

# Jan Gertken

## Curriculum Vitae

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin  
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**Current Position:** Lecturer (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University of Berlin (on leave until April 2018).

**Areas of Specialisation:** Normative Ethics, Meta-ethics, Rationality and Reasons.

**Areas of Competence:** Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Aesthetics (especially philosophy of literature).

### Education

PhD in Philosophy (Humboldt-University of Berlin, 11/2012).

M.A. in Philosophy and German Language & Literature (University of Göttingen, 02/2006).

### Employment

Since 10/2013	Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University of Berlin (on leave until April 2018).
09/2010 – 03/2013	Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University of Berlin.
11/2009 – 08/2010	Research Associate, Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University of Berlin (Collaborative Research Centre “Transformations of Antiquity”, Project A1 “Sources of Normativity”).
11/2007 – 10/2009	Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University of Berlin.

## Publications

1. „The Right and the Wrong Kind of Reasons“ (with Benjamin Kiesewetter), *Philosophy Compass* 12 (5) (2017).
2. “Aggregation für Nonkonsequentialisten”, *Zeitschrift für Philosophische Forschung* 70: 269-274 (2016).
3. “Mixed Feelings About Mixed Solutions”, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 19: 59–69 (2016).
4. “Prinzipien in der Ethik – Précis“ and “Repliken“, *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 69: 73–77 & 91–95 (2015).
5. *Prinzipien in der Ethik*, Münster: Mentis (2014).
6. “Wunscherfüllung und Freude als Elemente des Guten“, *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 67: 292–298 (2013).
7. “Fiktionalität“ (with Tilmann Köppe), in: Jannides, F., Lauer, G., Martínez, M. u. Winko, S. (Hg.) *Grenzen der Literatur. Zu Begriff und Phänomen des Literarischen*, Berlin: de Gruyter: 228–266 (2009).
8. 2008 – “Die Sein-Sollen-Schranke und das Problem der Rechtfertigung moralischer Urteile“, *Lebenswelt und Wissenschaft. Sektionsbeiträge des 21. Deutschen Kongresses für Philosophie*, URL: <http://www.dgphil2008.de/dokumentation/sektionsvortraege.html>.

## Work in Progress

1. “Rossian Moral Pluralism in the Philosophy Classroom” (with Anne Burkard, under review).
2. „Prinzipienpluralismus im Philosophieunterricht“ (with Anne Burkard, under review).
3. “The Restrictions of Consequentialism”, invited contribution to: Seidel, C. (ed.) *Consequentialism: New Directions, New Problems?* (under review).
4. “Is There a Liberal Principle of Instrumental Transmission?”, article manuscript (with Benjamin Kiesewetter, in progress).
5. „Practical Conflicts as a Problem for Epistemic Reductionism About Practical Reasons“, article manuscript (with Benjamin Kiesewetter, in progress).

## Presentations and Talks

1. “Haben Überforderungseinwände ein eigenständiges Gewicht?” (Workshop *Moralische Überforderung*, 21–22 January 2017, University of Münster).
2. “The Restrictions of Consequentialism“ (27 October 2016, Lund University).
3. “The Wrong Kind of Reasons Problem: Its Scope and Significance“ (26 October 2016, Lund University).
4. “How the Numbers Count“ (25 October 2016, Lund University).
5. “Do Wrong-Making Features Ground an Act’s Wrongness?” (*Zurich Early-Career Postdoc Workshop in Theoretical Philosophy*, 1 July 2016, University of Zurich).
6. “Grounding und die Relation des Falschmachens” (*Frankfurt Metaethik Workshop*, 27 May 2016, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management).
7. Commentary on Johanna Privitera: “Interpersonal Aggregation in Rescue Cases“ (*HU/KCL Graduate Workshop in Philosophy*, 12 May 2016).

