

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Philosophical Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Action, Metaethics, Experimental Philosophy

My research interests are in metaethics, moral psychology, philosophy action, normativity in language, as well as experimental philosophy. I am currently working on thick ethical concepts from a psychological, linguistic, and metaethical perspective. With the help of experiments, I investigate how thick concepts communicate evaluative content, whether this evaluation can be separated from the concept, and how and to what extent thick concepts are perceived to provide reasons for actions. I am further involved in projects concerning the relationship between agency, moral responsibility, and free will; slurs and discriminating language; the folk concept of lying; the ethical status of omissions; and the relationship between moral responsibility and causal responsibility.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Current Position: University of Zurich, since January 2022

100% Research Fellow and Principal Investigator of the SNSF Ambizione Research Group
“Investigating Thick Ethical Concepts – Philosophical and Empirical Perspectives”

Affiliation: Chair for general ethics, Prof. Christoph Halbig

Supervisor of the PhD project of Walker Siu Hong Au and Rosana Strubelj

Habilitation project: Morality through thick and thin. An investigation of moral reasoning, judgments, and decision making.

University of Zurich, September 2019 to December 2022

100% Postdoctoral Researcher at the SNSF Eccellenza Research Group of Kevin Reuter on dual character concepts and normative language.

Ruhr-University Bochum, April 2018 to August 2019

100% Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin in Philosophy, Chair for Philosophy of Mind,

Affiliation: Chair for philosophy of mind, Prof. Albert Newen

Managing Director and Student Consultant for the Master's Program Cognitive Science

University College London, October 2017 to March 2018

100% Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher at the Department of Psychology

Affiliation: Chair for experimental psychology, Prof. David Lagnado

Ruhr-University Bochum, June 2017 to September 2017

100% Postdoctoral Researcher in Philosophy

Affiliation: Chair for philosophy of mind, Prof. Albert Newen

EDUCATION

Ruhr-University Bochum, January 2014 to June 2017

PhD in Philosophy

Dissertation Topic: "Investigating the Role of Causal Responsibility for the Attribution of Moral Responsibility"

Advisors: Albert Newen (primary advisor), Edouard Machery (secondary advisor, University of Pittsburgh)

Defence: 16 June 2017

Grade: summa cum laude (highest possible distinction)

Yale University, August 2015 to November 2015

Visiting Fellow at the Department of Philosophy and the Program of Cognitive Science

Host: Joshua Knobe

London School of Economics and Political Science, September 2012 to August 2013

MSc. in Philosophy of Science

RWTH Aachen, October 2007 to September 2012

M.A. and B.A. in Philosophy and Linguistics and Communication Studies

PHD SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Since February 2022: Rosana Strubelj, University of Zurich

Dissertation Project: Evaluative language in discourse: An interdisciplinary investigation of objectionable thick concepts.

Since January 2022: Walker Siu Hong Au, University of Zurich

Dissertation Project: Can the evaluation of a thick concept be cancelled? A comparative, cross-cultural and cross-linguistic examination.

Co-Supervision of Dr. Sabrina Coninx, Ruhr University Bochum

Title: Experiencing pain – a scientific enigma and its philosophical solution.

EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

CHF 804.942 Ambizione Research Grant, granted for a 4-year research project, Swiss National Science Foundation, Project Number: PZ00P1_201737 (2021)

€ 19,200 postdoctoral research fellowship for a six-month stay at the University College London, Research School Plus at Ruhr-University Bochum, German Research Council (DFG) (2017)

€ 22,800 full PhD Fellowship, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation (€1200 per month, November 2015 – June 2017)

ADDITIONAL FUNDING, PRIZES, & AWARDS

CHF 4'870 for organising an interdisciplinary speaker series called “The many faces of normativity”, Graduate Campus University of Zurich (2021)

CHF 8,000 for organising a methods workshop on “Developing corpus analysis as an interdisciplinary tool in cognitive science”, Graduate Campus University of Zurich (2019)

Dissertation Prize for outstanding interdisciplinary dissertations at Ruhr-University Bochum, Gesellschaft der Freunde der Ruhr-Universität Bochum (2018)

£ 2,000 for organising the 9th Annual Workshop of the Experimental Philosophy Group UK (together with Lara Kirfel), Mind Association (2018)

