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**AREAS OF SPECIALISATION** Theories of truth, social epistemology, normative ethics and metaethics

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE** Theories of argumentation, philosophy of logic, philosophy of religion, philosophy of gender

**LANGUAGES**

German	first language
English	fluent
Italian	fluent
French	good reading skills
Latin	Latinum

**ACADEMIC POSTS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Since April 2013	Postdoc researcher, Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK), Trento (Italy)
September 2012 - June 2013	Postdoc researcher, <Ahref Foundation, Trento (Italy)
October 2008 - April 2009	Lecturer (Lehrbeauftragter), Department of Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin

- October 2002 - September 2008      Researcher and Lecturer (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), Department of Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin
- September 1998 - August 1999      Visiting Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts)
- October 1994 - February 1998      Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin

## WORK OUTSIDE ACADEMIA AND RESEARCH

- March 2012 - December 2012      Language adviser for German at the *Centro Multilingue Bolzano* (Italy)
- September 2011 - August 2012      Teacher of *German as a Second Language* at the Istituto Comprensivo Bassa Atesina, Egna (Italy)
- September 2010 - August 2011      Teacher of *German Language and Literature and History* at the Istituto Tecnico Agrario, Ora (Italy)
- September 2009 - August 2010      Teacher of *Philosophy and History* at the Liceo classico 'Walther von der Vogelweide' Bolzano (Italy)

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- January 2010      PhD in Philosophy (Doktor der Philosophie), with highest honours, *Summa cum laude*, Freie Universität Berlin  
 Thesis: *Wahrheit, Begründbarkeit und Fallibilität: Ein Beitrag zur Diskussion epistemischer Wahrheitskonzeptionen (Truth, Justifiability and Fallibility: A Contribution to the Debate on Epistemic Conceptions of Truth)*  
 Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Holm Tetens and Prof. Dr. Gregor Betz
- February 1998      Magister Artium in *Philosophy and German Literature and Language* at the Freie Universität Berlin  
 Thesis: *Die Konsensstheorie der Wahrheit bei Peirce, Habermas und Apel (The Consensus Theory of Truth in Peirce, Habermas, and Apel)*  
 Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Dietrich Böhler and Prof. Dr. Jürgen Trabant

## EDUCATION

- October 2005 - January 2010      PhD-programme (Dr. phil.) in Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- October 1993 - February 1998      MA-programme (Magister Artium) in Philosophy and German Literature and Language, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- May 1993      Abitur (German higher education entrance qualification), Georg-Büchner-Gymnasium Berlin

## SCHOLARSHIPS

February 2000 - September 2002	Scholarship of the <i>German National Academic Foundation</i>
September 1998 - August 1999	Scholarship of the <i>German National Academic Foundation</i>
November 1995 - February 1998	Scholarship of the <i>German National Academic Foundation</i>

## ACADEMIC AND CAREER PROGRESSION COMMITTEES

2013-2015	Reviewer and voting member of the tenure-track committee Dr. Sara Tonelli (Digital Humanities), Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Center for Information and Communication Technology
2008	Member of the habilitation [senior doctorate] committee (Habitationskommission) Dr. Gregor Betz, Freie Universität Berlin, Fachbereich Philosophie und Geisteswissenschaften
2007-2008	Member of the habilitation [senior doctorate] committee (Habitationskommission) Dr. Alberto Damiani, Freie Universität Berlin, Fachbereich Philosophie und Geisteswissenschaften

## UNIVERSITY TEACHING Courses and lectures held in German, English and Italian

Summer 2014	(1) <i>Husserl's Critique of Logical Psychologism</i> , invited lecture, Department of Philosophy, University of Trento
Summer 2014	(2) <i>Logic Without Epistemology: Frege on Thoughts and Truth</i> , invited lecture, Department of Philosophy, University of Trento
Winter 2008/09	(3) <i>René Descartes' "Meditationes de Prima Philosophia"</i> , undergraduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Summer 2008	(4) <i>David Hume's "Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding"</i> , graduate Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Winter 2007/08	(5) <i>René Descartes' "Meditationes de Prima Philosophia"</i> , and <i>"Discours de la méthode"</i> , undergraduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Summer 2007	(6) <i>Proper Names—An Introduction to Analytic Philosophy of Language</i> , undergraduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Winter 2006/07	(7) <i>Fallible Knowledge</i> , graduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Summer 2006	(8) <i>Criteria of Meaningfulness—From Aristotle to Logical Positivism</i> , graduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Winter 2005/06	(9) <i>Introduction to Philosophical Hermeneutics</i> , undergraduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Summer 2005	(10) <i>Approaches to Normative Ethics</i> , undergraduate Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Winter 2004/05	(11) <i>The Pragmatism of Charles Sanders Peirce</i> , undergraduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Summer 2004	(12) <i>Theories of Truth</i> , undergraduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin

