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### CURRENT POSITION

since 2013      Research Fellow, Zukunftskolleg, University Konstanz (2013 – 2018)  
Research Project: “*Imagination and Reasoning*”  
Co-Director, Emmy Noether Research Group “*Understanding and the A Priori*”, Philosophy Department, University of Konstanz

### EDUCATION

Dr. phil.      Philosophy, University of Cologne, awarded 2009  
Dissertation: *Intentional Horizons. The Mind from an Epistemic Point of View*,  
summa cum laude (0,0)

M.A.      Philosophy (major), German Literature and Comparative Literature,  
University of Bonn, awarded 2003  
Thesis: *Phenomenal Character and Intentionality*, exceptional (1,0)

Visiting Graduate Student      Philosophy Program, RSSH, Australian National  
University, 2005-2006

### PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2009 – 2013      Co-Director, Emmy Noether Research Group “*Understanding and the A Priori*”, Philosophy Department, University of Cologne

2008      Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Philosophy Program, RSSH,  
Australian National University (sponsored by DAAD)

2007 – 2008      Lecturer and Visiting Research Fellow, Philosophy Department,  
University of California at Davis

2003 – 2005      Graduate Research Assistant and Coordinator of the  
Interdisciplinary Research Group “*Knowing That and Knowing How*”, Philosophy Department, University of Bonn

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Meta-Philosophy

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Phenomenology, History of Analytic  
Philosophy

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **MONOGRAPHS**

1. “*Intentional Horizons. The Mind from an Epistemic Point of View*”, Mind, Knowledge and Communication series (ed. T. Metzinger/C. Fehige) mentis 2009 (peer-reviewed monograph)

### **IN JOURNALS**

2. “Conceptual Analysis and Epistemic Progress”, *Synthese*, 2013, 190: 3053-3074, DOI: 10.1007/s11229-012-0120-0
3. “Reasoning as a Source of Justification”, *Philosophical Studies*, 2013, (with B. Balcerak Jackson)
4. “Understanding and Philosophical Methodology”, *Philosophical Studies*, 2012, 161, 2: 185-205 (with B. Balcerak Jackson), DOI: 10.1007/s11098-011-9729-y

### **IN PEER-REFEREED COLLECTIONS**

5. “Justification by Imagination”, *Perceptual Memory and Perceptual Imagination*, collection ed. by F. Dorsch/F. Macpherson, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
6. “The Epistemic Value of Imagining, Supposing and Conceiving”, *Knowledge through Imagination*, collection ed. by A. Kind/P. Kung, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

## **COMMITTED INVITED ARTICLES**

7. “Can Epistemic Analyticity Explain A Priority?”, for a collection of essays on the *A Priori*, edited by Dylan Dodd and Elia Zardini.
8. “Imagination and the A Priori / A Posteriori Distinction”, *Synthese*.
9. “When Can Implies Ought. Cognitive Capacities and Rational Requirements”, for *Reasoning. Essays on Theoretical and Practical Thinking*, edited by M. and B. Balcerak Jackson.

## **EDITORSHIPS**

1. “The Roles of Experience in A Priori Knowledge”, Special Issue of *Synthese*, edited with T. Grundmann, forthcoming (with an introduction by the editors).
2. “*Reasoning. Essays on Theoretical and Practical Thinking*” (working title), in preparation with Brendan Balcerak Jackson.

## **WORK UNDER REVIEW AND WORK IN PROGRESS**

1. “The Perspectivity of Imagination”
2. “Perceptual Fundamentalism and A Priori Bootstrapping”
3. “Thought Experiments and Model-Based Philosophy”
4. “Intuitions as Inferential Judgments”

## GRANTS

- Emmy Noether Research Group Grant “*Understanding and the A Priori*”, (with Brendan Balcerak Jackson), German Academic Research Council (DFG), 2009-2014 (ca. 1 600 000 Euros)
- Grant for Colloquium on “*Imagination and Fiction*” at GAP Conference 2015, German Association for Analytic Philosophy (GAP) (with Julia Langkau, ca. 3000 Euro)
- Grant for an Interdisciplinary Course on “*The Philosophy of Archeology*”, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, July 2014 (with Maria Cruz Berrocal, Archeology, ca. 7000 Euro)
- Grant for supporting the “*Reasoning Conference*”, German Association for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), July 2014 (700 Euro)
- Grant for Research Stay at MIT, Mentorship Prof. Alex Byrne, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, April-May 2014 (ca. 5500 Euro)
- Grant for Scientific Retreat on “*Imagination*” on Island Reichenau, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, December 2013 (with Julia Langkau, ca. 4500 Euro)
- Supporting Grant for an Author-Meets-Critics Workshop on David Chalmers’ “*Constructing the World*” in Bonn, German Association for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), June 2013 (500 Euros)
- Supporting Grant for a Conference on “*The Roles of Experience in A Priori Knowledge*” German Association for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), October 2012 (with Thomas Grundmann, 500 Euros)

