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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Modern European Philosophy, Ethics, Metaphysics
Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Social Philosophy, Critical Theory, Phenomenology
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EDUCATION: 2024 PhD, Philosophy, University of Hagen
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Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Thomas Bedorf (University of Hagen) and Prof. Dr. Frank Ruda (University of Dundee)

2016 M.A., Political Theory, Goethe University Frankfurt.
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Christoph Menke, Prof. Dr. Frank Ruda

2011 B.A., Political Science and International Relations (with Honors Degree), Bogazici University, Istanbul

EMPLOYMENT:

September 2026-, Faculty Member (*Senior Scientist*), University of Salzburg, Department of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy

June 2026-, University of Hagen, Institute of Philosophy/ Philosophy III, Practical Philosophy: Technology, History, Society (Contributing to the establishment of the Research Center, "Political Phenomenology")

September 2025- December 2025, Assistant Professor, Masaryk University, Department of Philosophy

April 2024- September 2025, Faculty Member, University of Hagen, Institute of Philosophy, Practical Philosophy III: Technology, History, Society

April 2024- April 2025, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Hamburg, Department of Political Science, Chair of Political Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- *Gleich-Gültigkeit: Metaphysics of Modern Equality with Hegel, Marx, Heidegger and Badiou*, Leiden/ Boston: Brill–Fink. [Forthcoming in Nov 2026]

(Selected) Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- “The World is (Ge-)Mine: The Speculative Life of the *sensus communis* with Arendt and Hegel”. *HannahArendt.net. Journal for political thought*, Vol 14 (2) 2025, pp. 94-116.
- “The Question of Plurality and Universal Affirmation: A Dialogue of Thought between Arendt and Badiou.” *HannahArendt.net. Journal for political thought*, Vol 13(1) 2024, pp. 97-115.
- No *One*, *Someone*, The *One*: Am I always the same ‘one’, when I am alone, or in the companionship of a friend, or in the presence of my lover?” In: *Revue PSN. Psychiatrie, Sciences Humaines, Neurosciences*, Vol. 22, N° 2. 2024, pp. 127-147.
- “Capital Matters: The Middle-Class between Welcome Culture and Ukrainian Refugee Crisis.” *International Studies– Journal for International Relations and Humanities*, Vol. XXIII 2023, No 1, pp. 109-130
- “#MakeAnImpact! The Actuality of the World between online presence and the search for impact of the Self.” *Journal of PSN. Psychiatry, Humanities, Neurosciences*, Vol. 21, N° 3. 2023, pp. 47-63. [In French]
- “#MeOnlyForMyself: The paradox of Solitude in the Age of Social Media.” *Journal of PSN. Psychiatry, Humanities, Neurosciences*, Vol. 20, N° 3 2022, pp. 55-67. [In French]
- “Reaction, Progression and Vaccination, or: What can Squid Game tell us about pandemics?” *International Studies – Journal for International Relations and Humanities*, Vol. XXII 2022, No. 1, pp. 61-80.
- “Die Bilder der Welt im Erleben: Metropole und Provinz in der Spätmoderne.” In: *Berliner Debatte Initial*, 2022, Nr. 3, S. 16–27.
- “Thus posted Zarathustra. Übermensch and the Herd of the ‘Rare’.” *Logoi.ph – Journal of Philosophy*, N. IX, 22, 2023 (Special Issue), pp. 152-159.

Book Chapters:

- “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger: A Lesson on the Gigantic and Capital” In: Douglas F. Peduti (ed): *Heidegger Circle Proceedings*. Volume 59, pp. 164-176. Pittsburgh. 2025.
- Der Ukulele-Effekt: Eine Auseinandersetzung mit der Ideologie der ‚Kreativität‘ in Form von Reckwitz’ Begriff der kreativen Arbeit.“ *Jahrbuch für marxistische Gesellschaftstheorie #2: Schwerpunkt Arbeit und Technokratie* pp. 67-87. 2023.
- “Can there be a Digital ‘In-between’? A reflection on the ‘thing’ and world as a political space.” In: Constantino Pereira Martins (ed): *Technopolitics: Charting the Unknown*, pp. 329-343. São Paulo: Dialética. 2024.