- Winter 2003/04 (13) *Introduction to Analytic Epistemology*, undergraduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
- Summer 2003 (14) *Explaining and Understanding Actions—Analytic and Hermeneutic Approaches to the Theory of Action*, undergraduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
- Winter 2002/03 (15) *Pragmatics and Normative Ethics*, undergraduate seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
- Winter 2000/01 (16) *Truth and Justifiability*, graduate seminar with Prof. Dr. Dietrich Böhler, Freie Universität Berlin
- Summer 1998 (17) *Epistemic Theories of Truth*, graduate seminar with Prof. Dr. Dietrich Böhler, Freie Universität Berlin

#### **OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES** Courses and seminars held in Italian

- March 2017 *Questioni etiche nell'ambito dell'intelligenza artificiale*, seminar for high school students and teachers, Fondazione Bruno Kessler
- April 2016 *Fonti di informazione online. Il web come strumento per l'argomentazione*, full day seminar, Trentino School of Management, Trento
- January 2015 - February 2015 *Etica e tecnologie*, two workshops for high school students, Liceo Marconi, Rovereto/Liceo Sophie Scholl, Trento
- February 2014 - March 2014 *Logica formale e argomentazione*, advanced training for high school teachers of philosophy, IPRASE, Liceo Linguistico Trento
- February 2014 *Etica e tecnologie*, workshop for high school students, Liceo Marconi, Rovereto
- January 2014 *Informazione, libertà e la sfera pubblica*, workshop for high school students, Liceo Sophie Scholl, Trento
- January 2013 - March 2013 *Parlare, pensare, agire: elementi della filosofia contemporanea del linguaggio*, advanced training for high school teachers of philosophy, IPRASE, Liceo Linguistico Trento
- February 2013 *Fact checking collaborativo online*, workshop for high school students, Liceo Bertrand Russell, Cles
- December 2012 *Qualità dell'informazione e fact checking online*, workshop for high school students, Liceo Linguistico, Trento

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS** (Selection)

- September 2017 *Recent Work in the Epistemology of Religious Disagreement*, EASR Conference 2017, 'Communicating Religion', KU Leuven
- June 2017 *Religious Disagreement and Religiously Relevant Disagreement*, international conference 'Arguing Religion: Disagreement, Recognition, and the Reach of Argumentative Debate', Fondazione Bruno Kessler and 'Tiefe Meinungsverschiedenheiten – Deep Disagreements' (Humboldt University Berlin, University of Freiburg), Trento
- January 2017 *Religious and gender issues through the lens of a TV series: Watching Orange is the New Black*, AIUCD Conference 2017, 'The reverse telescope: big data

