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AREAS OF RESEARCH

AoS: Social Philosophy, Modal Epistemology, Practical Rationality
AoC: Philosophy of Action, Metaphysics

EMPLOYMENT

2024 - now Postdoctoral Fellow at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

2022- 2024 Research Fellow at the Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities:
'Human Abilities', Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

EDUCATION

2018-2022 PhD Philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
Thesis: 'Robust Abilities: Semantics, Social Norms and (Self-)knowledge'
Committee: Rae Langton, Helen Steward, Anna Mahtani, and Christian List

2015-2016 MA Philosophy, King's College London (*Distinction*)

2011-2014 BA Liberal Arts, University College Maastricht (*Cum Laude*)
2013 University of Sydney, Visiting Student

PUBLICATIONS

Kikkert, S. (2022), 'Ability's Two Dimensions of Robustness', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, 122(3), 348-357.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

'Society-relative Abilities' *Under review*

'Knowing What You Can Do' (with Tom Schoonen) *Under review*

'Ability Knowledge and Epistemic Disadvantage' *Commissioned Book Chapter*

'Does Ability Distribute over Disjunction?'

‘Is Disability a Lack of Certain Abilities?’

BOOK REVIEWS

Kikkert, S. and Vetter, B. (forthcoming), ‘Options and Agency’ by John T. Maier’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2018-2022 LSE PhD Studentship - Fees and Stipend

2021 APA Graduate Student Stipend

2020 Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education: Associate Fellowship, *UK Higher Education Academy*

2019/2020 LSE Departmental Teaching Award (2x)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Ability Knowledge and Epistemic Disadvantage”

Epistemic and Other Forms of Normativity, University of Luxembourg, October 2023

Joint Session, Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, London, July 2023

LMU Research Seminar in Decision Theory and Action, Munich, January 2023

The Science and Philosophy of Modal Thought, ‘Human Abilities’ Berlin, December 2022

“Should We Explicate Disability as a Lack of Certain Abilities?”

Workshop: Mental Disorders and Modal Properties, ‘Human Abilities’ Berlin, June 2023

FU Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, Berlin, January 2024

“(Dis)ability, Normality, and Intrinsicness”

European Congress for Analytic Philosophy, Vienna, August 2023

Understanding Value XI, Sheffield, March 2023

FU Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, Berlin, November 2021

“Ontically Unjust Inability Kinds”

Workshop: Social Interaction and Social Abilities, Berlin, November 2023

“Ability’s Two Dimensions of Robustness”

Joint Session, Postgraduate Session, Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, July 2021

Mind, Language and Metaphysics Graduate Conference, Durham, May 2021

“Good Prospects for a Modal Account of Ability”

Pacific APA, April 2021

European Congress for Analytic Philosophy, Online, August 2020

TEACHING

SS 2024 Ability and Disability, LMU, Postgraduate and Advanced Undergraduate Seminar

2020-21 Philosophy of the Social Sciences, LSE, Undergraduate Seminar

Topics: The value-free ideal; explanation and prediction; individualism and holism; social ontology and social kinds; hermeneutical injustice; rational and structural explanation; institutions; objectivity; bias and discrimination.

2019-20 and 2018-19 The Big Questions: Introduction to Philosophy, LSE, Undergraduate Seminar

Topics: Radical scepticism; personal identity; free will; theories of truth; consciousness; animal sentience; the ethics of belief; utilitarianism; Kantian ethics; death and the meaning of life.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023 Co-organiser of Workshop: Social Interaction and Social Abilities: Norms, Scripts, and Injustices (Berlin)

2022-23 Co-organiser of Reading Group: ‘Agency, Abilities, and the Social Environment’ (Berlin)

2022-23 Organiser of Reading Group: ‘Options and Agency’ (Berlin)

2021-22 Co-organiser of the LSE Minorities and Philosophy Chapter

2021-22 Co-organiser of the LSE Choice Group

2019-20 Convener of the LSE PhD Work in Progress Seminar

Reviewer for *The Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Social Ontology*, *Erkenntnis*, and *Philosophers’ Imprint*.

REFERENCES

Available on request.