£ 4,000 for organising the 9th Annual Workshop of the Experimental Philosophy Group UK (together with David Shanks and Lara Kirfel), Experimental Psychology Society (2018)

£ 375 for graduate student travel stipends for the 9th Annual Workshop of the Experimental Philosophy Group UK (together with Lara Kirfel), Analysis Trust (2018)

€ 2,810 granted for organising an interdisciplinary workshop on experimental philosophy of morality and causation, Research School Plus at Ruhr-University Bochum, German Research Council (DFG) (2017)

€ 4,000 granted for a research stay of Dr. Dr. Karolina Prochownik (at that time PhD student from Krakow University, Poland) at Ruhr-University Bochum, Research School Plus at Ruhr University Bochum, German Research Council (DFG) (2016)

€ 3,260 granted for a research stay Prof. Justin Sytsma (University of Wellington, New Zealand) to Bochum, Research School Plus at Ruhr University Bochum, German Research Council (DFG) (2016)

€ 10,000 International Realization Budget for international activities, Research School Plus at Ruhr University Bochum, German Research Council (DFG) (2014)

MEMBERSHIPS IN PANELS AND REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Memberships

Founder of Many Minds research network with Dr. Sabrina Coninx (Ruhr-University Bochum) Prof. Lena Kästner (University of Erlangen), Prof. Beate Krickel (Technical University Berlin), Assistant Prof. Judith Martens (University of Antwerp)

Member of the scientific board of the European Experimental Philosophy Group.

Co-founder and member of the scientific board of the Experimental Philosophy Group Germany, together with Albert Newen and Kevin Reuter (founded in 2015), <https://sites.google.com/site/xphigroupgermany/home>

Reviewer

Cognition; Erkenntnis; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Ergo; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition; Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology; Philosophical Psychology; Philosophical Studies; Springer Publishing, Bloomsbury Press

Since May 2021: Member of the Editorial Board for the Advances in Experimental Philosophy series with Bloomsbury Press

Public Reviewing Activities

Since 2020: Expert reviewer in philosophy for *Schweizer Jugend forscht* (young scientists' competition)

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

Head of Programme Committee: *1st European Experimental Philosophy Conference*, 17 – 19 June 2021

Co-Organiser: Experimental Philosophy Online Workshop 2020, organised by the Strategic Partnership between the Charles University Prague and the University of Zurich (Institute of Philosophy), and local XPhi Groups in Europe

Support: *Experimental Philosophy Conference* as a member of the Experimental Philosophy Group Germany, 19 – 21 September 2019, University of Bern

Local Organiser: *EuroCogSci 2019*, 02 – 04 September 2019, Ruhr-University Bochum

Co-Organiser: *9th workshop of the Experimental Philosophy Group UK*, 14 – 16 June 2018, University College London

Main Organiser: Book symposium on Edouard Machery's book "Philosophy within its proper bounds", 18 December at Ruhr-University Bochum

Organiser: One-day workshop on *Experimental Philosophy of Morality and Causation—Perspectives from Philosophy, Psychology, and Law*, 13 June, Ruhr-University Bochum

Lead Organiser: 1.5-day workshop on *Experimental Philosophy: Methods & New Directions & 1-day conference on Empirical Moral Psychology*, 18 – 20 November 2016, Humboldt-University Berlin

Co-Organiser: *First Conference on Experimental Philosophy in Germany, Investigating the Nature and our Understanding of Causality, Morality, Language, Mind, and Aesthetics*, 26 – 28 November 2015, Ruhr-University Bochum

TALKS

Scheduled Talks in 2022

- (45) *Beyond the courtroom: Agency and perception of free will*
The Philosophical Society. Lund (Sweden) (September 2022)
- (44) *Beyond the courtroom: Agency and perception of free will*
2nd European Experimental Philosophy Conference. Granada (Spain) (September 2022)
- (43) *How to conduct your own experimental-philosophical study?*
Workshop leader at Conceptual Engineering, Experimental Methods, and Politically Correct Language. University of Zurich (Switzerland), invited talk (July 2022)
- (42) Can we use a slur without saying anything negative? And who is to judge?
Dual Character Concepts, Normative Generics, and Evaluative Language. University of Zurich (Switzerland), invited talk (June 2022)
- (41) *Investigating the folk concept of lying – Philosophical and empirical perspectives.*
University of Lausanne (Switzerland), invited talk (June 2022)
- (40) *How does language communicate evaluation? A case study of slurs and discriminatory language.*
Guest speaker in a seminar on Philosophy of Language. University of Antwerp (Belgium), invited talk (May 2022)
- (39) *The good, the bad, and the virtuous – Investigating evaluative language and its use in moral judgments*
Moral Decision Sciences Workshop. University of Salzburg (Austria), invited talk (April 2022)