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Visiting Scholar, Philosophy, MIT, April – May 2014
- Visiting Scholar, Philosophy Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, March – July 2010
- Offermann-Hergarten Award for an outstanding academic publication by a younger scholar at the University of Cologne, 2010
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship for research at the RSSH, Australian National University, German Academic Exchange Council (DAAD), July-Dec 2008
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship for research at the University of California Berkeley, German Academic Exchange Council (DAAD), July 2007-August 2008 – declined to take up position at UC Davis
- Full Doctoral Scholarship, German National Academic Merit Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes) 2005-2007
- Travel Fellowship, Visiting Graduate Student at Australian National University, German National Academic Merit Foundation, 2005-2006
- M.A. Scholarship, Friedrich-Ebert Foundation, 2000-2003

## ACADEMIC SERVICE (SELECTED)

- Member of the Executive Committee of the Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz
- Associate Member of the interdisciplinary DFG Research Group “What IF”, University of Konstanz
- Reviewer for *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*
- Member of the Editorial Panel for *Thought*
- Reviewer for *Oxford University Press*
- Member of the Selection Committee, German National Merit Foundation
- Mentor for gifted students, German National Merit Foundation
- Editor of PhilPapers categories “Thought Experiments”, “Rationalism”
- Editor of Synthese Special Issue on *The Roles of Experience in A Priori Knowledge* (with Thomas Grundmann), forthcoming 2013-2014
- Co-Leader of the Emmy Noether Research Group *Understanding and the A Priori* funded by the DFG
- Coordinator of the interdisciplinary research group *Knowing That and Knowing How* at the University of Bonn

## CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- Organizer of *Imagination and Fiction*, Kolloquium at GAP Conference (with Julia Langkau), Osnabrück, September 2015
- Organizer of *Reasoning Conference*, Konstanz, July 2014
- Organizer of Philosophical Retreat on *Imagination*, (with Julia Langkau), Island Reichenau, July 2014
- Organizing Committee of Zukunftskolleg Scientific Retreat on *Interdisciplinarity*, Villa Vigoni/Italy, October 2013
- Organizer of *Constructing the World. Author Meets Critics Workshop with David Chalmers*, (with B. Balcerak Jackson), Bonn, May 2013
- Organizer of *The Roles of Experience in A Priori Knowledge Conference*, (with T. Grundmann), Cologne, October 2012
- Organizer of *The Epistemology of Philosophy Conference*, (with B. Balcerak Jackson), Cologne, June 2011
- Organizer of *Surrogate Reasoning in Science and Philosophy Workshop*, (with D. Stoljar, M. Weisberg and B. Balcerak Jackson), ANU, Aug 2010
- Organizer of *Meaning, Modality and A Priority Workshop* (with B. Balcerak Jackson and Lars Dänzer), Cologne, May 2010
- Organizer of *New Research on the A Priori Workshop*, Cologne, Apr 2010
- Organizer of *Issues in Philosophical Methodology Workshop*, Cologne, July 2009

## TEACHING

### PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

- “Possible Worlds in Language and Mind” (Advanced Seminar, University of Konstanz, Winter 2014/2015)
- “Imagination” (Advanced Seminar, University of Konstanz, Winter 2013/2014)
- “Consciousness” (Advanced Seminar, University of Cologne, Winter 2010/2011)
- “The Evolution of Mind: Naturalizing Intentionality” (Upper Level Course, UC Davis, Winter 2008)

### EPISTEMOLOGY AND META-PHILOSOPHY

- “Self-Knowledge and Introspection” (Advanced Seminar, University of Cologne, Winter 2009/2010)
- “The Philosophy of Philosophy” (Advanced Seminar, with B. Balcerak Jackson, University of Cologne, Summer 2009)
- “Critical Reasoning” (Lecture, UC Davis, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008)

### PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

- “The Philosophy of Archeology” (Advanced Seminar and Excursion, University of Konstanz, Spring 2015)
- “Understanding Scientific Change” (Lecture, UC Davis, Winter 2008)

### HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

- “20<sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy: Phenomenology” (Upper Level Course, UC Davis, Fall 2007)

### APPLIED ETHICS

- “Food Ethics” (Advanced Seminar, University of Konstanz, Winter 2013/2014)

