

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Positions

Since April 2015: Fellow (permanent member and lecturer) at the *Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy* and faculty member, LMU Munich.

Since February 2016: Coach at *Kolping Bildungsagentur*, Munich.

Rejected Offers

June 2018: Professorship for Philosophy of Economics at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Monterrey, Mexico.

July 2015: Professorship for Philosophy and Linguistics at the Universidad del Caribe, Cancun, Mexico.

Former Positions

May 2015 - October 2015:

Visiting Researcher at Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico-City, Mexico. Research with Professor Armando Cintora. Funded by Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, Conacyt, Mexico.

September 2011 - March 2015:

Doctoral Fellow (with a PhD scholarship grant of the Alexander-von-Humboldt-Foundation) at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP), LMU Munich, Germany. Date of defense and receipt of PhD title: January 23rd, 2015.

August - November 2013:

Visiting Scholar at the University of Miami, FL, USA.

Research with Professor Otávio Bueno. Funded by the MCMP Munich.

Academic Education

September 2011 - March 2015:

Doctoral studies at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP)

LMU Munich, Germany. Date of defense and receipt of PhD title with honors: January 23rd, 2015. Defense *Summa cum Laude*, PhD thesis *Maga Cum Laude*.

Studies during the PhD:

The Philosophy of the Social Sciences: I carried out a general case study about rationality from the Philosophy of Linguistics. In order to provide answers about the issue of rationality in the sciences, I studied how linguistic theories change through time and how discourse analysis became a significant tool in linguistics. In order to obtain results about discourse analysis, I carried out case studies, especially about Noam Chomsky's theories of linguistics.

Furthermore, I specialized in the Philosophy of Economics, where I tried to show how rationality and realism cohere and are represented in current economical theories.

October 2008 - August 2011: Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, Germany: Magister Artium (M.A.) in Philosophy (major), Typological Linguistics (minor) and Theoretical Linguistics (minor).

August 2006 - August 2008: Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, Mexico: 4 semesters of *Licenciatura en Filosofía*.

Areas of Specialization

General Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Philosophy of Economics, Philosophy of Linguistics

Areas of Competence

Logic, Linguistics, Economics, Philosophy of Language, Ethics, Epistemology and Formal Epistemology, Decision Theory, Epistemic Game Theory, Game Theory

Publications

Current Work in Progress

2018: Book: *Smarteres Business mit Logik: Ein analytischer Wegweiser*.

Books

2015: *Theory Change and Structural Realism. A General Discussion and an Application to Linguistics*. Saarbruecken: SVH Verlag. In this book, I show how linguistic theories are related through time and through scientific revolutions. Discourse analysis in linguistics is taken as an exemplar method of showing how well apparently radically different theories can be quite similar and still represent the structure of reality. The new approach is to take one social science, i.e. linguistics, as an exemplar case study. The result for practical philosophy is that there is now more clarity in the discussion about the structure of the social sciences.

Journal articles

2015: "On the Interconnections between Carnap, Kuhn, and Structuralist Philosophy of Science", pp. 375-387, S. Costreie (ed.) *Early Analytic Philosophy: New Perspectives on the Tradition*. (Dordrecht: Springer, 2015).

2015: "Explicating Structural Realism in the Framework of the Structuralist Meta-Theory", forthcoming in *Analitica*.

2015: (Original in Spanish): "The Structure of Empirical Theories and Reductionism". *Stoa* 6, pp. 9-25.

2012: (Original in Spanish): "A proposal for structural realism". *Stoa* 3, pp. 101-117.

Currently submitted

2018: Is neutralism possible?, together with Otavio Bueno

2018: Carnapian Quasianalysis in Linguistics.

Proceedings

2012: "A Framework for Structural Realism". *Proceedings of the VII Conference of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, Santiago de Compostela, 2012, pp. 465-472.

Book reviews

2014: Review of: Steven French, *The Structure of the World: Metaphysics and Representation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, Volume 28, Issue 4, pp. 443 - 445.

Encyclopedia/Bibliography Articles

2014: "Philosophy of Science", Oxford Bibliographies Online:
<http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com>. Together with Otávio Bueno.

Translations

2011: Neurath, O. "Wege der wissenschaftlichen Weltauffassung", Translation into Spanish: "Camino de la concepción científica del mundo". *Signos Filosóficos*, vol. XIII, num. 26, june-december, 2011, pp. 131-150. Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana.

Teaching experience

Winter term (October 2016 - February 2017) at the Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Study of Religion, LMU Munich: Philosophy of the Social Sciences: *Eine Einführung in die Sprachphilosophie*, BA-Seminar.

Summer term (April - July 2014) at the Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Study of Religion, LMU Munich: Philosophy of the Social Sciences: *An Introduction to Analytic Philosophy*, BA-Seminar.

Winter term (October 2012 - February 2013) at the Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Study of Religion, LMU Munich: Philosophy of the Social Sciences: *What is Analytic Philosophy?*, BA-Essay Course.

Summer term (April - July 2012) at the Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Study of Religion, LMU Munich: Philosophy of the Social Sciences: *An Introduction to Scientific Realism*, BA-Seminar.

Since April 2012: Lecturer (Lehrbeauftragter) at the Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Study of Religion, LMU Munich.

October 26th - November 3rd, 2011, Autumn-Term, at the Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas, Mexico, as a visiting short term lecturer: *Structuralism, Naturalism and Reductionism*, Undergraduate-Seminar.

Since November 2010: Teaching German as a foreign language to members of the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich.

January 2007 - August 2008: Tutorials in Logic and Philosophy of Science at the Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas, Unidad Academica de Filosofia.

October 2005 - August 2008: Assistant teaching position of German as a foreign language at the Department of German at the Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas, Mexico.

