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LMU Munich – Chair of Philosophy II (Prof Axel Hutter)

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AREAS OF INTEREST

AoS Epistemology, esp. Philosophy of Perception and Self-Consciousness; Metaphysics, esp. Conceptions of Love and Body; Kant and Hegel, Wittgenstein, McDowell

AoC Metaphysics; Philosophy of Religion, Philosophical Theology; German Idealism, Rosenzweig, Critical Theory (esp. Adorno), Analytic Philosophy (esp. Analytic Kantianism and Hegelianism)

APPOINTMENTS

2019-
Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (≈ assistant professor) at the Chair of Theoretical Philosophy (Prof Axel Hutter)

2014-2016; 2017
Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (≈ Fixed-Term Lecturer) at the Chair of Theoretical Philosophy (Prof Axel Hutter)

2012-2014
Studentische/Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft (≈ Teaching Assistant) at the Chair of Theoretical Philosophy (Prof Axel Hutter)

EDUCATION

Winter Semester 2019/20 Completion of PhD in Theoretical Philosophy (*summa cum laude*)

Title of Doctoral Dissertation:

„Die Aktivität der Wahrnehmung und die Metaphysik des Geistes. Eine aktualisierende Lektüre von Hegels Philosophie des Geistes“
(„*The Activity of Perception and the Metaphysics of Spirit. A Renewing Reading of Hegel's Philosophy of Spirit*“)

Supervisor: Axel Hutter

2018 Visiting Scholar – University of Pittsburgh

Host: John McDowell

2010-2014 Graduate Student of Philosophy (Major), Theology (1st Minor) and Classics (2nd Minor)

Magister Thesis (MA Thesis equivalent) on Objectivity and Metaphysics in Wittgenstein

2012 Visiting Student – University of Oxford (The Queen's College)

Studies in the Philosophy of Wittgenstein

Supervisor: P.M.S. Hacker

2009-2012 Undergraduate Student of Philosophy

BA Thesis on Hegel's Conception of Truth

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

[20] **“Die Aktivität der Wahrnehmung und die Metaphysik des Geistes. Eine aktualisierende Lektüre von Hegels Philosophie des Geistes (*The Activity of Perception and the Metaphysics of Spirit. A New Reading of Hegel’s Philosophy of Spirit*)”, Tübingen 2021**

book symposium appearing in *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 2022 (76(2)), including comments by Dina Emundts and Pirmin Stekeler-Weithofer

[19] “Wittgenstein on the pictorial roots of referentialism”, in: *Inquiry* [DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2020.1768891]

[18] “Drei Bedeutungen von ‚Identität‘ bei Kant, Fichte und Hegel (*Three Meanings of ‚Identity‘ in Kant, Fichte, and Hegel*)”, in: *Kant-Studien* 2020 (111(3)), 470-502

[17] “Spirit’s Self-Knowledge, History, and the Absolute”, in: *Revista Eletrônica Estudos Hegelianos* 2018 (15(25)) [special issue “Hegel and McDowell”], 100-134

[16] „Überlegungen zum Gottesbegriff in Kants *Religionsschrift* (*Some Considerations on Kant’s Conception of God in the Religion within the Boundaries of Pure Reason*)”, in: Violetta L. Waibel / Margit Ruffing / David Wagner (eds.): *Natur und Freiheit, Akten des XII. Internationalen Kant-Kongresses (Nature and Freedom, Proceedings of the 12th International Kant Congress)*, Berlin/Boston 2018, 2869-2876

[15] „Personale Identität bei Strawson, Frankfurt und Hegel (*Personal Identity in Strawson, Frankfurt, and Hegel*)”, to appear in: *Hegel-Jahrbuch (Hegel Yearbook)*

[14] „Selbstbewusstsein und absoluter Geist (*Self-Consciousness and Absolute Spirit*)”, in: Thomas Oehl / Arthur Kok (eds.): *Objektiver und absoluter Geist nach Hegel (Objective and Absolute Spirit in and after Hegel)*, Leiden/Boston 2018, 353-388