Past Talks

- (38) *Expecting other to be good – an explanation of the polarity effect of evaluative language.*
Maastricht Law & Philosophy Seminar. University of Maastricht (Netherlands), invited talk (September 2021)
- (37) *When Good is the New Normal. Explaining the Polarity Effect of Evaluative Language*
1st South American Colloquium on Naturalism and Experimental Philosophy. Univerdidade de Caxias Do Sul (Brasil, held online), *keynote talk* (July 2021)
- (36) *The Entailment Claim of Moral Responsibility and Causation*
Workshop: Causation and Responsibility. University of Bern (Switzerland, held online), *invited talk* (July 2021)
- (35) *Investigating Thick Ethical Concepts – Explaining the Polarity Effect*
1st European Experimental Philosophy Conference. Charles University Prague (Czech Republic, held online) *invited talk* (June 2021)

- (34) *Tracing Thick Concepts Through Corpora*
1st European Experimental Philosophy Conference 2021 (June 2021)
- (33) *Examining Evaluativity in Legal Discourse: A Comparative Corpus-Linguistic Study of Thick Concepts*
1st European Experimental Philosophy Conference 2021 (June 2021)
- (32) *Why a thick moral psychology is an inclusive moral psychology*
Experimental and Feminist Philosophy Workshop, City University New York (USA, held online), *invited talk* (May 2021)
- (31) *Experimentally Investigating Thick Concepts*
Guest speaker in seminar on Philosophy of Cognition. Technical University Berlin (Germany, held online), *invited talk* (February 2021)
- (30) *Direct and derivative moral responsibility: An overlooked distinction in experimental philosophy*
Practical Philosophy and Political Theory research seminar. University of Gothenburg (Sweden, held online), *invited talk* (January 2021)
- (29) *Thick Concepts and Reasons for Action*
Charles University of Prague (Czech Republic, held online), *invited talk* (December 2020)
- (28) *Do Thick Concepts Provide Reasons for Action?*
Workshop on Meta-Ethics and Meta-Epistemology. University of Vienna (Austria, held online), *invited talk* (November 2020)
- (27) *Separating the Evaluative from the Descriptive. An Empirical Study of Thick Concepts*
Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Toronto, held online) (July 2020)
- (26) *Separating the Evaluative from the Descriptive. An Empirical Study of Thick Concepts*
Empirical Moral Psychology. University of Salzburg (Austria, held online) (July 2020)
- (25) *Direct and Derivative Moral Responsibility. An Overlooked Distinction in Experimental Philosophy.*
Online Experimental Philosophy Conference Europe (June 2020)
- (24) *Being virtuous without being good? An Experimental Study on Thick Concepts*
Experimental Philosophy of Language and Metaethics. Ruhr-University Bochum (Germany), *invited talk* (January 2020)
- (23) *Experimentelle Moralphilosophie. Anspruch, Leistung und Grenzen*
Anspruch und Methode der Philosophie. University of Cologne, *invited talk* (December 2019)
- (22) *Philosophical Intuitions about Frankfurt Cases – What XPhi Can and Cannot Contribute*
Conceptual Analysis, Conceptual Engineering, and Experimental Philosophy. University of Zurich (October 2019)
- (21) *Let's lay it on thick! On the relevance of thick ethical terms for metaethics and moral psychology*
Experimental Philosophy Conference, Bern (Switzerland) (June 2019)
- (20) *Don't Chmess with Me! – Why Moral Philosophy Needs Moral Psychology*
First Workshop of the Emmy-Noether Group EXTRA, Bochum (Germany), *invited talk* (May 2019)
- (19) *What the Hell Is Causal Responsibility?*
University of Bern (Switzerland), *invited talk* (May 2019)
- (18) *The Relevance of Alternative Possibilities for Moral Responsibility*
American Philosophical Association. New York City (USA), *invited talk* (January 2019)