- “What can Heidegger tell us about Elon Musk? Unfolding the diagnosis of Indifference in Heidegger’s *Beiträge*: The Gigantic and Lived Experience Today.” In: Daniel Dahlstrom (ed) *Heidegger Circle Proceedings*. Volume 57, pp. 3-11. Boston. 2023.
- „Eine kommunaristokratische Antwort auf den Ruf der Gaia: Die Herausbildung einer vornehmen Indifferenz gegen religiöse Ohnmachtsnarrative der Natur.“ In: Vanessa Lemm & Antonia Ulrich (Hrsg.): *Nietzsches Naturen*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2024, S. 69–99.

(Selected) FORTHCOMING:

- „*Gültigkeit und Geltung*: Die sittliche Differenz im Rechtsprinzip der modernen Gleichheit.“ In Brady Bowman, Myriam Gerhard und Jure Zovko (Hrsg.): *Hegel-Jahrbuch 2024*. Berlin: Duncker & Humblot [Forthcoming in 2027].
- „Kants Perückenmacher und Friseur und die moderne Gleichheit.“ In: Christoph Horn, Margit Ruffing, Rainer Schäfer (eds.): *Proceedings of the 14th International Kant Congress „Kant’s Project of Enlightenment“ (Bonn, 8.–13. September 2024)*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter. [Forthcoming in 2027]
- “Dialectics of (In)Difference: What can Hegel’s Concrete Universality tell us about Identitarianism?” In: Zdravko Kobe & Luca Illeterati (eds): *Between Substance and Subject: The presence of Spinoza in Hegel*, Leiden/ Boston: Brill. [Accepted / Forthcoming in 2026.]
- “Indifference and Event. Heidegger, Badiou and the Crisis of Historical Time”. In Miklós Nyíró (ed.): *Event and its Mediations*. [In Press].
- „(Un)glauben und (Un)wissen: Versuch über das Vertrauen in einer Zeit des allgemeinen Misstrauens, mit Arendt, Hume, Kant, Leibniz und Hegel“ In Andreas Kalina und Kinza Khan (ed.): *Besserwisser Gesellschaft. Zur Glaubwürdigkeitskrise der Experten in Zeiten von Transformationen und Krisen*. Baden-Baden: Nomos. [Forthcoming in 2027]

INVITED (UPCOMING AND PAST) TALKS:

- “Was ist egalitäre *Hybris*? Ein Gedankendialog zwischen Badiou und Deleuze über Identität, Grenzen und Unendlichkeit“, Staatliche Akademie der Bildenden Künste Karlsruhe, May 2026.
- „Gemeinsinn, Ge’mein’sinn, ,Gemein’sinn: Das Verhältnis zwischen Urteilen, Meinen und Misstrauen in einer desorientierten Welt“, *Individueller Universalismus? Sensus communis und reflektierendes Urteilen bei Kant und Arendt*, Universität Freiburg, December 2024.
- „Dialektik von Individualität und Gleichheit: Zum aktuellen Aufstieg des Rechtspopulismus“. Gastvortrag im *Kolloquium für Politische Theorie*, Universität Kiel, Dezember 2023, December 2023.

- “Is authoritarian Liberalism a Concept of *weak negation*? *Colloquium of the working group Places of the Political*, Philosophical Research Institute of Hannover, February 2023.
- “*Poetry Slam Personality and Big Picture Personality*: Two online expressions of the same desire of *making an impact* on the world” *Le Soi entre incarnation (embodiment) et présence offline*, University of Paris I, May 2023. [In French]

(Selected) UPCOMING AND PAST PRESENTATIONS:

- “Content Production as a Work of Producing Contentment”, *Critical Philosophies of Technology*, Florence, October 2026.
- “When the Common Turns (Ge-)Mine: The Nonplace of the Common World — and the Place of the Non-World”, *Un/Common Places*, Eichstätt, February 2027.
- “Badiou mit Deleuze über (In-)Differenz und die Macht der Gleichheit”, *Deleuze 100. Ein deleuzianisches Jahrhundert? Aktualitäten, Perspektiven, Zukünfte*, Vienna, November 2025.
- “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger: A Lesson on Capital and the Gigantic”. 59th *Heidegger Circle Conference*, Pittsburgh, May 2025.
- “Content Creation and Commodification of Lived Experience: What if life becomes a work of its production as a ‘content’?” *Working Democracy*, Groningen, October 2025
- “Die sittliche Differenz: Gültigkeit und Geltung and das Rechtsprinzip der modernen Gleichheit“. XXXV. *Hegel Congress*, Tbilisi (Georgia), October 2024.
- “Was können uns Kants Perückenmacher und Friseur über den Begriff der modernen Gleichheit lehren?” 14th *International Kant Congress*, Bonn, September 2024.
- Kant and Modern Equality: The shift of labor form from equal validity to indifference. *Immanuel Kant, 300 Years from Now*, Congress, Catania, October 2024.
- “Can there be a digital in-between? A reflection with Hannah Arendt on the relation between loss of worldly reality and fanatical searches for ‘alternative truths’ in our present times” 29. *DVPW Congress*, Göttingen, September 2024.
- “Hegel, Jacobi’s Spinoza and Equality: Jacobi’s silent trace in Hegel’s conception of concrete universality and the modern equality ‘between equivalence and indifference’.” *Between Substance and Subject. The presence of Spinoza in Hegel*. Conference, Ljubljana, October 2023.
- “Equal Validity [Ger. Gleich-Gültigkeit].” *Political Concepts*, Conference in New School for Social Research, New York, March 2023.
- “Dialectic of Limitation and De-Limitation in Quentin Meillassoux’ thought of the Absolute.” *Thinking at the Limit*, Duquesne University, March 2023 (Online).