[13] (jointly with Arthur Kok) „Einleitung: Objektiver und absoluter Geist nach Hegel (*Introduction: Objective and Absolute Spirit in and after Hegel*)”, in: Thomas Oehl / Arthur Kok (eds.): *Objektiver und absoluter Geist nach Hegel (Objective and Absolute Spirit in and after Hegel)*, Leiden/Boston 2018, 1-26

[12] „Objektiver und absoluter Geist nach Hegel (*Objective and Absolute Spirit in and after Hegel*)”, jointly edited with Arthur Kok, Leiden/Boston 2018

[11] „Kant und Hegel über die Fragilität menschlicher Freiheit (*Kant and Hegel on the Fragility of Human Freedom*)”, in: *Hegel-Jahrbuch 2016 (Hegel Yearbook 2016)*, 272-277

[10] „Gott als Richter? Zum Gewissen im § 13 von Kants *Tugendlehre* (*Gott as Judge? On Kant’s Conception of Conscience in § 13 of the Metaphysics of Morals*)”, to appear in: Saša Josifović / Arthur Kok (eds.): *Der ‚innere Gerichtshof‘ der Vernunft: Rationalität, Normativität und Gewissen im deutschen Idealismus (The ‚Inner Court of Reason‘: Rationality, Normativity, and Conscience in German Idealism)*, Leiden/Boston 2016, 84-114

[9] Art. „Verstehen (*Understanding*)”, in: Marcus Willaschek / Jürgen Stolzenberg / Georg Mohr / Stefano Bacin (eds.): *Kant-Lexikon*, Berlin 2015, 2532-2534

[8] Art. „Ton, vornehmer“, in: Marcus Willaschek / Jürgen Stolzenberg / Georg Mohr / Stefano Bacin (eds.): *Kant-Lexikon*, Berlin 2015, 2301-2302

[7] Art. „Identität, logische (*Identity, Logical*)”, in: Marcus Willaschek / Jürgen Stolzenberg / Georg Mohr / Stefano Bacin (eds.): *Kant-Lexikon*, Berlin 2015, 1133-1136

[6] Art. „Als ob (*As If*)”, in: Marcus Willaschek / Jürgen Stolzenberg / Georg Mohr / Stefano Bacin (eds.): *Kant-Lexikon*, Berlin 2015, 50-54

[5] Art. „Aberglaube (*Superstition*)”, in: Marcus Willaschek / Jürgen Stolzenberg / Georg Mohr / Stefano Bacin (eds.): *Kant-Lexikon*, Berlin 2015, 5-7

[4] Review of: Peter Hacker: *The Intellectual Powers*. Oxford 2013, in: *Philosophisches Jahrbuch* 2015 (2), 556-558

[3] „Theologie als Grammatik (*Theology as Grammar*)”, in: *Kerygma und Dogma* 2015 (2), 120-156

[2] „Philosophie als Anerkennung der Religion und Kritik des formellen Denkens: Eine Auseinandersetzung mit Hegels Theorie des absoluten Geistes (*Philosophy as Recognition of Religion and as a Critique of Formal Reasoning: Confronting Hegel’s Theory of Absolute Spirit*)”, in: Arthur

Kok / John Van Houdt (eds.): *Reconsidering the Origins of Recognition: New Perspectives on German Idealism*, Newcastle upon Tyne 2014, 79-109

[1] „Religion als Praxis des Negierens (*Religion as a Practice of Negation*)“, in: Danièle Moyal-Sharrock / Volker A. Munz / Annalisa Coliva (edd.): *Mind, Language and Action. Contributions to the 36th International Wittgenstein-Symposium*. Kirchberg am Wechsel 2013, 288-290

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

July 2022

„Self-Understanding: Reasons for Doubts, Changes over Time, and Evil“

at the „Author Meets Critics“ workshop with Matthew Boyle on his book „Transparency and Reflection“, organized by Andrea Kern at the *University of Leipzig*

Invited

January 2022

Discussion talk on my book *Die Aktivität der Wahrnehmung und die Metaphysik des Geistes. Eine aktualisierende Lektüre von Hegels Philosophie des Geistes*

at the *University of Leipzig*

Invited

September 2021

„Zur Bedeutung des „Kultus“ in Hegels Religionsphilosophie (*On the Significance of „Cultus“ in Hegel’s Philosophy of Religion*)“

at the XXVth Congress of the DGPhil (“Das Wahre, Gute und Schöne”) at *FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg*

