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Personal Data

Born on July 30th, 1982 in Konstanz (Germany).

German citizen

Research Interests

Ancient Philosophy (focus Aristotle)

Ancient and Contemporary Metaphysics

Academic Positions

10/2017-3/2018 Visiting Professor. Humboldt University Berlin.

3/2016-5/2016 UC Berkeley. Visiting Scholar.

Since 06/2012 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter. Chair for Ancient Philosophy and Rhetoric (Prof. Christof Rapp). Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich.

04/2009-03/2012 Doctoral fellowship. Excellence Cluster "Topoi - The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations". Humboldt University Berlin.

10/2008-03/2009 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter. Chair for Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy (Prof. Christof Rapp). Humboldt University Berlin.

10/2006–01/2008 Hilfskraft (Student Research Assistant). Chair for Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy (Prof. Christof Rapp). Humboldt University Berlin. Project: „Aristotle’s Metaphysics: Principles and Theory of Substance“.

12/2004–08/2008 Hilfskraft (Student Research Assistant). Chair for Ancient Church History (Prof. Christoph Marksches). Humboldt University Berlin. Project: "Critical edition of the commentary on the book Genesis by Origin and Prokop of Gaza".

Education

- 06/2012 Dr. Phil. (s.c.l), Humboldt University Berlin. Title: The Metaphysics of Bodies in Aristotle. Supervisors: Prof. Jonathan Beere (HU Berlin), Prof. Benjamin Morison (Princeton University), Prof. Christof Rapp (LMU München).
- 09/2010-03/2011 Princeton University. Visiting Student. Supervisor: Prof. Benjamin Morison.
- 04/2008 Magister Artium (1,0). Humboldt University Berlin and Freie University Berlin (Philosophy and Classics).
- 09/2005-04/2006 University of Edinburgh. Visiting Student. Supervisor: Prof. Theodore Scaltsas.

Publications. Books

forthcoming "Aristotle's Theory of Bodies". Oxford University Press (expected date August 2018).

Publications. Articles

- forthcoming "Aristotle on Thinking the Infinite" (mit Mirjam Kotwick), in *Mnemosyne*.
- forthcoming "Metaphysik H", in: C. Rapp (ed.), *Aristoteles: Metaphysik. Die Substanzbücher Zeta, Eta, Theta* (Klassiker Auslegen), Akademie Verlag, expected date: 2018.
- forthcoming "Joseph Geysler on Negative Judgments", in: G. Hartung, C.G. King, C. Rapp (eds.), *Aristotelian Studies in the 19th Century* (New Studies in the History and Historiography of Philosophy), Berlin/New York: de Gruyter, expected date: 2018.
- forthcoming "Aristotle and the Thesis of Mereological Potentialism", in: *Philosophical Inquiry*, Volume 42,3-4 2018.
- 2016 "Aristotle on Being in the Same Place", in: T. Buchheim and D. Meißner (eds.), *Körper. Sôma und Corpus in der antiken Philosophie und Literatur*, Meiner.
- 2015 "Grasping Aristotle's Intellect" (with Pavel Gregorić), in: *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale XXVI*
- 2013 "The Perfection of Bodies: Aristotle's De Caelo I.1" (with Gábor Betegh and Francesca Pedriali), *Rhizomata* 1.1 (2013), 30-62.
- 2011 "The Ontology of Space" (with Jonathan Beere and Gábor Betegh), in: *eTopoi. Journal for Ancient Studies*, Special Volume 1 (2011), 1-9
- 2011 "Philosophie des Geistes", in: *Aristoteles-Handbuch. Leben-Werk-Wirkung*, ed. C. Rapp und K. Corcilius, J.B. Metzler.

Book Reviews

- 2015 Review of "S. Odzuck: The Priority of Locomotion in Aristotele's Physics, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2014." in: *Anzeiger für die Altertumswissenschaft*, 68.
- 2014 Review of "C. Natali: Aristotle. His Life and School. Edited by D.S. Hutchinson. Princeton University Press, 2013 (originally published as *Bios theoretikos*, 1991)." in: *The Classical Review* (New Series), 64.2, 625.

Current Research

"Aristotle's Theory of Perceptible Substance in *Metaphysics H*", book project.

"The Definition of Composites in *ZH*", in preparation.

"Aristotle Against the Platonists. The Argument of H.3-H.6", in preparation.

"Forms as Causes. Hylomorphism in *Z.17*", in preparation.

"A puzzle for Aristotle's Causal Account of Thinking", in preparation.

"Aristotle's criticism of Parmenides in *Physics I.3*", in preparation.

Major Presentations

- 3/2018 "Making Sense of Other Philosophers: Exegesis and Interpretation in Aristotle". LMU Munich. Conference: Received Opinions: Doxography in Antiquity and the Islamic World.
- 1/2018 "The Topology of Motion in Aristotle's *Physics VIII.8*". Ligerz. Conference: Contemporary Perspectives on Aristotle's Physics.
- 10/2017 "Forms as Causes. Hylomorphism in *Z.17*". University of Milano. Conference: FORMS. New Perspectives on Ancient Metaphysics and Epistemology.
- 9/2017 "Comments on K. Koslicki: *The Hylomorphic Tie*", LMU Munich. Workshop with K. Koslicki on her book: *Form, Matter, Substance*.
- 8/2017 „Preexisting and Constitutive Matter in *Metaphysics H*", UC Berkeley. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 6/2017 „The Composition of Matter and Form: Aristotle against the Platonists in *Metaphysics H*", Renmin University of China, Conference *Aristotle's Criticisms of Plato's Metaphysics and Plato's Possible Responses*.
- 5/2017 „Matter in H. A Response to Ackrill's Problem". LMU Munich.
- 5/2017 „Posterior Analytics II.1-2". University of Oxford. Conference *Aristotle's Posterior Analytics*.