- (17) *Omission Impossible. Why We Cannot Omit to Perform Impossible Actions*
Experimental and Naturalistic Perspectives on the Philosophy of Law, Bochum
(Germany), *invited talk* (2018)
- (16) *The Relevance of Alternative Possibilities for Moral Responsibility*
Moral Psychology – From Neurons to Norms. Beirut (Lebanon)(2018)
- (15) *The Relevance of Alternative Possibilities for Moral Responsibility*
3rd Annual Bochum – Rutgers Workshop. New Brunswick (USA), *keynote talk* (2018)
- (14) *Alternative Possibilities and Moral Responsibility*
2nd Bi-annual Workshop of the Experimental Philosophy Group Germany. Osnabrueck
(Germany), *invited talk* (2017)
- (13) *The Pragmatics of Lying*
Annual Conference of the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology.
Hertfordshire (UK) (2017)
- (12) *Omissions and Causal Explanations*
The Experimental Philosophy of Morality and Causation – Perspectives from
Philosophy, Psychology, and Law, Bochum (Germany)
- (11) *I must although I can't!?! A pragmatically grounded two-level theory of 'ought implies can'*
Experimental Moral Psychology and Philosophy, Berlin (Germany) (2016)
- (10) *The philosophical trilemma of moral responsibility for omissions – and how to solve it*
Georg-Elias-Müller-Institute for Psychology, University of Göttingen (Germany), *invited
talk* (2016)
- (9) *Why you can be blamed for the things you did not do*
Annual Conference of the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology, St. Andrews
(UK) (2015)
- (8) *I must although I can't!?! A pragmatically grounded two-level theory of 'ought implies can'*
Annual Conference of the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology, St. Andrews
(UK) (2015)
- (7) *Omissions and expectations. Two studies on how moral and causal judgments depend on expectations*
Department for Cognitive and Decision Sciences, Causal Cognition Lab, University
College London (United Kingdom), *invited talk* (2016)
- (6) *Omissions without Expectations – A New Approach to the Metaphysics of Things We Failed to Do*
First Conference of the Experimental Philosophy Group Germany, Bochum (Germany)
(2015)
- (5) *Is there really an omission bias?*
Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference 2015, Buffalo (USA) (2015)
- (4) *Is there really an omission bias?*
Annual Conference of the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Tartu
(Estonia) (2015)
- (3) *Are Omissions on Par with Actions?*
6th Conference of Experimental Philosophy Group UK, Nottingham, (UK) (2015)
- (2) *Why Social Norms Matter for the Attribution of Moral Responsibility*
The Moral Domain: Conceptual Issues in Moral Psychology, Vilnius (Lithuania) (2014)

- (1) *Dennett's Concept of Rationality*
XXIII. Congress of the German Society for Philosophy 2014, Münster (Germany)
(2014)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- (6) Author for BrainsBlog, an interdisciplinary blog for researchers in the cognitive sciences.
<https://philosophyofbrains.com/2021/04/06/cognitive-science-of-philosophy-symposium-metaethics-and-experimental-philosophy.aspx>
- (5) Author for Philosophie.ch, a Swiss philosophy blog
<https://www.philosophie.ch/artikel/warum-ist-das-philosophisch-relevant-und-warum-ueberlaesst-du-diese-arbeit-nicht-lieber-den-psychologen>
- (4) Author for Praefaktisch, a German philosophy blog
<https://www.philosophie.ch/artikel/warum-ist-das-philosophisch-relevant-und-warum-ueberlaesst-du-diese-arbeit-nicht-lieber-den-psychologen>
- (3) Philosophical expert and interview partner for Quarks, a German popular scientific tv show: <https://www1.wdr.de/mediathek/video/sendungen/quarks-und-co/video-organspende--was-hilft-bei-der-entscheidung-100.html>
- (2) Radio interviews with national German radio stations (WDR3, Deutschlandfunk, RadioKöln)
On the relevance of social hierarchies in professional contexts moral responsibility attribution
- (1) Press Releases
<https://news.rub.de/presseinformationen/wissenschaft/2018-02-20-philosophie-warum-der-chef-immer-schuld-ist>

(* indicates joint first-authorship)

Monographs

- (1) **Willemsen, Pascale (2019)**. *Investigating the Role of Causal Responsibility for the Attribution of Moral Responsibility*. Paderborn: mentis.
ISBN-13: 978-3957431523

Edited Volumes

- (1) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Wiegmann, Alex (forthcoming). *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Causation*. Bloomsbury Press.