- and distant reading in the humanities', Università La Sapienza, Rome
- September 2016 *Ha senso voler essere diversi da ciò che si è? Tecnologie di enhancement e il futuro della natura umana*, 'Notte dei Ricercatori 2016', Trento
- October 2015 *Etica delle macchine & etica sperimentale*, 'Festival della Scienza 2015', Genoa
- August 2015 *Can evidence from social psychology and neuroscience support/undermine philosophical theories in normative ethics?*, ATEM Conference 2017, 'Quelle identité de l'éthique théologique aujourd'hui?', Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento
- May 2015 *Philosophical Questions Concerning Human Enhancement*, international workshop 'Aspects of Human Enhancement', Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento
- November 2014 *Transcendental Reasoning and Epistemically Constrained Truth*, international conference 'Transcendental Arguments in Practical Philosophy', University of Greifswald/Alfried-Krupp-Wissenschaftskolleg
- September 2014 *Wahrheit, Begründbarkeit und regulative Ideen: Was bleibt von der transzendentalpragmatischen Konsensstheorie?*, 'XXIII. Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie', Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
- June 2014 *Consenso*, lecture in the series 'Le parole chiave dell'etica', Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento
- March 2014 *Etica e tecnologie: alcuni spunti per la discussione*, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento
- July 2013 *Some Problems in Computer Ethics*, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento
- May 2013 *An Explanatory Use of the Concept of Truth*, 'Gaps, Gluts and Truth', University of Padua/COGITO–Research Centre in Philosophy
- January 2013 *Il fact checking collaborativo online da un punto di vista epistemologico*, conference 'Fatti, verità, argomentazioni', Fondazione <Ahref, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, IBM Center for Advanced Studies Italy, Trento
- September 2012 *A Simple Argument Against Deflationism About Truth*, Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, 'The Answers of Philosophy', Alghero
- February 2011 *Common Sense, Determinism and Free Will*, workshop 'Varieties of Determinism: Science and Free Will', Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento, Italy
- January 2010 *Truth, Justifiability and Fallibility*, Freie Universität Berlin, Department of Philosophy
- March 2008 *The Paradox of Knowability and Epistemic Theories of Truth*, University of Padua (UNIPD), Department of Philosophy, Seminario di logica e filosofia analitica
- August 2007 *Fallibilism, Factivity and Epistemically Truth-Guaranteeing Justification*, University of Bergen, Department of Philosophy
- August 2004 *Some semantic considerations concerning the mind-body problem*, Summer Academy of the German National Academic Foundation, Rot an der Rot
- July 2002 *Attitudinal Transparency and Superassertibility*, post-graduate workshop with Crispin Wright, Freie Universität Berlin, Department of Philosophy

- September 2000 *Truth in Ethics*, international conference ‘Ética Do Discurso. Novos desenvolvimentos e aplicações’, University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Department of Philosophy
- July 2000 *Assertions as Claims to Truth*, international conference ‘Aspekte des Prinzips Mit-Verantwortung. Aktuelle Forschungsperspektiven im Anschluß an Hans Jonas und Karl-Otto Apel’, Freie Universität Berlin and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

## PUBLICATIONS

- Monograph *Wahrheit, Begründbarkeit und Fallibilität. Ein Beitrag zur Diskussion epistemischer Wahrheitskonzeptionen (Truth, Justifiability, and Fallibility. A Contribution to the Debate on Epistemic Conceptions of Truth)*, Heusenstamm: Ontos 2010. 386 pp. (Vol. 18 of the series ‘Epistemic Studies’, edited by Michael Esfeld, Stephan Hartmann und Albert Newen.)  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1515/9783110322545>
- Edited Volumes (1) *Enhancement umano: un dibattito in corso* (with Lucia Galvagni and Alberto Bondolfi), *L’Arco di Giano – Rivista di medical humanities* 80, 2014.  
 (2) *Das Prinzip Mit-Verantwortung. Ethik im Dialog, Report des Hans-Jonas-Zentrums* (with Dietrich Böhler, Christiane Böhler-Auras, Maria Helena Mendoza, Eva-Maria Schwickert), Berlin: Verlag Oberhofer, 2000.
- Articles in journals, volumes and anthologies (1) ‘Digital Religion, the Supermarket, and the Commons’, forthcoming in *Sociétés* 2018/1.  
 (2) ‘Ambition, Modesty, and Performative Inconsistency’, in Jens P. Brune, Robert Stern, Micha H. Werner (eds.): *Transcendental Arguments in Moral Theory*. Berlin, New York: De Gruyter 2017, pp. 25-45.  
<https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110470215-003>  
 (3) ‘Genere’ (‘Gender’), with Valentina Chizzola, in *APhEx: Portale italiano di filosofia analitica* 15 (2017), pp. 1-38.  
<http://www.aphex.it/index.php?Indici=557D0A7157027403210703767773>  
 (4) ‘Performative Inkonsistenz für Fallibilisten’ (‘A Fallibilist Account of Arguments from Performative Inconsistency’), in Michael Quante (ed.), *Geschichte, Gesellschaft, Geltung (Deutsches Jahrbuch Philosophie 8)*, Hamburg: Felix Meiner Verlag, pp. 605-619.  
 (5) ‘Transcendental Arguments, Epistemically Constrained Truth and Moral Discourse’, in Gabriele Gava, Robert Stern (eds.), *Pragmatism, Kant, and Transcendental Philosophy*, London, New York: Routledge 2015, pp. 259-285.  
 (6) ‘Enhancement umano: aspetti di un dibattito’ (with Lucia Galvagni), in *L’Arco di Giano – Rivista di medical humanities* 80 (2014), pp. 7-10.  
 (7) ‘An Explanatory Role for the Concept of Truth’, in Massimo Dell’Utri, Fabio Bacchini, Stefano Caputo (eds.), *New Frontiers in Truth*, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014, pp. 15-37.  
 (8) ‘Dimensioni del riconoscimento: atti, atteggiamenti e relazioni’, in Paolo Costa (ed.), *Tolleranza e riconoscimento*, Bologna: Edizioni Dehoniane, 2014, pp. 73-100.