- "The Disorientation of the World: Inequality and Alain Badiou on Limits and Ecopolitical Narratives." *Political Theory in Uncertain Times*, International Political Theory Conference, Bremen, September 2023.
- „Flache Welt, runde Welt: Wirklichkeitsangebote und die Frage der *weltlichen* Wirklichkeit mit Arendt.“ *TINA, "alternative Facts" und die Wissenschaft*, Akademie für politische Bildung, Tutzing, Februar 2023.
- "Sklavenmoral oder neue Aristokratie? Zwei Weisen der Vermenschlichung der Natur bei Nietzsche", *32nd International Nietzsche Congress*, Naumburg, October 2022.
- "Übermensch today: What if Zarathustra had an Instagram account?" *Nietzsche oggi / Nietzsche Today*, Conference, Messina-Italy, October 2022.
- „Was hat das menschliche Verhältnis zur Natur mit dem *Recht auf Differenz* gemeinsam?“ *Zum Verhältnis zwischen Natur und Geist bei Hegel: historische und aktuelle Perspektiven*. Konferenz, Freiburg, Dezember 2021.
- „Deutsche Erinnerungskultur: Wiederholung als eine Weise des Vergessens?“ *Erinnerungen für die Zukunft? Narrative Horizonte der Hoffnung in der Politik aus der Geschichte*, Konferenz, Gießen, Dezember 2020
- "Two Offers for the 'true' European: Hospitality and Hostility." *Migration, Rights Democracy: Conceptual Reappraisals*, Conference, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli, June 2020.

COURSES TAUGHT: (English/German, BA and MA Level)

- B.A/ M.A Course: "Fundamental Concepts of Philosophy of Right", University of Salzburg, Autumn 2026. [In German]
- B.A. / M.A. Seminar: "Thinking Trust with Hannah Arendt", Masaryk University, Autumn 2025. [In English]
- B.A. / M.A. Seminar: "Ethics with Badiou in Times of AI", Masaryk University, Autumn 2025. [In English]
- B.A. / M.A. Seminar: "An Epitome of contemporary confusion: What does conservative mean today?" University of Hamburg, Winter Semester 2024/2025. [In German]
- B.A. / M.A. Seminar: "Fukuyama against Fukuyama: From the end of the history to the end of the Democracy", Frankfurt am Main, Summer Semester 2024. [In German]
- Supervision of the module: "Practical Philosophy" in BA Cultural Studies, University of Hagen, Summer Semester 2024.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

- Nietzsche-Fellowship, Klassik Stiftung Weimar, 2025. (Residence Term: January-March)
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Travel Award, 2025.
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Travel Award, 2022.
- Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Doctoral Research Scholarship (\$65.000), 2021.
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) M.A. Scholarship (\$31.000), 2011.
- German Pedagogical Exchange Service, Awardee of *Preisträgerprogramm*, 2005.

LANGUAGES:

- German ~ fluent (speaking, reading, writing)
- English ~ fluent (speaking, reading, writing)
- French ~ fluent (speaking, reading, writing)
- Ancient Greek ~ Elementary
- Kurdish (Northern Kurdish) ~ native
- Turkish ~ native

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- German Society for Philosophy
- German Society for French Philosophy
- Hegel Society (Germany)
- The Heidegger Circle
- German Political Science Association Sections:
Political Theory /Politics and Culture

REFERENCES:

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