Peer-Reviewed Research Papers

- (13) Coninx, Sabrina; **Willemsen, Pascale**; Reuter, Kevin (forthcoming). An Experimental-Linguistic Study of the Folk Concept of Pain: Implication, Projection, & Deniability. In J. Culbertson, A. Perfors, Hugh Rabagliati, & V. Ramenzoni (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- (12) Baumgartner, Lucien; **Willemsen, Pascale**; Reuter, Kevin (forthcoming). The polarity effect of evaluative language. In J. Culbertson, A. Perfors, Hugh Rabagliati, & V. Ramenzoni (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*.
Pre-print available here: <http://philsci-archive.pitt.edu/20146/>
- (11) Wiegmann, A.; **Willemsen, P.**; Meibauer, J. (forthcoming). Lying, deceptive implicatures, and commitment. In press with *Ergo*.
Pre-print available here: <https://psyarxiv.com/n96eb>
- (10) Viebahn, Emanuel; Wiegmann, Alex; Engelmann, Neele; **Willemsen, Pascale (forthcoming)**. Can you lie by asking a question? An empirical investigation. In press with *Ergo*.
Pre-print available here: <https://osf.io/jfyn8>
- (9) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Reuter, Kevin (2021). Separating the evaluative from the descriptive: An empirical study of thick concepts. *Thought. A Journal of Philosophy*.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/tht3.488>
- (8) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Reuter, Kevin (2020). Separability and the Effect of Valence. *Proceedings of the 42th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society 2020*, pp. 794-800.
Link: <https://cognitivesciencesociety.org/cogsci20/papers/0141/index.html>
- (7) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Kirfel, Lara (2018). Recent empirical work on the relationship between causal judgments and norms. *Philosophy Compass*.
doi: 10.1111/phc3.12562
Link: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/phc3.12562>
- (6) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Kaspar, Kai; Newen, Albert (2018). A new look at the attribution of moral responsibility: The underestimated relevance of social roles. *Philosophical*

- Psychology*. (peer-reviewed)
doi: 10.1080/09515089.2018.1429592
Link: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09515089.2018.1429592>
- (5) Stephan, Simon; **Willemsen, Pascale**; Gerstenberg, Tobias (2017). Marbles in inaction: Counterfactual simulation and causation by omissions. *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society 2017*, pp. 1132-1137. (peer-reviewed)
- (4) Wiegmann, Alex; **Willemsen, Pascale** * (2017). How the truth can make a great lie: An empirical investigation of lying by falsely implicating. *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society 2017*, pp. 3516-3521. (peer-reviewed)
- (3) Wiegmann, Alex; Rutschmann, Ronja; **Willemsen, Pascale** * (2017). Empirically investigating the concept of lying. *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*.
doi: 10.1007/s40961.017-0112-z.
Link: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40961-017-0112-z>
- (2) **Willemsen, Pascale** (2016). Omissions without expectations – A new approach to the things we failed to do”, in *Synthese*. (peer-reviewed)
doi: 10.1007/s11229-016-1284-9.
Link: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11229-016-1284-9>
- (1) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Reuter, Kevin * (2016). Is there really an omission effect? *Philosophical Psychology*, 29(8). (peer-reviewed)
doi:10.1080/09515089.2016.1225194.
Link: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09515089.2016.1225194>