Call for Papers (blind review)

September 2020

„Ich oder Gott? Hegels, Hölderlins und Beethovens Antwort auf die Gretchenfrage der modernen Philosophie (*I or God? Hegel’s, Hölderlin’s and Beethoven’s Answer to the Crucial Question of Modern Philosophy*)“

at the Conference „Hegel, Hölderlin, Beethoven – Rebellen des Geistes“ („Hegel, Hölderlin, Beethoven – Rebels of Spirit“) at *Evangelische Akademie Tutzing*

Invited

May 2020 [postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic]

„Nicht- und nachmetaphysisches Denken als Affirmation ungleicher Herrschaftsverhältnisse. Eine sehr orthodoxe Lesart von Hegels „Kampf um Anerkennung“ (*Non- and Post-Metaphysical Thinking as Affirmation of Unequal Power Relations. A Very Orthodox Reading of Hegel’s „Struggle for Recognition“*)“

at the International Conference “Politische Theologie im und im Ausgang des Deutschen Idealismus” (“Political Theology in and after German Idealism”) at the *University of Basel*

Call for Papers

June 2019

“A Creative Scientist’s Belief in a Creator?”

at the LMU-Cambridge Kant Workshop “Imagination and Originality: Kant on Science and Cognition”

Invited

June 2018

“Hegel and the I think“

at the XXXII. International Hegel-Congress in Tampere (Finland)

Call for Papers

February 2018

“Response to Thomas Buchheim: Schellings Konzept der „intelligiblen Tat“: Kritische Angriffe und Chancen der Verteidigung“

at an International Workshop on Schelling’s *Freedom Essay*

Invited

December 2017

“Hegel on the Logical Ground of Self-Consciousness“

at the *University of Amsterdam* (Netherlands)

Call for Papers (blind review)

November 2017

“Selbstbewusstsein und absoluter Geist bei Hegel (*Self-Consciousness and Absolute Spirit in Hegel*)“

at the *University of Vienna* (Austria)

Invited

October 2017

“Varieties of Justification in Kant and Wittgenstein”

at the International Conference “The Bounds of Reason and Language: From Kant to Wittgenstein” at the *Renmin-University of Beijing* (China)

Invited

May 2017

“Theologie als Grammatik? (*Theology as Grammar?*)”

at the *University of Heidelberg* (Germany)

Invited

October 2016

“The Role of Practice in Epistemic Justification“

Royal Institute of Philosophy Public Lecture an der *University of Kent* (Canterbury) (England)

Invited

May 2016

“Personale Identität bei Strawson, Frankfurt und Hegel (*Personal Identity in Strawson, Frankfurt, and Hegel*)“

at the XXXI. International Hegel-Congress in Bochum (Germany)

Call for Papers

January 2016

“Warum Wissenschaft nicht die Welt abbildet. Erkenntnistheoretische Überlegungen (*Why Science Does not Depict the World. Some Epistemological Considerations*)“

at Technical University of Munich (Germany)

Invited

September 2015

“Überlegungen zum Gottesbegriff im Ausgang von Kants *Religionsschrift* (Reflections on Kant’s Conception of God in the *Religion within the Boundaries of Pure Reason*)“

and

“Kant über die Wissenschaftlichkeit der Philosophie (*Kant on Philosophy as a Science*)“

at the XII. International Kant-Kongress in Vienna (Austria)

Call for Papers (blind review)

June 2015

“Kants Fichtekritik (*Kant’s Criticism of Fichte*)“

at the 10th Congress of the Austrian Society of Philosophy (ÖGP) in Innsbruck (Austria)

Call for Papers (reviewed)

December 2014

“Das Verhältnis von Erkennen und Wollen im Gerichtshof der Vernunft (*On the Relation of Cognition and Will in the Inner Court of Reason*)“

at the International Conference „Der ›innere Gerichtshof: der Vernunft. Normativität, Rationalität und Gewissen im Deutschen Idealismus“ in Tilburg (Netherlands)

Invited

April 2014

“Kant und Hegel über die Fragilität menschlicher Freiheit (*Kant and Hegel on the Fragility of Human Freedom*)“

at the XXX. International Hegel-Congress in Vienna (Austria)