8. "Ist Einheit in der Vielfalt von Werten möglich?" (*Wertontologie und Glück*, 3–4 March 2016, University of Münster).
9. "Is There a Liberal Principle of Instrumental Transmission?" (9. Kongress der Gesellschaft für analytische Philosophie, 14–17 September 2015, University of Osnabrück; *European Normativity Network Conference*, 20 November 2015, HU Berlin; with Benjamin Kiesewetter).
10. "Interpersonal Aggregation and the Separateness of Persons" (27 January 2015, Department of Philosophy, University of Bayreuth).
11. "Warum sich praktische Gründe nicht auf Evidenzen für Sollens-Aussagen reduzieren lassen" (23. Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie, 28 September – 2 October 2014, University of Münster).
12. "What's Wrong with the Wrong Kind of Reasons?" (*The Wrong Kind of Reasons*, 22–24 September 2014, HU Berlin; with Benjamin Kiesewetter).
13. "The Because Constraint and its Metaethical Implications" (*Normativity and Meaning*, 14–16 May 2014, University of Saarbrücken).
14. "Relativer Wert: Kein Ausweg für den Konsequentialismus" (8 January 2014, Department of Philosophy, HU Berlin).
15. "Mixed Feelings About the Mixed Solution" (*The Dimensions of Consequentialism*, 16–17 November 2013, University of Konstanz).
16. "Relative Value and Consequentialist Accounts of Restrictions" (*Consequentialism: New Directions, New Problems?*, 23–25 September 2013, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg).
17. "Is There a Problem About Interpersonal Aggregation?" (*Aggregation and Fairness*, 5–6 September 2013, Centre for Advanced Study in Bioethics, University of Münster).
18. "Warum es moralisch von Bedeutung ist, wie vielen man hilft" (24 June 2013, University of Münster).
19. "Resultance, Reasons and Principles" (*Moral Particularism and Methods in Ethics*, 14 June 2013, University of Zurich).
20. "Kann Notwehr nicht nur moralisch erlaubt, sondern gänzlich unproblematisch sein?" (*GAP.8*, 17–20 September 2012, University of Konstanz).
21. Commentary on: Daniel Wodak, "The Priority Presumption" (*Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Workshop in Philosophy*, 6–8 August 2012, HU Berlin).
22. "Aggregation und Zufallsverfahren in Trade-off-Situationen" (*Was tun, wenn man nicht alle retten kann?*, 3 July 2012, Centre for Advanced Study in Bioethics, University of Münster).
23. "Moral Particularism" (Winter School *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 19–23 March 2012, University of Utrecht).
24. Commentary on: Andreas Müller, "How to Be a Moral Constructivist" (*Formen des Naturalismus in der Ethik*, 14–15 January 2012, HU Berlin).
25. Commentary on: Jack Woods, "Beliefs About Consequence" (*Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Workshop in Philosophy*, 18–20 July 2011, HU Berlin).
26. "Aggregation Without Aggravation" (*Reasons, Agency and the Good*, 30 June–2 July 2011, HU Berlin).
27. "Intuitions in Reflective Equilibrium" (*Intuitions in Ethics*, 23–25 September 2010, HU Berlin, with Anne Burkard).
28. "Dicke Begriffe und dünne Argumente" (University of Göttingen, 5 May 2010).
29. "Empirically Based Objections to Moral Intuitionism" (*Philosophical Implications of Empirically Informed Ethics*, 29–31 March 2010, Zürich, with Anne Burkard).
30. "Moralische Intuitionen und empirische Verlässlichkeitseinwände" (4 February 2010, University of Göttingen, with Anne Burkard).
31. "Das moralische Weil" (*GAP.7*, 14–17 September 2009, University of Bremen).

32. “Moral Pluralism and Moral Reasons“ (Summer School *Perspectives of Deontology in Ethics* , 22–26 September 2008, HU Berlin).
33. “Die Sein-Sollen-Schranke und das Problem der Rechtfertigung moralischer Urteile“, (21. *Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie*, 15–19 September 2008, University of Duisburg-Essen).
34. “How to Argue About Particularism“ (9 July 2007, Forschungsinstitut für Philosophie Hannover).
35. “Expressivist Logic of Attitudes: Negation and Commitments“ (*Moral Judgment and Moral Psychology*, 13–14 December 2005, University of Helsinki).

### Awards and Scholarships

04/2016–03/2018	Postdoctoral Fellowship (Research Group “Relational Normativity and Promissory Obligation”, headed by Einstein Visiting Fellow Prof. R. Jay Wallace; Topoi Exzellenzcluster 264, Berlin).
04/2013–09/2013	Research Fellowship by the Centre for Advanced Study in Bioethics, University of Münster.
09/2007–08/2009	Ph.D. scholarship by the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes).
05/2006–08/2007	Predoc scholarship by the Carl und Max Schneider Stiftung (Berlin).
06/2003–11/2005	Scholarship by the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes).
05/2003	<i>Sir Henry Jones Memorial Prize</i> for the best “Honours“-student in Moral Philosophy by the University of St Andrews.
10/2002–05/2003	Scholarship by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

### Conference Organisation

1. *Norm und Natur – XXIV. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie*, HU Berlin, 24–27 September 2017 (member of the organising team).
2. *The Moral Nexus*, HU Berlin, 8–9 May 2017 (with Thomas Schmidt).
3. *Humboldt Normativity Conference* 2016, HU Berlin, 27–29 June 2016 (with Benjamin Kiesewetter and Thomas Schmidt).

4. *The Wrong Kind of Reasons*, HU Berlin, 22–24 September 2014 (with Benjamin Kiesewetter and Thomas Schmidt).
5. *Aggregation and Fairness*, 5–6 September 2013, Centre for Advanced Study in Bioethics, University of Münster (with Annette Dufner and Bettina Schöne-Seifert).
6. *Intuitions in Ethics*, 23–25 September 2010, HU Berlin (with Anne Burkard und Thomas Schmidt).
7. *Perspectives of Deontology in Ethics*, 22–26 September 2008, HU Berlin (with Thomas Schmidt).

### **Refereeing**

*Erkenntnis*, *Ethical Perspectives*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Res Publica*, *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*.

### **Languages**

German (native), Englisch (fluent), basics in French and Latin.

Jan Gertken  
Berlin, 10 May 2017