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Curriculum Vitae



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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Political Philosophy, Social Philosophy, Critical Theory (Frankfurt School and beyond)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Democratic Theory, Philosophy of Human Rights, Theory of the Public Sphere, Social Theory

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt, 2017

Thesis Title: “Exodus oder dialektische Negation? Paradigmen der Kapitalismuskritik im Widerstreit”

Examiners: Axel Honneth, Martin Saar

Diploma in Sociology, Technical University Berlin, 2012 (with distinction)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”, postdoctoral)

Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin

10/18 – present

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”, postdoctoral)

Department of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt

08/18 – 09/18

Research Associate (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”, predoctoral)

Cluster of Excellence Normative Orders, Goethe University

06/17 – 11/17

08/16 – 12/16

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Ph.D. Scholarship by FAZIT-Stiftung

02/17 – 07/17

Ph.D. Scholarship by ZEIT-Stiftung

02/17 – 07/17

Ph.D. Scholarship by Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

02/13 – 01/17

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

2021, Conference “*Debatten der Gegenwart. Öffentlichkeiten im politischen und medialen Wandel*” (in cooperation with Simone Jung und Miira Hill), Leuphana University

2019, Roundtable “*Is there another people?*” - Discussion between Oliver Marchart, Jean Cohen and Andrew Arato (in cooperation with Rahel Jaeggi), Humboldt University

2018, Author's Workshop “*Transnationalization of Rule and Resistance*” (in cooperation with Felix Anderl, Christopher Daase, Nicole Deitelhoff, Jannik Pfister, Philip Wallmeier), Goethe University

2017, Conference “*International Dissidence. Rule and Resistance in a Globalized World*” (in cooperation with Nicole Deitelhoff and Christopher Daase), Goethe University

2014, Graduate Conference “*Borders of Orders. Grenzziehungen, Konflikte und soziale Ordnungen*”, Goethe University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2018 – present, Erasmus Incoming Coordinator at Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie

Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft

REFEREEING

Zeitschrift für Praktische Philosophie

European Journal for Political Theory

International Critical Thought

Philosophy and Social Criticism

Journal of International Political Theory

Journal of Social Ontology

Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur

Diskurs

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

2019, *“Exodus oder dialektische Negation. Paradigmen der Kapitalismuskritik im Widerstreit.”* Springer Verlag

Edited Volumes:

2019, *“Rule and Resistance beyond the Nation State. Contestation, Escalation, Exit.”* Rowman and Littlefield International (with Felix Anderl, Christopher Daase, Nicole Deitelhoff, Jannik Pfister and Philip Wallmeier)

Peer-Reviewed Research Articles and Book Chapters:

In preparation, *“Was nötig zur Öffnung? Die Migrationsgesellschaftliche Struktur und sozialphilosophische Fundierung des Begriffs der Öffentlichkeit.”*

In preparation, *“Rawls and the Justification of Egalitarian Liberalism.”*

2020, *“Is there another People? Populism, Radical Democracy and Immanent Critique.”* Philosophy and Social Criticism. First Published March 13

2019, *“Ohnmacht und Politik der Menschenrechte unter rechtspopulistischem Vorzeichen.”* Leviathan (47), 308 – 330.

2019, *“The Subjects of Socialism. Politicizing Axel Honneth's Idea of Socialism”.* Critical Horizons (20), 262 – 281.

2018, *“Universalismus und Parteilichkeit in der Kritischen Theorie Axel Honneths.”* Zeitschrift für Politische Theorie (9), 29 – 50.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Research Articles and Book Chapters:

2021, *“Das universalistische Pars pro toto. Über die “populistischen” Voraussetzungen deliberativer Demokratie”*, in: Kim, Seongcheol / Selk, Veith (eds.), *Wie weiter mit der Populismusforschung? Nomos*, forthcoming.

2019a, *“Exodus from the Political. Workerist Conceptions of Radical Resistance.”*, in: Felix Anderl / Christopher Daase / Nicole Deitelhoff / Victor Kempf / Jannik Pfister / Philip Wallmeier (eds.), *Rule and Resistance beyond the Nation State. Contestation, Escalation, Exit*. Rowman and Littlefield International, 257 – 278.