Call for Papers

TEACHING (SELECTED)

Winter Semester 2022/23

[scheduled:] **Graduate Class/Essay Tutorials** “Hegel und Marx über Herrschaft und Knechtschaft (*Hegel and Marx on Lordship and Bondage*)“

[scheduled:] **Research Colloquium** (replacing Prof Axel Hutter)

Summer Semester 2022

Graduate Class/Essay Tutorials “Gegenwärtige Philosophien des Selbstbewusstseins (*Contemporary Philosophy of Self-Consciousness*)“

Research Colloquium (replacing Prof Axel Hutter)

Winter Semester 2021/22**Graduate Class/Essay Tutorials** "Hegels Philosophie der Religion (*Hegel's Philosophy of Religion*)"**Research Colloquium** (replacing Prof Axel Hutter)Summer Semester 2021**Graduate Class** "Hegels "Wissenschaft der Logik" (*Hegel's "Science of Logic"*)"**Research Colloquium** (replacing Prof Axel Hutter)Winter Semester 2020/21**Graduate Class/Essay Tutorials** "Kants Kritik der reinen Vernunft als philosophische Grundlegung der Freiheit (*Kant's Critique of Pure Reason as Philosophical Foundation of Freedom*)"**Research Colloquium** (replacing Prof Axel Hutter)Summer Semester 2020**Graduate Class** "Kant über propositionale Einstellungen – oder: eine Einführung in Kants kritische Metaphysik (*Kant on Propositional Attitudes – or: an Introduction to Kant's Critical Metaphysics*)"**Research Colloquium** (replacing Prof Axel Hutter)Winter Semester 2019/20**Graduate Class/Essay Tutorials** "Hegel: Einleitung in die Phänomenologie des Geistes (*Hegel: Introduction to the Phenomenology of Spirit*)"**Research Colloquium** (replacing Prof Axel Hutter)Summer Semester 2017**Graduate Class** „Holm Tetens: Gott denken. Ein Versuch über rationale Theologie“**Research Colloquium** (replacing Prof Axel Hutter)Summer Semester 2016**Graduate Class** „John McDowell: Mind and World“Winter Semester 2015/16**Graduate Class/Essay Tutorials** „Das Unbedingte und die Freiheit: Kants Transzendente Dialektik (*Freedom and the Unconditioned: Kant's Transcendental Dialectic*)“Winter Semester 2015**Graduate Class/Essay Tutorials** „Urteilkraft und die praktische Fundierung der Erkenntnis (*Practice and Judgment*)“**Graduate Seminar** accompanying the 2nd Munich Philosophical Colloquium „Sprachkritik und Metaphysik (*Critique of Language and Metaphysics*)“ [jointly with Clemens Schmalhorst]Winter Semester 2014/15**First Lecture of the Faculty Series** „Einführung in die Philosophie (*Introduction to Philosophy*)“Title: „Wahrheit. Einführung in die Erkenntnistheorie (*Truth. An Introduction to Epistemology*)“**Graduate Class** „Glauben und Wissen nach Kant und Hegel (*Belief and Knowledge in Kant and Hegel*)“

