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RESEARCH TOPICS

- Kant
- Moral psychology (especially hope and forgiveness)
- Ethics
- Theories of rationality
- Imputation, responsibility, autonomy, free will
- Further interests: Philosophy of death, Political philosophy, Philosophy of religion, Pragmatism, Existentialism, Philosophy of the Emotions, Philosophy of Education

EMPLOYMENT

Since 02/2013	Assistant professor in philosophy (non-tenured) (Akademische Rätin a.Z.), Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany
04/2017 – 09/2017	Visiting Professor (Vertretungsprofessur), History of Philosophy, Siegen University, Germany
2016	Parental leave
09/2012 – 01/2013	Research fellow, Goethe University Frankfurt (Modern Philosophy, Prof. Marcus Willaschek)
02/2011 – 08/2012	Research fellow, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany (Philosophy of Politics and Justice, Prof. Corinna Mieth)
10/2007 – 12/2010	Research fellow, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, DFG-Project “Defeasibility in Ethics, Law and Logic”

EDUCATION

10/2012	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD, Dr phil) Awarded by Goethe University with distinction (<i>summa cum laude</i>) Dissertation topic: “Imputation in Kant. On the Connection between Person and Action in Kant’s Practical Philosophy” Examiners: Prof. Marcus Willaschek (Frankfurt), Prof. Corinna Mieth (Bochum)
08/2005	Diploma in Physics, Goethe University, with distinction (1,0)
09/2001 – 05/2002	Undergraduate Studies (Physics), St. Andrews, Scotland
10/1999 – 2005	Undergraduate Studies of Physics (with Philosophy minor), Goethe University Frankfurt

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, RESEARCH GRANTS

01/– 03/2017	Scholarship of the German Research Foundation (DFG). Visiting researcher at University of California San Diego
2015	Frankfurt Dissertation Award for the best philosophical dissertation of the years 2012-2015 (together with Filippo Ranchio)
08/2015 – 10/2016	Non-Residential Fellowship (with Titus Stahl), “Hope and Optimism”, Notre Dame University (Templeton Foundation)
08/2014	Grant for printing costs <i>Wilhelm Hahn und Erben-Stiftung</i> for the publication of the dissertation (declined for the offer of VG Wort)
07/2014	Grant for printing costs <i>VG Wort</i> for the publication of the dissertation
09/– 11/2009	Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Visiting fellow at the University of Pittsburgh
06/2002 – 06/2005	Scholarship of the German National Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)
09/2001 – 05/2002	Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for studying (Physics) at the University of St. Andrews

PUBLICATIONS

(* indicates refereed publications)

Monograph

- Zurechnung bei Kant. Zum Zusammenhang von Person und Handlung in Kants Praktischer Philosophie, (Imputation in Kant. On the Connection between Person and Action in Kant's Practical Philosophy) Berlin: de Gruyter, 2014.*

Editions

- *The Moral Psychology of Hope*. Rowman & Littlefield, under contract (together with Titus Stahl)
- Book Symposium for Samuel Scheffler: Der Tod und das Leben danach. In *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, 65 (2), 2017, 337-390.
- Defeasibility in Philosophy. Knowledge, Agency, Responsibility, and the Law. (Co-edited with Mikael Janvid, Hannes Ole Matthiessen and Marcus Willaschek) *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, 87, 2013.*

Articles

(* Peer reviewed)

- Forgiveness and Love of Human Beings. A Kantian Two-Aspect-Account of Forgiveness. In *Akten des XII. Internationalen Kant-Kongresses*, forthcoming 2018.*

