

# Dominik Perler – CV

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## Contact

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## Current Position

Full Professor of Philosophy at Humboldt-Universität, Berlin

## Education

1996            Habilitation at the University of Göttingen  
                  Thesis: “Repräsentation bei Descartes”  
1988-91        Graduate Studies at the Universities of Fribourg and Göttingen  
                  Dr. phil. Fribourg (*summa cum laude*)  
                  Thesis: “Der propositionale Wahrheitsbegriff im 14. Jahrhundert”  
1984-88        Undergraduate Studies at the Universities of Fribourg and Bern  
                  lic. phil. Fribourg (*summa cum laude*)  
                  Thesis: “Prädestination, Zeit und Kontingenz bei Ockham”

## Employment

2020-            Co-Director of the Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities  
                  “Human Abilities”, Berlin  
2003-            Full Professor of Philosophy at Humboldt-Universität, Berlin  
1997-2003      Full Professor of Philosophy at the University of Basel  
1996-97        Fellow of All Souls and Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Oxford  
1993-95        Lecturer at the University of Göttingen  
1992-93        Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of California in Los Angeles  
1991-92        Postdoc at Cornell University

## Visiting Positions and Fellowships

2026            Anderson Distinguished Fellow at the University of Sydney  
2022            Visiting Professor at the École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris  
2017            Visiting Professor at the École normale supérieure, Paris  
2016            Chaim Perelman Professor at the Université libre de Bruxelles  
2013-15        Global Scholar at Princeton University  
2012            Edith Bruce Lecturer at the University of Toronto  
2011            Leibniz Lecturer at the University of Hannover

2010	Carl Schurz Memorial Professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison
2010	Fellow at the Istituto Svizzero di Roma
2009	Silverman Professor at Tel Aviv University
2004-05	Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study)
2004	Collins Professor at Saint Louis University
2002	Pierre Abélard Lecturer at the University of Paris IV, Sorbonne
2001	DAAD Visiting Professor at the University of Oldenburg

### Grants, Awards, Academic Distinctions

2020-	Member of the Academia Europaea
2017	“Opus magnum,” awarded by the Volkswagen-Stiftung
2015-17	President of the German Society for Philosophy
2014	<i>Doctor honoris causa</i> of the Université catholique de Louvain (Institut supérieur de philosophie)
2007-	Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Arts and Science
2007-10	President of the European Society for Early Modern Philosophy
2006	Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize, awarded by the DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)
1995	“Kulturpreis des Fürsten Franz Joseph von Liechtenstein”
1993-1995	Grant for Advanced Scholars, awarded by the SNF (Schweizerischer Nationalfonds)
1992	Vigener Prize for the best doctoral dissertation in the Humanities at the University of Fribourg
1991-92	Grant for Junior Scholars, awarded by the SNF
1988-89	DAAD Grant, University of Göttingen

### Special Academic Functions

2021-	Chair of the Examination Committee (Prüfungsausschuss)
2021-24	Member of the Doc.CH Evaluation Committee, SNF (Schweizerischer Nationalfonds)
2019-21	Member of the NEH Research Group “Reconsidering the Sources of the Self in the Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Periods”
2018-23	Member of the Advisory Board of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin
2018-23	Principal Investigator, Research Training Group “Extrospection”
2018-21	Member of the Tenure Board at Humboldt-Universität
2017-	Member of the Leszek Kolakowski Prize Committee
2013-20	Member of the Advisory Board of “Representation and Reality: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on the Aristotelian Tradition,” University of Gothenburg
2012-20	Associated Fellow at the “Forschungskolleg BildEvidenz”, Freie Universität Berlin
2007-19	Principal Investigator and Member of the Steering Committee of the Excellence Cluster “Topoi”
2007-14	Member of the Excellence Cluster “Languages of Emotion”
2006-08	Chair of the Philosophy Department at Humboldt-Universität
2004-17	Chair of the “Carl und Max-Schneider-Stiftung” in Berlin

- 2002-07 Member of the Steering Committee of the European Science Foundation Project  
“From Natural Philosophy to Science”
- 2001-03 Member of the Steering Committee of the “Janggen-Pöhn-Stiftung zur Förderung  
des wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchses”
- 2000-03 Member of the “Kuratorium zur Förderung von Lehre und Forschung”, Basel
- 1998-2002 Member of the Academic Senate at the University of Basel
- 2000-02 President of the Basel Philosophical Society
- 1999-2001 Chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of Basel

### Editorial Work

Co-editor of book series:

- 2018- *Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy*, Schwabe Verlag, Basel
- 2007- *Transformationen der Antike*, W. de Gruyter, Berlin
- 1999-2024 *Quellen und Studien zur Philosophie*, W. de Gruyter, Berlin

Member of the advisory board for book series:

- 2018- *Oxford Guides to Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, Oxford
- 2009- *Oxford Philosophical Concepts*, Oxford University Press, Oxford

Member of the editorial or advisory board for journals:

- 2023- *Rivista di Filosofia*
- 2022- *Revue philosophique de Louvain*
- 2021- *Studi sull’Aristotelismo medievale*
- 2021- *History of Philosophy Quarterly*
- 2020- *Archives d’histoire doctrinale et littéraire du moyen-âge*
- 2018- *Anuario Filosófico*
- 2015- *Studia Philosophica*
- 2014- *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*
- 2012- *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy*
- 2010- *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy*
- 2010- *Journal of the History of Philosophy*
- 2007- *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale*
- 2006- *Philosophisches Jahrbuch*
- 2003- *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*
- 2001- *Quaestio: Yearbook of the History of Metaphysics*
- 2001- *Recherches de théologie et philosophie médiévales*
- 2000- *Vivarium: A Journal for Medieval and Early-Modern Philosophy and Intellectual Life*
- 2000- *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung*

