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AREAS OF RESEARCH

AoS: Metaphysics, Social Philosophy (esp. Disability), Modal Epistemology
AoC: Philosophy of Action, Practical Rationality

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, Exchange semester

PUBLICATIONS

- Kikkert, S. and Segundo-Ortin, M. (2024). Disability, Affordances, and the Dogma of Harmony: Socializing the EE-model of Disability, *Topoi*, DOI:10.1007/s11245-024-10120-0
- Kikkert, S. (2022), Ability’s Two Dimensions of Robustness, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, 122(3), 348-357.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Kikkert, S. and Vetter, B. (2024), ‘Options and Agency’ by John T. Maier, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, DOI:10.1080/00048402.2024.2339470

WORK IN PROGRESS

- ‘Ability Knowledge and Epistemic Disadvantage’, *Commissioned Book Chapter*

‘Mental Disorder and the Normativity of Ability: Why Means Matter’, *Commissioned Book Chapter*

‘Knowing What You Can Do’ (with Tom Schoonen)

‘Society-relative Abilities’

‘Disability is a Lack of Society-relative Abilities’

‘The Acceptance Norm of Intention’ (with Samuel Boardman)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024 LMU-UC Berkeley Research in the Humanities Workshop Grant (€ 4.770) (with Diego Garcia)

2018-2022 LSE PhD Studentship (£ 72.000 stipend + tuition fees)

2021 APA Graduate Student Stipend (\$ 400)

2019/2020 LSE Departmental Teaching Award (£ 150)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“The Acceptance Norm of Intention’

Acceptance: Between Cognition and Action, TU Dresden, January 2025

“Ability Knowledge and Epistemic Disadvantage”

Workshop on the Epistemology of Ability, ‘Human Abilities’ Berlin, June 2024

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

“Is Disability a Lack of Certain Abilities?”

MCMP Colloquium, Munich, July 2024

FU Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, Berlin, January 2024

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

“Knowing What You Can Do (Without Practical Knowledge)”

Workshop: Practical Representation and Abilities, LMU Munich, July 2024

“Valuing Ability, Valuing Disability”

Workshop: The Value in Abilities, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, July 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 2025 Modal Metaphysics and Epistemology, LMU, Postgraduate and Advanced Undergraduate Seminar

WS 24/25 Agency and Social Interaction, LMU, Postgraduate and Advanced Undergraduate Seminar

WS 24/25 Attention!, LMU, Undergraduate Seminar

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

Topics: Models of disability; social constructionism; ability-based views; disability and distributive justice; wellbeing; mental disorder and rationality; moral agency; choosing for others.

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.

2020 Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (UK Higher Education Academy)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025 Co-organiser of Berlin Workshop: (Mental) Disability

2025 Co-organiser of LMU-Berkeley Workshop: Metaphysics and Politics across the History of Philosophy

2025 - now SWIP ambassador, Department of Philosophy, LMU Munich

2024 - now Deputy Women's Representative, Department of Philosophy, LMU Munich

2024 Speaker and Panellist at ThPhil Workshop: Applying for a PhD in the UK, LMU Munich

2024 Organiser of MAP Reading Group: 'Stereotypes', LMU Munich

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

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 *Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Journal of Social Ontology*, *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, *Erkenntnis*, and *Philosophers' Imprint*.

REFERENCES

Available on request.