- Human Fallibility and the Need for Forgiveness. In *Philosophia*, 2018, DOI 10.1007/s11406-018-9950-4, ('online first').*
- Fundamental Hope and Practical Identity. In *Philosophical Papers*, 46 (3), 2017, 345-371. (with Titus Stahl)*
- Hope. In *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Spring 2017 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL= <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2017/entries/hope> (with Titus Stahl)*
- Wenn ich wüsste, dass morgen die Welt unterginge...Überlegungen zu Samuel Schefflers *Der Tod und das Leben danach*, In *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, 65 (2), 2017, 356-366.
- Degrees of Responsibility in Kant's Practical Philosophy. In *Kantian Review*, 20 (2), 2015, 183-209.*
- The Defeasible Structure of Ascriptions of Responsibility. With a reply by R. Jay Wallace. In *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, 87, special issue Defeasibility, 2013, 129-150.*
- Bildung als Gegenstand der fairen Chancengleichheit bei Rawls. In M. Hoeltje/ T. Spitzley/ W. Spohn (eds.): *Online-Proceedings der GAP.8*, 2013, 465-476.
- Grade der Tugend und Rigorismus. In *Akten des XI. Internationalen Kant-Kongresses*, Berlin: de Gruyter, 2013, 51-62.*
- Grade der Zurechnung in Kants Praktischer Philosophie. In *XXII. Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie, 2011*
http://epub.ub.uni-muenchen.de/12594/1/Grade_der_Zurechnung_Veroeffentlichung.pdf.
- Autonomy, Experience, and Reflection. On a Neglected Aspect of Personal Autonomy. In: *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 13 (3), 2010, 239-253 (with Aron Schöpf and Marcus Willaschek).*
- Verantwortung und epistemische Rechtfertigung als anfechtbare Begriffe – Strukturelle Übereinstimmungen in Handlungs- und Erkenntnistheorie. In *GAP.7- Proceedings*, Paderborn 2010, CD-ROM (together with Hannes Ole Matthiessen).

Encyclopedia Entries

- Obligation. In *The Cambridge Kant-Lexicon*, J. Wuerth (ed.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.
- Werte und Normen. In *Handbuch Metaphysik*, M. Schrenk (ed.), Stuttgart: Metzler, 2017.
- Enge/weite Pflichten; Freie Handlung; Legalität/Moralität; Nutzen; Rechtspflicht; Tun und (Unter-)Lassen; Überverdienstlich; Unterlassung; Vernunft, praktische. In *Kant-Lexikon*, G. Mohr, J. Stolzenberg, M. Willaschek (eds.), Berlin: de Gruyter, 2015.

Reviews

- Nicht bloß Blätter im Wind? Über: Ulrich Pothast. Wie frei wir sind, ist unsere Sache. In *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, 65 (5), 2017, 948-955.

PRESENTATIONS

(* invited papers and comments)

- 02/2019 "Kant on Hope", Research-Colloquium Prof. Dieter Schönecker, Siegen University.
- 01/2019 "Was ist Hoffnung?", Lunch-Time-Talk, Institute of Philosophy, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf
- 11/2018 * "Freedom in Kant: Theoretical and Practical Dimensions", Conference: Determinism and Freedom: Historical and Systematic Perspectives, Munich University.
- 07/2018 * "Hope in the face of death?", Workshop with Samuel Scheffler, Muenster.
- 06/2018 "What is hope?", Conference "New Directions in the Philosophy of Hope", Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 10/2017 * "What must we hope? The impact of hope in developmental economics", Kant and Global Poverty, Institute for Advanced Studies, Essen.
- 09/2017 "Menschliche Fehlbarkeit und das Bedürfnis nach Verzeihen", *Norm und Natur*, XXIV. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie, Berlin
- 07/2017 "Menschliche Fehlbarkeit und das Bedürfnis nach Verzeihen", Research-Colloquium Prof. Dieter Schönecker, Siegen University.
- 07/2017 * "Mitigating motives and the role of hope", Workshop with David Estlund on his "Utopophobia", Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 09/2015 "Forgiveness and Love of Human Beings. A Kantian Two-Aspect-Account of Forgiveness", 12th International Kant-Congress, Vienna.
- 09/2015 "Fundamental Hope and Practical Identity", GAP.9 Osnabrück.
- 06/2015 * "Fundamental Hope and Practical Identity", Research-Colloquium Prof. Corinna Mieth and Prof. Christian Neuhäuser, Ruhr-Universität Bochum.
- 02/2015 * "Praxis oder Metaphysik? Moralische Verantwortung nach Peter F. Strawson und Immanuel Kant" ("Practice or Metaphysics? Moral Responsibility according to Peter F. Strawson and Immanuel Kant"), Workshop "Verantwortung" (Responsibility), Freie Universität, Berlin.
- 10/2014 * "Forgiveness and the Appropriateness of Resentment", Workshop "Moral Responsibility", Amsterdam
- 06/2014 * "Zur Rationalität des Verzeihens" (On the rationality of forgiveness), Workshop „Verantwortung, Vorwürfe, Verzeihen“, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
- 05/2014 „Acting in accordance with conscience as an excuse?“, Kant