### Organization of International Conferences and Workshops

- 2025 “Spinoza on Power and Essence”, Berlin, February 10-11 (with L. Moauro)
- 2023 “Infinity in Early Modern Philosophy”, Berlin, June 23 (with A. Schechtman)
- 2023 “Fourth Berlin-Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy”, Hamburg, May  
11-12 (with S. Bender and S. Schmid)
- 2023 “Medieval Theories of the Intellect,” Berlin, May 5 (with L. Nogueira Borges)

- 2023 “Powers and Abilities in Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, March 22-24 (with S. Bender)
- 2022 “Third Berlin-Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy: Powers, Dispositions, and Abilities,” Berlin, May 12-13 (with S. Bender and S. Schmid)
- 2021 “Powers: A History,” Berlin, June 23-24 (with J. Jorati)
- 2019 “Second Berlin-Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, June 28-29 (with S. Bender and S. Schmid)
- 2018 “Matter, Mind, and More: Medieval and Early Modern Perspectives,” Berlin, November 9
- 2018 “First Berlin-Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, June 14-15 (with S. Bender, A. Schneck, and S. Schmid)
- 2018 “Causation and Cognition in Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, May 31-June 2
- 2017 “Blicke ins Jenseits: Mittelalterliche Perspektiven,” Berlin, November 10 (with F. Wille)
- 2017 “Norm und Natur,” XXIV. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie, Berlin, September 24-27
- 2017 “Leibniz on Mind and Metaphysics,” Berlin, June 16 (with S. Bender and Ch. Barth)
- 2016 “From Love to the Infinite,” Berlin, July 1 (with Ch. Barth)
- 2016 “Cognition and Causation,” Berlin, June 6-7 (with T. Rosefeldt)
- 2015 “Mind, Music, and Metaphysics: Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, July 9 (with S. Bender)
- 2015 “Mind, Matter, and Metaphysics: Perspectives on Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, May 21-23
- 2014 “Late Medieval and Renaissance Accounts of the Mind,” Berlin, October 23-25 (with S. Schmid)
- 2014 “Monism – Old and New,” Berlin, July 29 (with T. von Solodkoff)
- 2014 “Perceiving and Judging: Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, June 20
- 2013 “Was bedeutet der aktuellen Philosophie ihre Geschichte? Methodologische Perspektiven,” Berlin, April 11-13 (with M. van Ackeren)
- 2012 “Faculties: The History of a Concept,” Berlin, July 13
- 2012 “Spinoza’s Metaphysics,” Berlin, June 14-15 2012
- 2011 “Nature vs. Normativity? Joining Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Intentionality and Knowledge,” Berlin, July 14-15 (with M. Lenz and A. Waldow)
- 2011 “Berlin-Toronto Workshop on Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, November 10-12
- 2011 “Conceptions of Consciousness in Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, May 13-14 (with Ch. Barth)
- 2010 “Filosofare in lingua volgare,” Istituto Svizzero di Roma, June 15-17
- 2010 “Mind in Nature,” Second Congress of the European Society for Early Modern Philosophy, Berlin, February 15-17
- 2009 “How Do Teleological Explanations Work? Historical Perspectives on Final Causes,” Berlin, November 27-29 (with S. Schmid)
- 2009 “The Partitioning of the Soul in Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Philosophy,” Berlin, October 23-24 (with K. Corcilius)
- 2008 “Leibniz’s Philosophy of Mind,” Berlin, July 3-4
- 2008 “The History of Inferentialism,” Berlin, May 29-30

- 2007 “Spinoza’s Theoretical Philosophy,” Berlin, June 25-26
- 2006 “Transformations of the Soul: Aristotelian Psychology 1250-1650,” Berlin, November 16-18
- 2005 “Theorien des Geistes in der frühen Neuzeit,” Heidelberg, January 13-15 (with A. Kemmerling and R. Schumacher)
- 2004 “Skeptizismus in der frühen Neuzeit,” Heidelberg, January 22-24 (with A. Kemmerling and R. Schumacher)
- 2002 “Logik und Theologie: Das *Organon* im arabischen und im lateinischen Mittelalter,” Ittingen (CH), October 3-6 (with U. Rudolph)
- 1999 “Ancient and Medieval Theories of Intentionality,” Castelen/Basel (CH), June 23-26

### Direction of Externally Funded Research Projects

- 2020- Co-Director of the Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities  
“Human Abilities,” Humboldt-Universität and Freie Universität Berlin, funded by DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)
- 2007-19 Co-Director of Research Area D, Excellence Cluster “Topoi,” Humboldt-Universität and Freie Universität Berlin, funded by “Exzellenzinitiative Bund und Länder”
- 2009-11 Director of the Research Project “Transformations of Emotions,” Excellence Cluster “Languages of Emotion,” Freie Universität Berlin, funded by “Exzellenzinitiative Bund und Länder”
- 2006-13 Director of the Leibniz Prize Project “Transformationen des Geistes: Philosophische Psychologie 1250-1650,” Humboldt-Universität, funded by DFG
- 2002-04 Co-Director of the Research Group “Formen des Zweifels: Skeptizismus im Spätmittelalter und in der Frühen Neuzeit,” Universities of Basel and Zurich, funded by SNF (Schweizerischer Nationalfonds)