012.

“The Univocity of Phenomenal Facts”, Conference on the Metaphysics and Ontology of Phenomenal Qualities, University of Hertfordshire, 15-17 September 2011.

“The Univocity Of Phenomenal Information”, NIP Graduate Conference 2011, University of Aberdeen, 1-2 July 2011.

“Comments on Thomas Raleigh’s ‘Visual Experience And Demonstrative Thought’”, 13th TIF, University of Barcelona, 12-14 January 2011.

“Leibnizian Aggregates Are Not Mind-Dependent Entities”, 4th Annual Conference of the Leibniz Society North America, University of Houston, 5 December 2010.

Memberships, Awards and Distinctions

2012: winner of the 30th Leibniz Society of North America Essay Competition, with the essay “Complexity, existence and infinite analysis”

2005 – 2008: holder of a 3-year undergraduate scholarship as a member of the Class of Moral Sciences in the Galilean School of Higher Education, Padova (Italy)

2005: winner of the 25th edition of the ‘Certamen Ciceronianum Arpinas’, International Latin translation competition, Arpino (Italy)

2004: winner of the 4th edition of the ‘Certamen Cremonense’, National Latin translation competition, Cremona (Italy)

Academic visits: Boston University (Fall 2007), University of Geneva (Spring 2011), University of Aberdeen (Fall 2011), University of St Andrews (Spring 2012), New York University (Fall 2012).

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