- 3/2017 „Aristotle’s Theory of Body“. University of Cambridge. Keynote at Graduate Conference.
- 1/2017 „Die kausale Rolle der Form und die “Zergliederung” der Substanz. Hylemorphismus in Metaphysik Z.17-H.2“, University of Tübingen. Institutskolloquium.
- 12/2016 „Hylomorphism in Z.17-H2“, LMU Munich.
- 12/2016 „Alexander on the Locomotive Soul“, Central European University Budapest. The Central European Reading Group in Ancient Philosophy.
- 11/2016 „Philosophie und Philosophiegeschichte. Kann die Geschichte der Philosophie zum Fortschritt der Philosophie beitragen?“, Münchner Philosophisches Kolloquium. LMU Munich.
- 7/2016 „The Noble: A Chocolate Covered Good?“ (with A. Anagnostopoulos). LMU Munich. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 4/2016-5 “Is there a Strict Definition of the Composite Substance? The account of Z.17-H”. UC Berkeley. Ancient Philosophy Townsend Working Group.
- 2/2016 “Metaphysik Θ .8. 1050a4-b6”. University of Frankfurt. Frankfurt-Würzburg Reading Group in Ancient Philosophy.
- 11/2015 “Definition in Metaphysics ZH”. Humboldt University Berlin. Invited Speaker.
- 9/2015 “Aristotle’s Criticism of Plato in NE I.1096a11-b7”, UC Berkeley. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 6/2015 “Aristotle on the Topology of Motion. Physics VIII.8 261b27-263b9”, Tel Aviv University. The Central European Reading Group in Ancient Philosophy.
- 5/2015 “Metaphysics Iota.4”, Cambridge University. Cambridge May Week.
- 9/2014 “The Topic and Argument-Structure of Z.17-H”, UC Berkeley. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 9/2014 “Two Puzzles in *De Anima* III.4” (with Pavel Gregorić), University of Prague. The Central European Reading Group in Ancient Philosophy.
- 7/2014 “A Puzzle for Aristotle’s Causal Account of Thinking”, LMU Munich. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 6/2014 “Bodies and Natural Philosophy” and “Aristotle and Thesis of Mereological Potentialism”, Two Talks at the University of Edinburgh. PG Ancient Philosophy Conference.
- 8/2013 “An interpretation of Aristotle’s *APo* I.31/33”, UC Berkeley. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 3/2013 “Verneinung und Urteil bei Joseph Geysler”, LMU Munich. Conference “Aristotelische Forschungen im 19. Jahrhundert”.
- 2/2013 “Epicurus on Truth and Falsity”, University of Göttingen. Invited Talk.

- 9/2012 "Plutarch - De animae procreatione in Timaeo. Chapter 1-4", Central European University Budapest. The Central European Reading Group in Ancient Philosophy.
- 9/2012 "Body, Extension and Physical Science in Aristotle", Humboldt University Berlin. TOPOI Jahrestagung.
- 7/2012 "Comment on *Klaus Corcilius, Faculties: Ancient Debates*", Humboldt University Berlin. "Oxford Philosophical Concepts" Workshop.
- 2/2012 "Aristotle on Parts and Wholes", Humboldt University Berlin. Ancient Philosophy Graduate Conference (Berlin, Princeton, Toronto, Chicago).
- 11/2011 "Aristotle on Continuity and Contact", LMU Munich. Invited talk.
- 7/2011 "Aristotle on Continuity and Contact", Humboldt University Berlin. Princeton-Berlin Graduate Conference.
- 7/2010 "Aristotle's Conception of Body", Humboldt University Berlin. TOPOI Workshop.
- 5/2010 "Aristotle's Conception of Body", University of Zagreb. Invited talk.

Honors and Awards

- 2009-2012 Doctoral Fellowship. Excellence Cluster "Topoi - The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations."
- 8-10.2008 Predoc-Fellowship. Carl und Max Schneider-Stiftung.
- 2008 Graduate School for Ancient Philosophy. Humboldt University Berlin.
- 2008 Award of the Carl und Max Schneider-Stiftung for M.A. Thesis („Denken und Denkbjekt – Die aristotelische Theorie des NOUS in De Anima")
- 2003–2008 Fellowship. German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)

Service

Conference Organization:

- 7/8-7/10/2016 A Meeting of the Central European Ancient Philosophy Reading Group (Munich): "Aristotle's Peri Ideōn". Organized together with Christopher Noble. Funded by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.
- 7/9-7/11/2015 LMU-Berkeley Workshop (Munich): "Aristotelian Metaphysics".
- 9/20-9/23/2014 LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy (Berkeley): "Aristotle, Metaphysics VIII".

7/10-7/13/2014 LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy (Munich): “Soul and Explanation in Ancient Philosophy”.

8/6-8/9/2013 LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy (Berkeley): “Aristotle between Sense-Perception and Knowledge”.

7/14/2010 Workshop (Berlin): “Body, Quantity, Substance”.

Affiliations

Munich School of Ancient Philosophy

August-Boeckh-Antikezentrum, Berlin

Languages

Spoken: German, English. *Reading:* Ancient Greek, Latin.