2019b, *“Introduction: Rule and Resistance beyond the Nation State”* (with Felix Anderl, Christopher Daase, Nicole Deitelhoff, Jannik Pfister, Philip Wallmeier), in: Felix Anderl / Christopher Daase / Nicole Deitelhoff / Victor Kempf / Jannik Pfister / Philip Wallmeier (eds.), *Rule and Resistance beyond the Nation State. Contestation, Escalation, Exit*. Rowman and Littlefield International, 1 – 21.

2019c, *“Introduction: Exit”* (with Philip Wallmeier), in: Felix Anderl / Christopher Daase / Nicole Deitelhoff / Victor Kempf / Jannik Pfister / Philip Wallmeier (eds.), *Rule and Resistance beyond the Nation State. Contestation, Escalation, Exit*. Rowman and Littlefield International, 201 – 203.

2019d, *“Conclusion: Approaching Rule and Resistance beyond the Nation State”* (with Felix Anderl, Christopher Daase, Nicole Deitelhoff, Jannik Pfister, Philip Wallmeier), in: Felix Anderl / Christopher Daase / Nicole Deitelhoff / Victor Kempf / Jannik Pfister / Philip Wallmeier (eds.), *Rule and Resistance beyond the Nation State. Contestation, Escalation, Exit*. Rowman and Littlefield International, 279 – 291.

- 2018, *“Einwanderung, Demokratie und Menschenrechte. Migrationsethische Positionen in der Kritik”*. Allgemeine Zeitschrift für Philosophie (43), 1 – 21.
- 2017, *“Parteilichkeit der Vernunft. Die neuere Kritische Theorie und das Politische”*. Zeitschrift für Politische Theorie (8), 68 – 71.
- 2013, *“Kapitalismuskritik heute. Theorie und Praxis bei Graeber und Honneth.”* WestEnd (10), 102 – 115.

Book Reviews:

- 2021, *“Das Problem der Sittlichkeit”*. Rezension zu Christ, Julia / Lepold, Kristian / Loick, Daniel / Stahl, Titus (eds.), *Debating Critical Theory. Engagements with Axel Honneth* (Rowman & Littlefield). Theorieblog.
- 2020, *“Immanente Populismuskritik”*. Rezension zu Kolja Möller: *Volksaufstand und Katzenjammer. Zur Geschichte des Populismus* (Wagenbach). Soziopolis.
- 2019, *“Gescheiterte Rückkehr. Eribons Bildungsgeschichte kritischer Subjektivität”*. Rezension zu: Didier Eribon: *Grundlagen eines kritischen Denkens* (Turia + Kant). Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur (8), 46 – 56.
- 2017, *“Politische Philosophie der Obergrenze. David Millers Migrationsethik argumentiert aus einer Warte “landsmännischer Parteilichkeit””*. Rezensionen zu David Miller: *Fremde in unserer Mitte. Politische Philosophie der Einwanderung* (Suhrkamp). Ethik und Gesellschaft (11), 1 – 11.
- 2016, *“Bedürfnis der Sozialkritik”*. Rezension zu Frank Fischbach: *Manifest für eine Sozialphilosophie* (Transcript). Theorieblog.
- 2014, Rezension zu Charles Masquelier: *Critical Theory and Libertarian Socialism. Realizing the Critical Potential of Critical Social Theory*. Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur (4), 12 – 23.

Interviews:

- 2019, *“Realistisch bleiben? Mit Victor Kempf über Menschenrechte und radikale Demokratie”*. Das neue Berlin (Podcast), <https://dasneue.berlin/2019/12/29/realistisch-bleiben/>
- 2020, *“Moralischer Universalismus in Zeiten politischer Regression. Jürgen Habermas im Gespräch über die Gegenwart und sein Lebenswerk”* (with Claudia Czingon, Aletta Diefenbach). Leviathan (48), 7 – 28.
 – translated into English, Chinese, Italian, Polish

