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Current Position

Junior Professor

since 2020

Social Philosophy/Critical Theory (with tenure track)
Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy

2011–2017

Goethe University Frankfurt and Institute for Social Research Frankfurt
thesis title: *Ambivalent Recognition. Immanent Critique and the Challenge of Ideological Relations of Recognition*
Committee: Axel Honneth, Martin Saar, Christoph Menke

M.Sc. in Sociology

2009–2010

London School of Economics and Political Science

B.A. in Political Science (minor Economics)

2006–2009

University of Mannheim (one semester at Sciences Po Paris)

Research Areas

Areas of Specialization: Social & Political Philosophy, Frankfurt School Critical Theory, Critical Philosophy of Race

Areas of Competence: Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Social Ontology

Academic Employment

Postdoctoral Research Associate Chair of Social Philosophy (Martin Saar) Department of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt	2017–2020
Postdoctoral Research Associate Chair of Practical Philosophy and Social Philosophy (Rahel Jaeggi) Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin	2017
Predocctoral Research Associate Chair of Social Philosophy (Axel Honneth) Department of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt	2016–2017
Predocctoral Research Associate Chair of Practical Philosophy and Social Philosophy (Rahel Jaeggi) Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin	2016
Predocctoral Research Associate Chair of Social Philosophy (Axel Honneth) Department of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt	2015

Visiting Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Philosophy, MIT (host: Sally Haslanger)	2023
Visiting Scholar Department of Philosophy, Harvard University (host: Tommie Shelby)	2018–2019
Visiting Scholar Department of Philosophy, Columbia University (host: Frederick Neuhouser)	2013

PUBLICATIONS

I. Monographs

Ambivalente Anerkennung [Ambivalent Recognition] (Frankfurt a. M. and New York: Campus, 2021).

II. Edited Publications

Critical Philosophy of Race. Ein Reader [Critical Philosophy of Race. A Reader], co-editor with Marina Martinez Mateo (Berlin: Suhrkamp, 2021).

Recognition and Ambivalence, co-editor with Heikki Ikäheimo and Titus Stahl (New York: Columbia University Press, 2021).

Debating Critical Theory. Engagements with Axel Honneth, co-editor with Julia Christ, Daniel Loick, and Titus Stahl (London and New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020).

Critical Philosophy of Race [Special Issue on Critical Philosophy of Race], co-editor with Marina Martinez Mateo, in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 67. 4 (2019).

Anerkennung und Unterwerfung [Special Issue on Recognition and Subjection], co-editor with Titus Stahl, in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 62. 2 (2014).

III. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“How Should We Understand the Ambivalence of Recognition? Revisiting the Link between Recognition and Subjection in the Works of Althusser and Butler”, in *Recognition and Ambivalence*, edited by Heikki Ikäheimo, Kristina Lepold, and Titus Stahl (New York: Columbia University Press, 2021): 129-159.

“Introduction”, with Heikki Ikäheimo and Titus Stahl, in *Recognition and Ambivalence*, edited by Heikki Ikäheimo, Kristina Lepold, and Titus Stahl (New York: Columbia University Press, 2021): 1–20.

“Examining Honneth’s Positive Theory of Recognition”, in *Critical Horizons* 20. 3 (2019): 246–261.

“An Ideology Critique of Recognition: Judith Butler in the Context of the Contemporary Debate on Recognition”, in *Constellations* 25. 3 (2018): 474–484.

IV. Journal Articles and Book Chapters without Peer Review

“Marx and Critical Theory”, in *The Oxford Handbook of Social Ontology*, edited by Stephanie Collins, Brian Epstein, Sally Haslanger, and Hans Bernhard Schmid (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“Subjekt/Identität” [Subject/Identity], in *Handbuch Kritische Theorie*, edited by Robin Celikates, Rahel Jaeggi, and Martin Saar (Stuttgart: Metzler, forthcoming).

“Anerkennung” [Recognition], in *Information Philosophie* 1 (2022): 16–25.