Conference Leuven.

- 02/2014 * "Individuelle Verantwortung von Konsumenten als anfechtbarer Begriff?" (Individual responsibility of consumers as a defeasible concept?), Workshop „Responsibility and Consumption“, Institute for the Advanced Study in the Humanities Essen.
- 09/2013 *Comment on Stephen Engstrom's "The Complete Object of Practical Knowledge", Conference "The Highest Good in Kant's Philosophy", Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 10/2012 "Zurechnung bei Kant. Transzendente Freiheit und empirische Schuld minderungsgründe", Graduate Workshop of the German Kant Society, University Luxembourg.
- 07/2012 "Kant über die Zurechenbarkeit kontingenter Handlungsfolgen", 18. International Philosophy Colloquium Evian, „Contingency – Chance, Luck, Haphazardness“.
- 02/2012 * "Bildung als Gegenstand der Chancengleichheit bei Rawls", Workshop "John Rawls' Political Liberalism", Bochum
- 09/2011 "Grade der Zurechnung in Kants praktischer Philosophie" (Degrees of responsibility in Kant's practical philosophy), XXII. DGPhil Congress, Munich.
- 04/2011 * "Person als Zurechnungssubjekt bei Kant", Departmental Research Colloquium, Cologne University
- 09/2010 "The Defeasible Structure of Ascriptions of Responsibility", International Conference "Defeasibility in Epistemology, Ethics, Law and Logic", Frankfurt/Main.
- 09/2010 "Ascriptions of Responsibility as Defeasible Judgments", Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, Salzburg.
- 03/2010 "Responsibility and Defeasibility. The Structure of Ascriptions of Responsibility", Workshop with Terry Horgan, Frankfurt.
- 05/2010 "Grade der Tugend und Rigorismus", XI. International Kant Congress in Pisa.
- 06/2009 "Conditions of Responsibility", Workshop with John Martin Fischer, Frankfurt.
- 07/2008 "Responsibility as a Defeasible Discourse Dependent Concept", Graduate Summer School "Aspects of Responsibility", Central European University, Budapest.

Public Talks

- 11/2017 * "Menschliche Fehlbarkeit und das Bedürfnis nach Verzeihung" (Human fallibility and the need for forgiveness), Forum für Philosophie Frankfurt.
- 12/2014 * "Was tun wir, wenn wir hoffen?" (What are we doing when we

- hope?), Forum für Philosophie Frankfurt.
- 11/2013 * "Gibt es die Zeit?" (Does time exist?), Forum für Philosophie Frankfurt.
- 09/2013 * "Heinrich Heine und die Philosophie", Evangelische Akademie Frankfurt.
- 09/2011 * "Zur Freiheit des Willens", Evangelische Akademie Frankfurt.
- 08/2010 * "Willensfreiheit und Determinismus" (Freedom of the Will and Determinism), Hessische Schülerakademie Burg Fürsteneck.

COURSES TAUGHT

Goethe University Frankfurt

Philosophy of the Emotions, Fall 2018.

Kant on Hope, Fall 2018.

Rawls: A Theory of Justice, "Interpretationskurs", Spring 2018.

Kant: Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason, Spring 2018 (with Achim Vesper)

Hope, Optimism and Pessimism from Kant to Schopenhauer, Fall 2017.