TEACHING

- 2021 Graduate Seminar “*Juergen Habermas' Political Philosophy*” (Humboldt University)
- 2021 Undergraduate Seminar “*Democratic Theory – Introduction*” (Humboldt University)
- 2020,1 Graduate Seminar “*Juergen Habermas' Social Philosophy*” (Humboldt University)
- 2020,1 Undergraduate Seminar “*John Dewey: The Public and its Problems*” (Humboldt University)
- 2020, Social Philosophy Colloquium (with Rahel Jaeggi, Bastian Ronge; Humboldt University)
- 2020, Graduate Seminar “*Geschichtsphilosophie*” (Humboldt University)
- 2020, Undergraduate Seminar “*Demokratie und Menschenrechte*” (Humboldt University)
- 2019/0, Graduate Seminar “*Der Politische Liberalismus und seine Kritik*” (Humboldt University)
- 2019/0, Undergraduate Seminar “*Figuren kollektiver Autonomie: Demokratie, Volk, Nation*” (Humboldt University)
- 2019, Graduate Seminar “*Frühe Kritische Theorie*” (Humboldt University)
- 2019, Undergraduate Seminar “*Theorien der Gemeinschaft*” (Humboldt University)
- 2018/9, Graduate Seminar “*Hegels Theorie der bürgerlichen Gesellschaft*” (Humboldt University)
- 2018/9, Undergraduate Seminar “*Rousseaus Sozialphilosophie*” (Humboldt University)
- 2017/8, Graduate Seminar “*Politik und Ethik der Menschenrechte*” (Goethe University)
- 2015, Graduate Seminar “*Operaismus: Tronti und Negri*” (Goethe University)
- 2014/5, Graduate Seminar “*Kapitalismuskritik: Marx, Polanyi, Negri*” (Goethe University)

Supervision of BA and MA theses

TALKS

- 2020, *“Die Normativität des Volkes. Zur Möglichkeit einer kritischen Theorie des Populismus.”* Workshop: Wie weiter mit der Populismusforschung?, University of Kassel
- 2019, *“The Party of Progress. Lukács and the Political.”* Istanbul-Oldenburg Critical Theory Conference, University of Kassel
- 2019, *“Is there another People? Populism, Radical Democracy and Immanent Critique,”* Conference: Philosophy and Social Science”, Prague
- 2019, *“Exodus oder dialektische Negation. Paradigmen der Kapitalismuskritik im Widerstreit.”* Book Release, Humboldt University
- 2019, *“Kritik des kommunitären Demos.”* Workshop: Wilde Theorie, University of Bremen
- 2018, *“Ohnmacht und Politik der Menschenrechte in Zeiten kommunitärer Demokratie.”* Congress: Bi-annual meeting of Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft
- 2018, *“Exodus from the Political. Workerist Conceptions of Radical Resistance.”* Workshop: Transnationalization of Rule and Resistance, Goethe University
- 2018, *“Political Liberalism in Need of a Radical Rescue.”* Workshop: Reinventing Liberal Universalism, University of Greifswald
- 2017, *“Universalismus und Parteilichkeit in der Kritischen Theorie Axel Honneths.”* Congress: Tri-annual meeting of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie, Humboldt University
- 2017, *“Regress of Progress. The Case of Reformism”.* Workshop: Forum Wirtschaftsphilosophie, Humboldt University
- 2017, *“The Positivity of “Exodus”. Some Critical Remarks.”* Conference: International Dissidence. Rule and Resistance in a Globalized World, Goethe University
- 2016, *“Universality mediated by Struggle. Politicizing Honneth's Idea of Socialism.”* Conference: Annual Meeting of the Society for Socialist Studies, University of Calgary
- 2015, *“Exodus as Dialectical Negation. Marcuse's “Great Refusal””.* International Critical Theory Conference, Rome; Conference: Philosophy and Social Science, Prague
- 2014, *“From Liberalism to Socialism. Notes on Honneth's Conception(s) of Progress”.* Conference: Philosophy and Social Science, Prague; Symposium: Recognition and Socialism, Goethe University
- 2013, *“Occupy Love! Zur normativen Semantik der neueren Kapitalismuskritik im Spiegel ihrer Theorie.”* Invited Talk, Cluster of Excellence Normative Orders, Goethe University