“Recognition and Feminist Thought”, with Christine Bratu, in *Handbuch Anerkennung*, edited by Ludwig Siep, Heikki Ikäheimo, and Michael Quante (Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2021): 421–431.

“Einleitung” [Introduction], with Marina Martinez Mateo, in *Critical Philosophy of Race. Ein Reader* [Critical Philosophy of Race. A Reader], edited by Kristina Lepold and Marina Martinez Mateo (Berlin: Suhrkamp, 2021): 7–34.

“Debating Critical Theory. An Introduction”, with Julia Christ, Daniel Loick and Titus Stahl, in *Debating Critical Theory. Engagements with Axel Honneth*, edited by Julia Christ, Kristina Lepold, Daniel Loick, and Titus Stahl (London and New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020): vii–xxiii.

“Schwerpunkt: Critical Philosophy of Race” [Introduction to Special Issue on Critical Philosophy of Race], with Marina Martinez Mateo, in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 67. 4 (2019): 572–588.

“Axel Honneths Neubegründung der kritischen Gesellschaftstheorie: Die kritische Theorie der Anerkennung” [Axel Honneth’s Renewal of Critical Theory: The Critical Theory of Recognition], in *Warum Kritik? Begründungsformen kritischer Theorie*, edited by Sven Ellmers and Philip Hogh (Weilerswist: Velbrück, 2017): 281–300.

“Die Bedingungen der Anerkennung. Zum Zusammenhang von Macht, Anerkennung und Unterwerfung im Anschluss an Foucault” [The Terms of Recognition. On the Relationship between Power, Recognition and Subjection following Foucault], in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 62. 2 (2014): 297–317.

“Schwerpunkt: Anerkennung und Unterwerfung” [Introduction to Special Issue on Recognition and Subjection], with Titus Stahl, in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 62. 2 (2014): 231–238.

“Strukturfunktionalismus: Talcott Parsons” [Structural Functionalism: Talcott Parsons], with Axel Honneth, in *Handbuch der Soziologie*, edited by Jörn Lamla, Henning Laux, David Strecker, and Hartmut Rosa (Konstanz: UVK, 2014): 149–161.

V. Book Reviews

“Splinters in Your Eye. Frankfurt School Provocations by Martin Jay”, with Tobias Albrecht, in *Constellations* 29. 4 (2022): 516–518.

“Vom richtigen Leben im falschen. Erik Olin Wright weist Wege aus dem Kapitalismus” [The Right Life in the Wrong One: Review of Erik Olin Wright, *Envisioning Real Utopias*], in *Soziopolis* (2017).

“Resisting Reality: Social Construction and Social Critique by Sally Haslanger” [Review of Sally Haslanger, *Resisting Reality*], in: *Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur* 1. 1 (2013): 26–34.

“‘Anerkennung‘ als Prinzip der Kritischen Theorie by Hans-Christoph Schmidt am Busch”, in *Critical Horizons* 14. 1 (2013): 120–124.

VI. Other Publications

Foreword to the German translation of *The Racial Contract*, in Charles W. Mills, *The Racial Contract* (Frankfurt a. M. and New York: Campus, forthcoming).

“Recognition”, in *The Philosopher* 110. 3 (2022): 52-54.

“Mit Scharfsinn und Humor: Nachruf auf den Rassismusforscher Charles W. Mills” [With Acumen and Humor: Obituary of Charles W. Mills], with Rahel Jaeggi, in *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (23 September 2021).

“Schuldzuweisung und Vergebung. Miranda Fricker antwortet auf Fragen von Kristina Lepold” [Blame and Forgiveness: Miranda Fricker Responds to Questions by Kristina Lepold], in *WestEnd. Neue Zeitschrift für Sozialforschung* 18. 1 (2021): 153–170.

“Problematisches Nichtwissen: ‘White Ignorance’” [Problematic Ignorance: White Ignorance], in *praefaktisch – ein Philosophieblog* (2020).

“Sich der Realität widersetzen. Kristina Lepold im Gespräch mit Sally Haslanger” [Resisting Reality. A Conversation with Sally Haslanger on Social Construction and Possibilities of Critique], in *Westend. Neue Zeitschrift für Sozialforschung* 12. 2 (2015): 159–170.