- (9) 'Is evidence from social psychology and neuroscience relevant to philosophical debates in normative ethics?', in *Annali di studi religiosi* 14 (2013), pp. 145-165.
- (10) 'Recognition. Reflections on a Contested Concept', in *Verifiche. Rivista di Scienze Umane* 42 (2013), pp. 33-59.
- (11) 'Common Sense, Strict Incompatibilism, and Free Will', in *Philosophical Inquiries. European Journal of Philosophy and Public Debate* 1 (2013), pp. 107-124.
- (12) 'Contingenza o validità universale? Rorty e Apel sul progresso morale' ('Contingency or Universal Validity? Rorty and Apel on Moral Progress') (with Valentina Chizzola), in *Annali di studi religiosi* 12 (2011), pp. 171-183.
- (13) 'Fallibilism, Factivity and Epistemically Truth-Guaranteeing Justification', in Nils Gilje, Harald Grimen (eds.), *Discursive Modernity*, Oslo: Scandinavian University Press 2007, pp. 181-198.
- (14) 'Die Rede von Wahrheitsansprüchen und ihre Konsequenzen' ('Truth-Claim Talk and its Consequences'), in Dietrich Böhler, Matthias Kettner, Gunnar Skirbekk (eds.), *Reflexion und Verantwortung. Auseinandersetzungen mit Karl-Otto Apel*, Frankfurt a.M.: Suhrkamp 2003, pp. 220-235.
- (15) 'Behauptung, Wahrheitsanspruch und Begründung. Überlegungen zum Wahrheitsproblem' ('Assertions, Truth Claims, and Justification'), in Holger Burckhart, Horst Gronke (eds.), *Philosophieren aus dem Diskurs*, Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2002, pp. 179-200.
- (16) 'Musik am Ende der Kunstperiode: Heinrich Heine' (with Claudia Albert), in Claudia Albert, *Tönende Bilderschrift. Musik in der deutschen und französischen Erzählprosa des 18. und 19. Jahrhunderts*, Heidelberg: Synchron Wissenschaftsverlag der Autoren 2002, pp. 141-145.
- (17) 'Verdade e correção moral. O que teria que conseguir uma teoria integrativa', in Francisco J. Herrero, Marcel Niquet (eds.): *Ética Do Discurso. Novos desenvolvimentos e aplicações*, São Paulo: Edições Loyola 2002, pp. 145-160 (Portuguese translation of (18)).
- (18) 'Wahrheit und moralische Richtigkeit – Was hätte eine integrative Theorie zu leisten?' ('Truth and Moral Validity – What an integrated theory would have to achieve'), in Marcel Niquet, Francisco J. Herrero, Michael Hanke (eds.), *Diskursethik – Grundlegungen und Anwendungen*, Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2001, pp. 119-134.
- (19) 'Reflexion und Sinnkritik' ('Reflection and Sense-Critical Argumentation'), in *Handlung – Kultur – Interpretation* 9 (2000), pp. 147-168.
- (20) 'Ethischer Universalismus und interkulturelles Lernen' ('Ethical Universalism and Trans-Cultural Learning'), in Horst Steinmann, Andreas Scherer (eds.), *Zwischen Universalismus und Relativismus – Rationalität als Problem des interkulturellen Managements*, Frankfurt a.M.: Suhrkamp 1998, pp. 191-211.
- (21) 'Die Vielfalt der Lebensformen und die Einheit der Vernunft' ('The Plurality of Life Forms and the Unity of Reason'), in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 45 (1997), pp. 439-454.

