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Curriculum Vitae

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Ethics (Classical, Mediaeval and Modern Theories of Justice, Action Theory, Classical and Modern Theories of Friendship), Classical Philosophy of Self (Descartes and Augustine), Metaphysics and Philosophy as a System (Spinoza, German Idealism), Classical and Mediaeval Aristotelism (esp. Thomas Aquinas), History of Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Classical and Modern German and French Philosophy (Kant, Hegel, Heidegger, Adorno, Sartre, Derrida), Phenomenology, Aesthetics, Philosophy as System (Spinoza, Hegel)

EDUCATION

2016 Habilitation at the Otto-Friedrich-University Bamberg

Topic of the Habilitation: *Gerechtigkeit als allgemeine Tugend. Die Rezeption der aristotelischen Gerechtigkeitstheorie im Mittelalter und das Problem des ethischen Universalismus (Justice as General Virtue. The Mediaeval Reception of Aristotle's Theory of Justice and the Problem of Moral Universalism)*

2008 PhD in Philosophy at the Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena

PhD Thesis: *Sum und cogito – Grundfiguren zeitlichen Selbstseins bei Augustinus und Descartes (Sum and cogito – Augustine's and Descartes's Theories of the Finite Self)*

2003 Magister Artium (Philosophy, English Literature, History of Art)

1995-2003 Student at the Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Since 2010 I have been Assistant Professor at University of Bamberg, Germany, where I am in charge of under-graduate and graduate teaching, supervising B.A., M.A., and PhD theses, examination and administration, and the course guidance for the B.A. and M.A. students.

I have been director of the Research Centre for Methods of the Justification of Normativity (Forschungsstelle für Methoden der Normenbegründung) at the philosophy department at University of Bamberg since 2011.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2012-2015 Research Project: *Metaphysik, Theologie und Ethik im Naturrecht der ‚Epochenschwelle‘ von der Spanischen Spätscholastik zur Neuzeit: Gabriel Vázquez und Baruch Spinoza* (Metaphysics, Theology, and Ethics at the Turn from Late Scholasticism to Early Modern Philosophy: Natural Law in Gabriel Vázquez and Baruch Spinoza) (financed by Fritz-Thyssen-Stiftung)

2008-2010 Research Assistent at the Martin-Grabmann-Institut für mittelalterliche Theologie und Philosophie at Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

2005-2007 PhD Scholarship of the Free State of Thuringia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Since 2006 I have taught courses for students up to M.A. level in Metaphysics, Ethics, Phenomenology, Mediaeval Philosophy, German Idealism, and other classical texts of continental philosophy. I have given more than 30 seminars and lectures.

DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH

I have been educated in German Idealism, Phenomenology and Critical Theory during my studies at the University of Jena, focusing especially on metaphysics, theories of subjectivity, philosophy as a system and aesthetics. I still pursue this line of research in my talks, papers and teaching. In my PhD thesis I investigated Augustine's and Descartes' conceptions of finite selfhood and time. My aim was to show that Augustine's approach to finite subjectivity, especially in his *De trinitate*, was much more successful to describe the structure of the self than Descartes' theory. In another line of research, i.e. in my habilitation thesis, I focus on the reception of Aristotle's theory of justice in mediaeval philosophy and the question whether and how it is possible to argue for moral universalism. This analysis of the mediaeval reception of Aristotle might give some insight into and possibly even solutions of some problems that the modern reception of Aristotle, esp. Virtue Ethics and the Natural Law Theory of John Finnis, has to face.

The general idea of my research is that historic approaches to philosophy can not only help us develop alternative ideas, concepts, and arguments for current discussions, but can also uncover and criticise the underlying premises of contemporary philosophical debates. I follow this line in two further research projects: first, the investigation of the change and development of Natural Law Theory at the epochal threshold from Late Scholasticism and Modern Philosophy. Here I focus on Gabriel Vázquez as an example for Late Scholasticism and on Spinoza as an influential modern philosopher. I'm especially interested in the question how these authors integrate the concept of natural law into their theories. I'm also asking whether and how classical Natural Law Theory can still be pursued in the light of Modern Philosophy. The second project focuses on Heidegger's reception of classical

authors, especially Plato and Thomas of Erfurt. I am especially interested in the question how Heidegger reads these authors and how he reflects upon his method of reading and interpreting.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Monographs