Grants and Scholarships

DAAD Travel Grant For talks held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of New Hampshire	2019
DAAD Postdoctoral Research Scholarship For a research stay at Harvard University	2018–2019
Scholarship of the EH Hamburger Stiftung zur Förderung von Hochbegabten [EH Hamburg Foundation for the Highly Gifted]	2014
Doctoral Scholarship of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes [German National Academic Foundation]	2011–2014
Scholarship of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes [German National Academic Foundation]	2007–2010

Research Funding

International Conference on “Philosophie und Rassismus” [Philosophy and Racism], funded with 20,000 EUR by the German Research Foundation (DFG), co-organized with Franziska Dübgen and Marina Martinez Mateo 10.2022

International Conference “Emanzipation” [Emancipation], funded with 25,000 EUR by the German Research Foundation (DFG), co-organized with Rahel Jaeggi 05.2018

Interviews and Podcasts

“Was ich noch sagen wollte” [What I Would Like to Say], *PhilPublica* (June 22, 2022).

“Critical Philosophy of Race” (with Marina Martinez Mateo), interviewed by Robin Celikates for the *Critical Theory in Context - Podcast* (February 21, 2022).

“Deutschland hat immer noch ein Rassismus-Problem” [Germany Still has a Problem with Racism] (with Marina Martinez Mateo), interviewed by Hanno Hauenstein, *Berliner Zeitung* 18 (January 23, 2022).

“Männlich, sehr weiß” [Male, Very White] (with Marina Martinez Mateo), interviewed by Hans-Christioph Zimmermann, *der Freitag* 3 (January 20, 2022).

“Es gibt keine Rassen, aber wir müssen über Unterschiede reden” [There are no ‘Rassen’, but We Need to Talk about Group Differences] (with Marina Martinez Mateo), interviewed by Stefanie Rohde, *Deutschlandfunk Kultur* (December 19, 2021).

“Aufzeichnungen mit Kristina Lepold”, interviewed by Sarah Sandelbaum for the Podcast “Aufzeichnungen” by the Institute for Social Research on the publication of *Ambivalente Anerkennung* (October 1, 2021).

Recent Talks and Presentations

Commentator at the workshop “Fortschritt und Regression” [Progress and Regression], manuscript discussion with Rahel Jaeggi, organized by the Center for Social Critique of the Humboldt University Berlin and the Research Group “Democratic Hope” of the Free University Berlin, December 2022.

“What is Institutional Racism?”, University of Aarhus, November 2022.

“Es gibt keine Rassen, aber was ist mit *race*? Die philosophische Diskussion zur Metaphysik von *race*“ [There is No Such Thing as ‘Rasse’, but What About *race*? The Philosophical Discussion Regarding the Metaphysics of *race*], NaDiRa-Lecture-Series “Rassismusforschung: Methodik und Ethik”, DeZIM, November 2022.

“Was ist institutioneller Rassismus?” [What is Institutional Racism?], Opening Lecture in the Department Colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin, October 2022.

“Nonideal and Critical Theory: How to Make Political Philosophy Relevant for Practice”, 11. GAP-Congress, Humboldt University Berlin, September 2022.

“Wie *weiß* ist die Kritische Theorie?” [How *White* is Critical Theory?], Workshop “Wie *weiß* ist das Fach Philosophie?”, University of Wuppertal, July 2022.

“Ambivalente Anerkennung” [Ambivalent Recognition], Centre Marc Bloch Berlin, July 2022.

“Ambivalente Anerkennung” [Ambivalent Recognition], Research Colloquium of Christine Wimbauer, Department of the Social Sciences, Humboldt University Berlin, July 2022.

Panel Discussion “Rassismus: Eine Frage der Einstellung?” [Racism: A Matter of Attitude?], Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, May 2022.

“Ambivalente Anerkennung” [Ambivalent Recognition], Department of Philosophy, University of Potsdam, May 2022.