<https://doi.org/10.1524/dzph.1997.45.3.439>

(22) 'Der Konsens in Theorie und Praxis des Sokratischen Gesprächs' ('The Concept of Consensus in the Theory and Practice of Socratic Dialogue'), in Dieter Krohn, Barbara Neißer, Nora Walter (eds.), *Diskurstheorie und Sokratisches Gespräch*, Frankfurt a.M.: dipa, 1997, pp. 143-164.

Encyclopaedia  
Entries

(1) 'Vertrag' ('Contract') (with Jens Peter Brune), in Gert Ueding (ed.), *Historisches Wörterbuch der Rhetorik, vol. 9*. Tübingen: Niemeyer 2009, pp. 1102-1115.

(2) 'Karl-Otto Apel' (with Dietrich Böhler), in Gisela Riescher (ed.), *Politische Theorie der Gegenwart in Einzeldarstellungen. Von Adorno bis Young*, Stuttgart: Alfred Kröner Verlag 2004, pp. 15-18.

(3) 'Konsens' ('Consensus/Agreement'), in Marcus Düwell, Christoph Hübenal, Micha H. Werner (eds.), *Handbuch Ethik*, Stuttgart: Metzler 2002, pp. 404-409, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2011, pp. 420-426.

(4) 'Konsens' ('Consensus/Agreement') (with Dietrich Böhler), in Gert Ueding (ed.), *Historisches Wörterbuch der Rhetorik, vol. 4*, Tübingen: Niemeyer 1998, pp. 1256-1298.

(5) 'Dualismus', 'Ökologie', 'Subjekt-Objekt-Spaltung' ('Dualism', 'Ecology', 'Subject and Object') (with Horst Gronke), in: Peter Precht, Franz-Peter Burkard (eds.), *Metzler Lexikon Philosophie*, Stuttgart, Weimar: Metzler 1996.

Translations

(1) German-Italian (with Paolo Dordoni): Dieter Birnbacher, 'L'ambivalenza etica dell'enhancement', in Boris Rähme, Lucia Galvagni, Alberto Bondolfi (eds.), *Enhancement umano: un dibattito in corso, L'Arco di Giano – Rivista di medical humanities* 80 (2014), pp. 27-42.

(2) German-Italian: Elvira Scheich, 'Modernizzazione della mascolinità: l'immagine della fisica nella seconda metà del XX secolo', in Liria Veronesi, Valentina Chizzola, Fernanda Alfieri (eds.), *Genere e saperi. Un'esplorazione fra discipline umanistiche e tecno-scientifiche*, Trento: FBK Press 2012, pp. 145-166.

(3) English-German: Gunnar Skirbekk, 'Wahrheit und Begründung. Überlegungen zu epistemischen Begriffen und Praktiken', in Dietrich Böhler, Matthias Kettner, Gunnar Skirbekk (eds.), *Reflexion und Verantwortung. Auseinandersetzungen mit Karl-Otto Apel*, Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp 2003, pp. 236-259.

Work in progress

'Truth matters: Considering a statement is different than considering its truth' (with Uri Hasson and Giovanna Egidì), article, work in progress

'Religious Disagreement and Religiously Relevant Disagreement', article, work in progress

'What is Fallibilism? A Review and Critique of Some Recent Approaches', article, work in progress



## **REFEREEING FOR JOURNALS**

Acta Analytica (ISSN 0353-5150)

Theoria (ISSN 00405825)

Journal of Social Ontology (ISSN 21969663)

Rivista internazionale di filosofia e psicologia (ISSN 20394667)

Journal of Philosophical Research (ISSN 1053-8364)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

GAP: Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (German Society for Analytic Philosophy)

SIFA: Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica (Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy)

## **REFERENCES**

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