Gerechtigkeit als allgemeine Tugend. Die Rezeption der aristotelischen Gerechtigkeitslehre im Mittelalter und das Problem des ethischen Universalismus. (Justice as General Virtue. The Mediaeval Reception of Aristotle's Theory of Justice and the Problem of Moral Universalism.) Berlin: de Gruyter, 2016. (Habilitation)

Sum und cogito – Grundfiguren endlichen Selbstseins bei Augustinus und Descartes. (Sum and cogito – Augustine's and Descartes's Theories of the Finite Self.) Paderborn: Schöningh, 2010. (Dissertation)

2. (Co-)Editor

SOPHISTES: Plato's Dialogue and Heidegger's Lecture in Marburg (1924/25). Ed. Diego De Brasi/Marko J. Fuchs. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishers, 2016.

Der Gesetzesbegriff in der Moral-, Rechts- und Politiktheorie der ‚Schule von Salamanca‘ – The Concept of Law (lex) in Moral, Legal, and Political Thought of the ‚School of Salamanca‘. Ed. Kirstin Bunge/Marko J. Fuchs/Danaë Simmermacher/Anselm Spindler. Leiden: Brill, 2016.

Funktion und Normativität bei Darwin und Aristoteles. Natur als Entstehungsrahmen von Moral? (Function and Normativity in Darwin and Aristotle. Nature as Basis for Morality?) Ed. Marko J. Fuchs/Annett Wienmeister. Bamberg: University Press, 2016.

3. Articles and Introductions

“Radikaler Kollektivismus? Individuum und Staat bei Platon und Hegel.” (“Radical Collectivism? Individuals and the State in Plato and Hegel.”) Forthcoming (Festschrift für Albert Mues).

“Hurtado on the Liberty of Conscience (libertas conscientiae)”. Forthcoming (Proceedings of the Conference: “Pedro Hurtado de Mendoza (1578-1641): System, Sources and Influence”, Budweis, Czech Republic, 2016).

“Philosophie, Kunst und Kritik bei Adorno.” (“Philosophy, Art, and Criticism in Adorno.”) Forthcoming (Proceedings of the Conference: “Grenzgänge in der Philosophie. Denken darstellen”, Bamberg 2016).

“Nicholas of Cusa: Natural Law, Religions, and Peace: facing Diversity through Philosophy in Pre-Modern Europe.” Forthcoming (Proceedings of the Workshop: “Moral realism and political decisions: a new framework of practical rationality for contemporary multicultural Europe”, Trieste, Italy, 2014).

“Die Lehre vom gerechten Krieg im Mittelalter: Thomas von Aquin.” (“Just War Theory in Mediaeval Philosophy: Thomas Aquinas.”) In: Handbuch Friedensethik. Ed. Klaus Ebeling/Ines-Jacqueline Werkner. Wiesbaden: Springer, 2017.

(With Kirstin Bunge/Danaë Simmermacher/Anselm Spindler) “Introduction.” In: Der Gesetzesbegriff in der Moral-, Rechts- und Politiktheorie der ‘Schule von Salamanca’ – The Concept of Law (lex) in Moral, Legal, and Political Thought of the ‘School of Salamanca’. Ed. Kirstin Bunge/Marko J. Fuchs/Danaë Simmermacher/Anselm Spindler. Leiden: Brill, 2016.

(With Annett Wienmeister) “Einleitung.” (“Introduction.”) In: Funktion und Normativität bei Darwin und Aristoteles. Natur als Entstehungsrahmen von Moral? (Function and Normativity in Darwin and Aristotle. Nature as Basis for Morality?) Ed. Marko J. Fuchs/Annett Wienmeister. Bamberg: University Press, 2016.

(With Diego De Brasi) “Introduction.” In: SOPHISTES: Plato’s Dialogue and Heidegger’s Lecture in Marburg (1924/25). Ed. Diego De Brasi/Marko J. Fuchs. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishers, 2016.