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- (5) Machery, E., Kneer, M., **Willemsen, P.**; Newen, A.; (forthcoming). Beyond the Courtroom: Agency and the Perception of Free will. In *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Action*, London: Bloomsbury Press. (peer-reviewed)
- (4) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Baumgartner, Lucien; Frohofer, Severin; Reuter, Kevin (forthcoming). Examining Thick Concepts in the Legal Discourse Using Corpus Analysis. In *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Law*, London: Bloomsbury Press. (peer-reviewed)
- (3) **Willemsen, Pascale** (forthcoming). Direct and Derivative Moral Responsibility – An overlooked distinction in experimental philosophy. Forthcoming in *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, Bloomsbury Press. (peer-reviewed)
- (2) **Willemsen, Pascale** (2020). The relevance of alternative possibilities for the attribution of moral responsibility for actions and omissions. In *Oxford Series in Experimental Philosophy*, Oxford University Press. (peer-reviewed)
doi: 10.1093/oso/9780198852407.003.0011
Link: <https://books.google.de/books?hl=de&lr=&id=LwfcDwAAQBAJ&oi=fnd&pg=PA232&dq=Willemsen+The+relevance+of+alternative+possibilities+&ots=laR7Fcckwa&sig=izv3N2Rlr3GvhaYGe6bIhaPcajI#v=onepage&q=Willemsen%20The%20relevance%20of%20alternative%20possibilities&f=false>

- (1) Sytsma, Justin; Bluhm, Roland; **Willemsen, Pascale**; Reuter, Kevin (2018). Causal attribution and corpus analysis, In: *Methodological Advances in Experimental Philosophy*, London: Bloomsbury Publishing. (peer-reviewed)
doi: 10.5040/9781350069022.ch-008
Link: <https://www.bloomsburycollections.com/book/methodological-advances-in-experimental-philosophy/ch7-causal-attributions-and-corpus-analysis>

Preprints of Papers Under Review and Unpublished Work

- (4) Sytsma, Justin; **Willemsen, Pascale**; Reuter, Kevin. Mutual entailment between causation and responsibility (under review, pre-print available upon request).
- (3) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Baumgartner, Lucien; Cepollaro, Bianca; Reuter, Kevin (ms). Evaluative Deflation, Social Expectations, and the Zone of Moral Indifference (under review, pre-print available upon request).
- (2) Reuter, Kevin; Baumgartner, Lucien; **Willemsen, Pascale** (ms). Tracing Thick Concepts Through Corpora (under review, pre-print available upon request).
- (1) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Wiegmann, Alex (2017). I must although I can't?!? Suggestions for a two-level theory of 'ought implies can'.
<https://psyarxiv.com/hyq9u/>

Advanced Work-in-Progress

- (2) **Willemsen, Pascale**. Metaethics. Philosophical and empirical perspectives. Invited for publication with *Compact Compendium of Experimental Philosophy*, Berlin: deGruyter. (This article is a chapter in a textbook for beginners in experimental philosophy)
- (1) **Willemsen, Pascale**; Martens, Judith. Do thick concepts provide reasons for action? (full-length paper for a peer-reviewed philosophy journal)

TAUGHT SEMINARS

Since 2014, I have taught 10 courses in philosophy at the bachelor's and master's levels. My students were mostly students of philosophy, but many of my courses at Ruhr-University Bochum were open to students in the interdisciplinary master's programme in Cognitive Science. I have taught courses belonging to modules in practical and theoretical philosophy alike, covering both classic authors, such as Aristotle, Immanuel Kant, or David Hume, and contemporary authors, e.g. Sally Haslanger, Edouard Machery, or Valerie Tiberius.

Normative Language in Moral Philosophy

BA Philosophy, taught in English, Spring 2021

University of Zurich

Module(s): Ethics, Philosophy of Language

Taught: 12 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): Charles L. Stevenson, Richard M. Hare, Sally Haslanger, Isidora Stojanovic

Experimental Philosophy and Questions in Moral Philosophy and Psychology

BA Philosophy, MA Philosophy, MSc. Psychology, and MSc. Cognitive Science, taught in English, block seminar, Summer 2019

Ruhr-University Bochum

Module(s): Theoretical Philosophy; Methods in Cognitive Science

Taught: 14 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): Justin Sytsma, Robert Nozick, Valerie Tiberius, Nina Strohminger

Introduction to Moral Psychology

BA Philosophy, MA Philosophy, MSc. Psychology, and MSc. Cognitive Science, taught in English, Winter 2018/19

Ruhr-University Bochum

Module(s): Theoretical Philosophy; Practical Philosophy; Methods in Cognitive Science

Taught: 14 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): David Hume, Shaun Nichols, Valerie Tiberius, Mark Schroeder