“Was ist struktureller Rassismus?” [What is Structural Racism?], University of Flensburg, May 2022.

“Recognition and Epistemic Injustice” (with Hilkje Hänel), GenderTalks Roundtable at the University of Bayreuth, April 2022.

“Ambivalent Recognition”, Research Centre for the Study of Democratic Cultures and Politics, University of Groningen, March 2022.

Recent Conferences and Workshops

Workshop “Wie weiter mit der politischen Epistemologie?” [What Next for Political Epistemology?], 01.–02.06.2023, University College Freiburg, co-organized with Frieder Vogelmann.

International Conference “Philosophie und Rassismus” [Philosophy and Racism], 06.–08.10.2022, University of Münster, co-organized with Franziska Dübgen and Marina Martinez Mateo, funded by the German Research Foundation.

Workshop “Philosophieren mit Charles W. Mills” [Philosophizing with Charles W. Mills], 15.07.2022, Humboldt University Berlin, co-organized with Robin Celikates und Deborah Mühlebach.

Roundtable on “*Critical Philosophy of Race* im deutschsprachigen Raum?” [*Critical Philosophy of Race* in Germany, Austria and Switzerland?], 30.09.2021, VIII. Tagung für Praktische Philosophie in Salzburg, co-organized with Marina Martinez Mateo.

Recent Teaching

Graduate Courses

Philosophical Colloquium (with Mirjam Müller)	since summer 2021
Charles Mills’ Politische Philosophie [Charles Mills’ Political Philosophy]	summer 2022
Philosophie der Sozialwissenschaften [Philosophy of the Social Sciences] (with Rahel Jaeggi)	winter 2021/22
Utopia or Realism? Methodological Questions of Political Philosophy	summer 2021
Kritische Theorie [Critical Theory]	winter 2020/21

Undergraduate Courses

Frantz Fanon: Philosophie und Dekolonisierung [Frantz Fanon: Philosophy and Decolonisation]	summer 2023
Vertiefende Einführungsvorlesung: Philosophische Traditionen [Introductory Lecture: Philosophical Traditions]	summer 2023
Was ist Rassismus? [What is Racism?]	winter 2022/23 & summer 2021
Schlüsseltexte der frühen Frankfurter Schule [Key Texts of Early Critical Theory]	summer 2022
Michel Foucault: Überwachen und Strafen [Michel Foucault: Discipline and Punish]	winter 2021/22
Karl Marx: Das Kapital [Karl Marx: Capital]	winter 2020/21

Professional Service

- Chair of the Hiring Committee for a Permanent Lectureship in “Public Philosophy”, Department of Philosophy at Humboldt University 2022–2023
- Member of the Steering Committee of SWIP Germany e.V. since 11/2021
- Founding Member of the Anti-Discrimination Task Force at the Department of Philosophy at Humboldt University since 10/2021
- Ambassador for SWIP Germany e.V. at the Department of Philosophy at Humboldt University since 06/2021
- Co-Author of a Guide on How to Do Academic Work in Philosophy for the Department of Philosophy at Humboldt University 02–10/2021
- Co-Organizer of the Departmental Colloquium at the Department of Philosophy at Goethe University Frankfurt 07/2018–09/2020
- Member of the Committee to Evaluate the Introductory Courses in the BA Program of the Department of Philosophy at Goethe University Frankfurt 04–07/2018
- Member of the Admissions’ Committee for the MA Degree in Philosophy at Goethe University Frankfurt 10/2017–09/2020
- Deputy Representative of the Non-Tenured Faculty in the Governing Body of the Department of Philosophy at Goethe University Frankfurt 10/2017–09/2020

Refereeing

Ethics; Theory, Culture & Society; Philosophy & Social Criticism; Journal of Social Philosophy; Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur; Zeitschrift für praktische Philosophie; Critical Horizons

Deutschlandstipendium; VW-Stiftung

Memberships

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil)
SWIP Germany e.V.
DFG Research Network “The Relation between Recognition Theory and Theories of Epistemic Injustice”