(With Alexander Fischer) “Solidarity at the Time of the Fall: Adorno and Rorty on Moral Realism.” In: *Etica & Politica/Ethics & Politics*, XVI, 2014, 2, pp. 550-559

“Univocität und Distinktion. Metaphysische Grundstrukturen bei Duns Scotus, Suárez, Descartes und Spinoza.” (“Univocity and Distinction. Basic Metaphysical Structures in Duns Scotus, Suárez, Descartes, and Spinoza.”) In: Lukáš Novák (Ed.). *Suárez’s Metaphysics in Its Historical and Systematic Context. Contemporary Scholasticism Bd. II.* Berlin u. a.: de Gruyter, 2014, pp. 105-116.

(With Diego De Brasi) “Heideggers Interpretation des platonischen Sophistes.” (“Heidegger’s Interpretations of Plato’s Sophist.”) In: *EPEKEINA* vol. 4, n. 1 (2014), pp. 343-354 (<http://www.ricercafilosofica.it/epekeina/index.php/epekeina/article/view/81/96>)

“Passio est aequivocum – passiones animae und affectiones voluntatis bei Johannes Duns Scotus.” (“Passio est aequivocum – passiones animae and affectiones voluntatis in John Duns Scotus.”) In: Christian Schäfer/Martin Thurner (Ed.). *Passiones animae. Die „Leidenschaften der Seele“ in der mittelalterlichen Theologie und Philosophie.* Berlin: Akademie-Verlag, 2013.

“Philia and Caritas: Some Aspects of Aquinas’s Reception of Aristotle’s Theory of Friendship.” In: Tobias Hoffmann/Matthias Perkams/Jörn Müller (Ed.). *Thomas Aquinas and the Nicomachean Ethics.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

“Die Identität des Freundes: Derrida, Spinoza, Aristoteles.” (“The Identity of the Friend: Derrida, Spinoza, Aristotle.”) In: Christian Schäfer/Uwe Voigt (Ed.). *Memoria – Intellectus – Voluntas. Festschrift für Erwin Schadel.* Frankfurt/Main (u. a.): Peter Lang, 2011, pp. 51-66.

“Ethik und Metaphysik. Strukturelle und systematische Überlegungen zur Gerechtigkeitstheorie bei Martha Nussbaum, Aristoteles und Albertus Magnus.” (“Ethics and Metaphysics. Structural and Systematic Reflections on Martha Nussbaum’s, Aristotle’s,

and Albert the Great's Theories of Justice.") *Münchener Theologische Zeitschrift* 62 (2011), pp. 236-248.

"Spiegel und Bild. Die Konstellation von Selbst- und Gotteserkenntnis bei Augustinus." ("Mirror and Image. The Constellation of Self-Knowledge and Knowledge of God in Augustine.") In: S. Neuber/R. Veressov (Ed.). *Das Bild als Denkfigur. Funktionen des Bildbegriffs in der Geschichte der Philosophie*. München: Fink, 2010, pp. 79-92.

"Gesetzesgerechtigkeit, Naturrecht und Naturgesetz bei Thomas von Aquin." ("Legal Justice, Natural Right and Natural Law in Thomas Aquinas.") In: B. K. Hoppál (Hg.). *Aquinói Tamás és a Tomizmus ma – Thomas Aquinas and Thomism Today*. Budapest: Harmattan, 2010, pp. 125-149.

"Grundprobleme endlichen Selbstseins: Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Henrich." ("Basics Problems of Finite Selfhood: Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Henrich.") In: *Phänomenologische Forschungen* 2008, pp. 89-111.

4. Entries

"Si fallor, sum". Forthcoming (*Augustinus-Lexikon*. Ed. Cornelius Mayer. Basel: Schwabe).

"Descartes". In: *The Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of St. Augustine*. Bd. II. Ed. Karla Pollmann. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 872-874.

"Descartes". In: *The Encyclopedia of Time*. Ed. H. James Birx. Los Angeles (u.a.): Sage, 2009, Bd. I, pp. 290-294.