Philosophical Thought Experiments and Experimental Philosophy

BA Philosophy, MA Philosophy, and MSc. Cognitive Science, taught in English, Winter 2018/19

Ruhr-University Bochum

Module(s): Theoretical Philosophy; Methods in Cognitive Science

Taught: 14 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): based on Edouard Macher's book "Philosophy within its proper bounds", also read were Robert Nozick, Donald Davidson, and Alvin Goldman

Handlungen, Ereignisse, und ihre Erklärungen (Actions, Events, and Their Explanations)

BA Philosophy, first year, taught in German, Winter 2018/19

Ruhr-University Bochum

Module(s): Theoretical Philosophy (Begleitseminar)

Taught: 14 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): Donald Davidson, William van Orman Quine, Ralf Stoecker

Experimental Philosophy of Responsibility – Perspectives from Ethics, Metaphysics, and the Law

BA Philosophy, MA Philosophy and MSc. Cognitive Science, and Law, taught in English, Summer 2018

Ruhr-University Bochum

Module(s): Practical Philosophy, Philosophy Module (Cognitive Science Master)

Taught: 14 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): Immanuel Kant, Edouard Machery, Bertram Malle

Happiness, Well-Being, and Morality

BA Philosophy, MA Philosophy, MSc Psychology and MSc. Cognitive Science, taught in English, Summer 2018

Ruhr-University Bochum

Module(s): Practical Philosophy, Philosophy Module (Cognitive Science Master)

Taught: 14 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): Aristotle, Jeremy Bentham, Martha Nussbaum, Ed Diener, Anna Alexandrova

Moderne Handlungstheorie (Modern Philosophy of Action)

BA Philosophy, taught in German, Summer 2018

Ruhr-University Bochum

Module(s): Theoretical Philosophy

Taught: 14 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): Bernard Williams, Harry Frankfurt, John Martin Fischer, Rosalinde Hursthouse

Experimental Philosophy of Morality

MA Philosophy and MSc. Cognitive Science, taught in English, Summer 2017

Ruhr-University Bochum

Module(s): Theoretical Philosophy; Basic Methods in Cognitive Science

Taught: 14 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): H.L.A Hart and Tony Honoré, Judith Jarvis Thomson, Justin Sytsma, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong

Agency and Moral Responsibility

MA Philosophy and MSc. Cognitive Science, taught in English, Summer 2014

Ruhr-University Bochum

Module(s): Theoretical Philosophy; Basic Methods in Cognitive Science

Taught: 14 weeks, 90 minutes per week

Read authors (selection): Albert Newen, Shaun Gallagher, Joshua Knobe

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

I am the PhD supervisor of Walker Siu Hong Au (co-supervisor: Christoph Halbig). His dissertation deals with the Disentanglement and the Shapelessness Arguments in metaethics. Walker Siu Hong Au aims to understand whether thick concepts can be mastered without sharing the community's evaluative standpoint. Being from Hongkong himself and having undergone an education that was influenced by Confucian and Buddhist principles and values, Walker Siu Hong uses examples of concepts that cannot be translated to Western languages.

Further, I am the PhD supervisor of Rosana Strubelj (co-supervisor: Peter Schaber). Her dissertation investigates the practice of evaluative speech and, more specifically, the use of objectionable thick concepts in political discourse. Using methods from experimental linguistics and psychology, Rosana Strubelj examines how members of different political orientations use evaluative terms, how they express normative disagreement with one another, and how differences in evaluations are ameliorated in joint discussions.

I co-supervised the dissertation of Dr Sabrina Coninx as an informal academic advisor (main supervisor: Albert Newen, co-supervisor: Collin Klein). Dr Sabrina Coninx is an assistant professor in philosophy at Ruhr University Bochum.

I supervised the master's dissertation (programme in Cognitive Science, first supervisor: Albert Newen) of Marianna Leventi on alternative possibilities and moral responsibility, using methods from experimental philosophy. Marianna Leventi is now a PhD candidate in philosophy at Lund University.

I co-supervised the bachelor's dissertation of Kelly Lee in Experimental Psychology at University College London, focusing on moral and causal responsibility attribution for omissions in medical care (main supervisor: David Lagnado).

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