## PRESENTATIONS

1. “The Significance of Epistemic Analyticity”, Conference on *Analyticity*, Lisbon, September 2014
2. “When Can Implies Ought”(with B. Balcerak Jackson), *Reasoning Conference*, Konstanz, July 2014
3. “Intuitionen als Inferenzen”, *University of Hamburg*, July 2014
4. “The cognitive value of imagination”, *Zukunftskolleg*, University of Konstanz, June 2014
5. “Imagination and the A Priori/A Posteriori Distinction”, *Uppsala University*, May 2014
6. “The Perspectivity of Imagination”, *Epistemology Brownbag Series*, Northwestern University, May 2014
7. “Imagination and the A Priori / A Posteriori Distinction”, *Epistemology Reading Group*, MIT, April 2014
8. “Imagination and the A Priori / A Posteriori Distinction”, *Boston University*, April 2014

9. "Imagination and the A Priori / A Posteriori Distinction", *Work in Progress Seminar*, MIT, April 2014
10. "Imagining, Conceiving and Supposing", *2<sup>nd</sup> Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference*, Budapest, September 2013
11. "Die Perspektivität der Imagination", *LMU Munich*, July 2013
12. "The Thick Perspectivity of Imagination", *ESPP Conference*, Granada, July 2013
13. Comments on S. Dogramaci, Varieties of Validity Worth Having, *Midsummer Philosophy Workshop*, Edinburgh, June 2013
14. "Imagination and the A Priori/A Posteriori Distinction", *GAP 8*, Konstanz, September 2012
15. "Reasoning as a Source of Justification" (with B. Balcerak Jackson), *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference 2012*, July/August 2012
16. "What Reasoning Can and Cannot Do", *Summerschool in Philosophy with Ralph Wedgwood*, Cologne, July 2012
17. "Imagination and the A Priori/A Posteriori Distinction", *A Priori Conference*, Aberdeen, June 2012
18. "The Epistemic Role of Imagination", University of Hamburg, November 2011
19. "Justification by Imagination", *Perceptual Imagination and Perceptual Memory Conference*, Glasgow, September 2011
20. "Two-Dimensionalism and the Rich Contents of Perception", *2D Semantics and Conceptual Analysis Conference*, Cologne, June 2011
21. "Imagination, Commitment and Justification", *Epistemology of Philosophy Conference*, Cologne, June 2011
22. "Thought Experiments and Models", *Surrogate Reasoning in Science and Philosophy Workshop*, Australian National University, August 2010
23. "Why Intuitions are Inferential and Why it Matters", *Epistemology Workshop*, Australian National University, August 2010
24. "Intentionalism and the Structure of Experience", *AAP*, Sydney University, July 2010
25. "Intentionalismus und die Struktur der Erfahrung", Cologne University, May 2010
26. "Intuitions as Inferential Judgments", *New Research on the A Priori Workshop*, Cologne, April 2010
27. "Intuitions as Inferential Judgments", RSSS, Australian National University, March 2010
28. "Understanding and Philosophical Methodology", *Workshop with Timothy Williamson*, Cologne, January 2010
29. "A Problem for Disjunctive Relationism about Perception", *GAP 7 Bremen*, September 2009
30. "Two Stories about the Reliability of Intuitions", *Summer School with Alvin Goldman*, Cologne, August 2009
31. "Experience, Self-Knowledge and the Synthetic A Priori", *Thought Experiments Conference*, Fortaleza/Brasil, August 2009

32. “Thought Experiments and Model-Based Philosophy”, *Issues in Philosophical Methodology Workshop*, Cologne, July 2009
33. “Experience, Self-Knowledge and the Synthetic A Priori”, RSSS, Australian National University, November 2008
34. “An Epistemic Argument for Intentionalism”, University of Sydney, Oct 2008
35. “Understanding and Philosophical Methodology” (with B. Balcerak Jackson), Philsoc, Australian National University, September 2008
36. “The Epistemic Significance of Conscious Experience”, Bryn Mawr College, February 2008
37. “The Cognitive Dynamics of Conceptual Analysis”, University of California at Davis, May 2007
38. “The Cognitive Dynamics of Conceptual Analysis”, *GAP Berlin*, September 2006
39. “Epistemic Agents: Hyper-Ideal, Ideal, or Human” (with JC Bjerring), *Summer School with David Chalmers*, Cologne, August 2006
40. “Conceptual Analysis as Quasi-Scientific Practice”, *AAP*, Canberra, July 2006
41. “The Methodological Suspension of Reference”, *Philsoc*, Australian National University, May 2006
42. “On Cognitively Significant A Priori Reasoning”, *Philsoc*, Australian National University, November 2005
43. “Intentionalismus in der Philosophie des Geistes”, Bonn University, July 2005

## LANGUAGES

- German, English (fluent)
- Polish (native tongue)
- French (good reading and speaking knowledge)
- Latin (good reading knowledge)

## REFERENCES

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