5. Reviews

De Vitoria, Francisco. *De actibus humanis. Sobre los actos humanos*. Editado, introducido y traducido al español por Augusto Sarmiento. *Politische Philosophie und Rechtsphilosophie des Mittelalters und der Neuzeit. Text und Untersuchungen*, Bd. I, 8. Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt: Frommann-Holzboog, 2015. In: *Editionen in der Kritik*, Bd. 9.

Stamatellos, Giannis. *Plotinus and the Presocratics. A Philosophical Study of Presocratic Influences in Plotinus' Enneads*. New York: State University of New York Press, 2007. In: *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 31.09.2007 (<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2007/2007-09-31.html>)

CONFERENCE PAPERS GIVEN

10.03.2017 "Two Paradigmatic Forms of Natural Law Theory: Aquinas and Spinoza." Workshop 'Nature, Value and Normativity', 09.-11.03.2017, University of Udine, Italy

25.11.2016 'Hurtado on the Liberty of Conscience (libertas conscientiae).' International Conference 'Pedro Hurtado de Mendoza (1578-1641): System, Sources and Influence', 25.-27.11.2016, University of Budweis, Czech Republic

12.07.2016 'Die überwundene Metaphysik verschwindet nicht' – System bei Heidegger und Spinoza. Habilitation Talk, University of Bamberg

- 26.04.2016 Philosophie, Kunst und Kritik bei Adorno. Conference 'Grenzgänge in der Philosophie', 25.-26.04.2016, University of Bamberg
- 28.05.2016 Francisco Suárez on Natural Law and the Necessity of a Lawgiver – Historical and Systematical Perspectives. University of Budweis, Czech Republic
- 15.02.2016 “Metaphysics and Epistemology as Ethics in Spinoza: Ethics as a Monistic Philosophical System.” Talk given at Yale-NUS, Singapore
- 15.05.2015 “Freiheit, die sich Dasein gibt. Individuum und Staat bei Platon und Hegel.” 9. Workshop der AG Praktische Philosophie der GAPNH, University of Marburg
- 17.12.2014 “Nicholas of Cusa: Natural Law, Religions, and Peace: facing diversity through philosophy in pre-modern Europe”. Practical rationality in political contexts – Facing diversity in contemporary multicultural Europe, University of Trieste
- 20.02.2014 “Funktion und Normativität bei Darwin und Aristoteles – Natur als Entstehungsrahmen von Moralität?” Funktion und Normativität bei Darwin und Aristoteles, University of Bamberg
- 22.11.2013 “Phänomenologie des Naturgesetzes? Die Naturgesetzestheorie von Thomas von Aquin und die existenzialistische Phänomenologie Jean-Paul Sartre.” Sartre und die Situation des Menschen in der Gegenwart, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
- 19.09.2013 “Philosophisches Essaywriting am Institut für Philosophie der Universität Bamberg.” Schreibpraxis Philosophie, University of Münster
- 03.03.2012 “Der Ursprung politischer Herrschaft bei William von Ockham.” Der Gesetzesbegriff in der Schule von Salamanca, University of Bamberg
- 30.06.2011 “Der Gesetzesbegriff bei Domingo de Soto”. Der Gesetzesbegriff in der Schule von Salamanca, University of Frankfurt am Main
- 29.01.2010 “Transformationen des Naturrechts: Thomas von Aquin und Domingo de Soto.” Neue Forschungen aus der Mediävistik, LMU München
- 07.03.2009 “Gesetzesgerechtigkeit und Naturgesetz bei Thomas von Aquin.” Thomas Aquinas and Thomism of Today – Tradition, Interpretation, and Perspectives, Piliscaba/Budapest
- 19.10.2008 “Die Identität des Freundes – Derrida und Aristoteles.” 1. Workshop der AG Praktische Philosophie der GANPH, University of Würzburg
- 03.10.2008 “Die Distinktionstheorien bei Suárez, Descartes und Spinoza.” Suárez's Metaphysics – Disputationes Metaphysicae in their Historical and Systematic Context, University of Prag

MEMBERSHIPS

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil)

Gesellschaft für antike Philosophie (GANPH)

Gesellschaft für Philosophie des Mittelalters und der Renaissance (GPMR)

Fränkische Gesellschaft für Philosophie (FGPh – President from 2011-2016)