Trust, Fall 2015.

Aristotelian Influences in Modern Ethics, Fall 2015 (with Béatrice Lienemann).

Scanlon: What We Owe to Each Other, Summer 2015 (with Achim Vesper).

Problems of Grounding Morality, Summer 2015.

Philosophy of Death, Fall 2014.

Forgiveness, Fall 2014.

Hope, Summer 2014 (with Titus Stahl).

Hume: An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals, Spring 2014.

Kant: Critique of Teleological Judgment, Fall 2013.

The Myth of Determinism, Fall 2013.

Physicalism, Spring 2013.

Seminar accompanying the Lecture on the History of Philosophy, Spring 2013.

Introduction to German Idealism, Fall 2012.

New Literature on Kant's Ethics, Summer 2010. (with Marcus Willaschek).

Kant: Critique of Practical Reason, Spring 2009.

Kant: Doctrine of Virtue, Fall 2008.

Siegen University

Kant's Political Philosophy, Summer 2017.

Pragmatist Philosophy of Religion, Summer 2017.

Ruhr-University Bochum

Free Will and Determinism, Summer 2011.

SERVICE

a) Service to the Profession

Executive Co-Editor, "Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur", a peer-reviewed, open-access review journal, from 2013.

Reviewer for Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Ethical Perspectives, Ergo, International Journal for Philosophical Studies, Kantian Review, Kritike, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies.

Reviewer for the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research.

Organisation of workshops and conferences (* main organiser)

- Conference *Dimensions of Rationality: Practical and Theoretical Reasons for Belief and Other Attitudes*, Frankfurt, June 2019.
- Conference *New Directions in the Philosophy of Hope*, Frankfurt, June 2018.
- Conference *Bilder in Bibel und Naturwissenschaft*, Arnoldshain, Evangelische Akademie Frankfurt, 2016.
- * Workshop *Forgiveness*, with Kate Moran (Brandeis), Jens Timmermann (St. Andrews) and Owen Ware (Simon Fraser), Frankfurt, 2016.
- * Workshop *Hope and Trust*, Frankfurt, 2016.
- * Workshop *The Myth of Determinism*, with Brigitte Falkenburg (Dortmund), Frankfurt, 2013.
- Workshop *John Rawls: Political Liberalism*, Bochum, 2012.
- *Workshop *Practical Knowledge*, with Stephen Engstrom (Pittsburgh), 2010.
- International Conference *Defeasibility in Epistemology, Ethics, Law and Logic*, Frankfurt, 2010.
- * Workshop *Responsibility and Agentive Experience*, with Terry Horgan (Arizona), Frankfurt, 2010.
- * Workshop *Responsibility and the Narrative Structure of Live*, with John Martin Fischer (Riverside), Frankfurt, 2009
- Workshop *A priori Justification*, with Albert Casullo (Nebraska) and Nicola Kompa (Bern), 2009.
- Workshop *Epistemic Entitlements*, with Fred Dretske (Stanford), 2008.

Membership in Professional Organizations

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie, (GAP, German Society for Analytic Philosophy), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil, German Philosophical Association), Kant Gesellschaft

b) Service to the University

Deputy non-tenured faculty representative on the faculty council, Faculty of Philosophy and Historical Sciences, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main (2013-2016).

Taught one-day workshop for high school students in June 2012 on Moral Responsibility.

Mentor in mentoring program for graduate students, 2012 – present.

Deputy non-tenured faculty representative on the faculty council, Faculty of Philosophy, Ruhr University Bochum (2011-2012).

c) Service to the Public

Scientific counseling for *Funkkolleg Philosophie*, Hessischer Rundfunk, together with Marcus Willaschek, (01/2014- 06/2015).

Member of “Großer Konvent der Evangelischen Akademie Frankfurt”, 2011 – present.

Member of “Kleiner Konvent der Evangelischen Akademie Frankfurt” (administrative committee), since 03/2018.

SKILLS

German (native), English (fluent), Spanish, French (basic)