Selection of talks at Workshops/Conferences

May 5-7th, 2017: **Is neutralism possible?** at The Society for Exact Philosophy, SEP Conference 2017, Calgary. Together with Otávio Bueno.

September 22-26th, 2015: **Symposium on the Newman Objection** at the EPSA 2015, Düsseldorf. Together with Sebastian Lutz, Otávio Bueno, Tom Pashby and James Ladyman.

July 1-3rd, 2014: **Structural Realism, Structuralism and Theory Change**, at the MCMP/LMU Munich. Together with Otávio Bueno. Title of the talk: *Pragmatic Structural Realism and the Newman Objection*.

July 1-6th, 2013: **Carnap's Aufbau and Carnap's Logic** at the MCMP/LMU Munich. Title of the Talk: *The Influences on Carnap's Structuralism in the Aufbau*.

May 16-17th, 2013: **Mathematising Science - Limits and Perspectives** at the University of East Anglia, Norwich. Title of the Talk: *Mathematising Linguistics - the Case of Transformational Theory*.

September 15th, 2012: **SOPhiA 2012, Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy** at Salzburg. Title of the talk: *From Carnap to Stegmüller - Structuralism in Epistemology and in the Philosophy of Science*.

July 20th, 2012: **7th Congress of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science** at Santiago de Compostela, Galicia. Title of the talk: *Un marco conceptual para el realismo estructural*.

June 21st, 2012: **HOPOS 2012** at Halifax. Title of the talk: *From Carnap via Kuhn to Stegmüller - The Development of Structuralist Philosophy of Science*.

March 30th, 2012: **Workshop: MCMP meets Linguistics** at the MCMP/LMU Munich. Title of the talk: *A logical Reconstruction of Bloomfield's Linguistics and Structural Realism in Linguistics*.

February 16th, 2012: **International Conference: Perspectives on Structuralism** at the Center for Advanced Studies, LMU Munich. Title of the talk: *Structural Realism as an Epistemology for Structuralism*.

September 22nd, 2011: **1st Bristol-MCMP Munich-Workshop**, at the MCMP/LMU Munich. Title of the talk: *Structural Realism in Linguistics*.

September 13th, 2011: **Workshop in Mathematical Philosophy** of the MCMP as part of the German Congress of Philosophy (DGPhil), at Munich: Title of the talk: *An Investigation of Structural Realism from the Point of View of the Semantic Conception of Theories*.

Talks as an invited speaker

July 2nd, 2018: *Smart Business with Formal Reasoning*. Wayra Group, Startup Accelerator, at Munich, Germany.

June 2nd-4th, 2016: **Five Years MCMP, Quo Vadis, Mathematical Philosophy?**. *Quo Vadis Mathematical Philosophy - An Application from The Philosophy of Linguistics*, LMU Munich, Germany.

April 27th-April 30th, 2015: *Realismo Estructural y Estructuralismo en Epistemología y Filosofía de la Ciencia*. Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Iztapalapa, Mexico-City.

December 10th, 2014: *Pragmatischer Struktureller Realismus und Newmans Einwand* Institut für Philosophie. Universität Bern.

September 2nd-3rd, 2014: **Bridges 2014: Workshop on Intertheoretical Relations**. Held at the German House, **New York City**. Tandem-talk, together with David Chalmers: *Structural Realism and the Newman Objection*.

November 13th, 2013: *Structural Realism Beyond Physics: The Case of Generative Grammar*, at **Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM, Mexico-City**.

June 10-14th, 2013: *Structural Realism in Generative Linguistics*, at the conference **Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 6, St. Petersburg, Russia**, at the Colloquium *The Status of Semantics in Generative Grammar*, together with Robert May, Howard Lasnik, Barbara Partee, Friederike Moltmann, John Collins and Wolfram Hinzen.

October 9th, 2012: *Tracing Analogies: From Carnap and Kuhn to Stegmüller*, at the **Institut Wiener Kreis, Vienna, Austria**.

Participations at Summer Schools/Courses

August 29th - September 3rd, 2010: **Summer School of the LMU Student's Society (Fachschaft) "Die Aufgaben der Philosophie"**(The Tasks of Philosophy), at Frauenchiemsee, Germany. Participation in Hannes Leitgeb's working group.

Organization of Workshops/Conferences

Structural Realism, Structuralism and Theory Change, at the MCMP/LMU Munich, July 3rd, 2014.

The 1st MCMP - Buenos Aires Workshop, at the MCMP/LMU Munich, July 12-13th, 2013.

The Analysis of Theoretical Terms, together with Norbert Gratzl and Paul Dicken, at the MCMP/LMU Munich from April 3-5, 2013.

Decisions, Games and Logic (DGL 12), together with Olivier Roy, Conrad Heilmann and Martin Rechenauer, at the MCMP/LMU Munich, June 28th - 30th, 2012.

MCMP meets Linguistics, at the MCMP/LMU Munich, March 30th, 2012.

Further Academic Commitments

Since September 2011: Editorial Assistant at the journal *Erkenntnis*.

Since June 2014: Reviewer for *Poznan Studies in the Philosophy of Science*.

Since May 2015: Member of the Editorial Committee and Reviewer for *Revista de Filosofía* of Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico-City.

Since January 2017: Reviewer for the *Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften* (Austrian Academy of Sciences).

Since January 2018: Reviewer for *THEORIA. An International Journal for Theory, History and Foundations of Science*.

Since May 2018: Reviewer for *Metatheoria - Revista de Filosofia e Historia de la Ciencia*.

Languages

Native: German

Fluent: Spanish, English

Basic: Italian, French, Portuguese

References

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