THESIS SUPERVISION

- „Die Bedeutung des kunstschaftenden Subjekts in Hegels Ästhetik (*The Significance of the Art-Producing Subject in Hegel's Aesthetics*)“ (MA Thesis, 2022)
- „Metaphysisches in Wittgensteins Tractatus – zur Denkfigur der Grenze (*Metaphysics in Wittgenstein's Tractatus – on the Very Idea of „Limit“*)“ (BA Thesis, 2021)
- „Ist die Menschheit Subjekt ihrer Geschichte? Zur Spannung von Theodizee und gesellschaftlicher Freiheit in Hegels Geschichtsphilosophie (*Is Humanity the Subject of Its History? On the Tension between Theodicy and Social Freedom in Hegel's Philosophy of History*)“ (BA Thesis, 2021)
- „McDowells Mind and World als Paradigma einer transformativen Auffassung der Rationalität (*McDowell's Mind and World as a Paradigm of a Transformative Conception of Rationality*)“ (BA Thesis, 2021)
- „Erfahrung in Hegels *Phänomenologie des Geistes* (*Experience in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit*)“ (BA Thesis, 2020)
- „Philosophie als Therapie. Das philosophische Projekt des späten Wittgenstein (*Philosophy as Therapy. The Philosophical Project of the Later Wittgenstein*)“ (BA Thesis, 2020)
- „Sich zum Irrtum überwinden. Eine Untersuchung zu Hegels Irrtumsbegriff (*Bringing Oneself to Err. An Investigation into Hegel's Concept of Error*)“ (BA Thesis, 2020)
- „Von dem Interesse der Vernunft. Untersuchung zu Kants Begriff des Vernunftinteresses innerhalb der *Kritik der reinen Vernunft* (*On the Interest of Reason. An Investigation into Kant's Conception of the Interest of Reason in the Critique of Pure Reason*)“ (BA Thesis, 2016)
- „Philosophie und Unmittelbarkeit. Hegels Kritik an der Unmittelbarkeitsphilosophie in der Vorrede der *Phänomenologie des Geistes* (*Philosophy and Immediacy. Hegel's Critique of a Philosophy of Immediacy in the Preface to the Phenomenology of Spirit*)“ (BA Thesis, 2016)
- „Dummheit bei Kant (*Stupidity in Kant*)“ (BA Thesis, 2015)

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION (AND SIMILAR)

Research Project on Hegel's „Science of Logic“ (funding by the *Postdoc Support Fund* for the summer semester 2023; funding amount: 22.000 €)

including a research cooperation with Tereza Matějčková (Prague)

Workshop „Was ist Denken, insofern es nicht Erkennen ist? (*What is Thinking, as far as it is not Knowing?*)“ (planned for 2023)

two lectures and comments, organized jointly with Michael Bastian Weiß (Munich)

ThPhil Workshop (Summer Semester 2021; again planned for 2022)

with a lecture and masterclass held by Dina Emundts (Berlin) (2021)

Graduate Workshop with Holm Tetens (Berlin) (Summer Semester 2017)

on Rational Theology

Intensive Seminar „What is Metaphysics?“ (Prof Axel Hutter) (Summer Semester 2016)

at the Venice International University, San Servolo

Munich Workshop with Andrew Stephenson (Oxford/Berlin) (Summer Semester 2016)

on his paper „Imagination and Inner Intuition“

2nd Munich Philosophical Colloquium „Sprachkritik und Metaphysik (*Critique of Language and Metaphysics*)“ (Summer Semester 2015)

Speakers:

Adrian Moore (Oxford) / Pirmin Stekeler-Weithofer (Leipzig) / Dina Emundts (Konstanz) / Edward Kanterian (Kent) / Eckart Förster (Baltimore)

accompanied by a *Graduate Seminar*

Munich Lectures by Peter M. S. Hacker (Oxford) (Summer Semester 2015)

Jointly hosted by the Chair of Theoretical Philosophy and the Munich Centre for Neurosciences (MCN) at LMU Munich

Four Sessions (Lectures/Workshops) on “Philosophy and Scientism. What cognitive neuroscience can, and what it cannot, explain” / “The neural antecedents to voluntary action: A conceptual analysis” / “Can different people have the same pain? A philosophical entertainment” / “Metaphysics: from ineffability to normativity”

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2022	Research Funding by the <i>Postdoc Support Fund</i> (LMU Munich) for a Research Project on Hegel's “Science of Logic” (Summer Semester 2023; Funding Amount: 22.000 €)
2022	Teaching Award (“Best Seminar”; rank 2)
2021	Teaching Award (“Best Seminar”; rank 2)
2020	Dissertation Award of the Society of the University of Munich (<i>Münchener Universitätsgesellschaft</i>)
2016-2020	PhD Scholarship (<i>Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes</i>)
2009-2016	Full Scholarship (<i>Stiftung Maximilianeum</i>)
2010-2014	Scholarship for Undergraduate and Graduate Studies (<i>Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes</i>)
2009-2014	Scholarship for Undergraduate and Graduate Studies (<i>Max Weber-Programme</i> of the Free State of Bavaria)

LANGUAGES

German (native), English (fluent), Greek (reading), Latin (reading)

July 2022