

# PUBLICATIONS

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## Monographs

2018. *What's left of Human Nature: A Post-Essentialist, Pluralist, and Interactive Account of a Contested Concept*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
2011. *Darwinian Creativity and Memetics*. London: Routledge.

## Edited Works

2021. (ed.). *Routledge Handbook of Dehumanization*. New York: Routledge.
2011. (ed.). *Causation and Medicine in the Postgenomic Era*. Special issue of *History of Philosophy of the Life Sciences* 33 (4). (co-edited with Staffan Müller-Wille, who was corresponding author).

## Key Research Papers

- (to be subm.) John Stuart Mill, scientific freedom, and vulnerable truths. PSA Symposium contribution, to be submitted to *Philosophy of Science*.
- (forthc). No academic freedom from epistemic responsibility. To appear in an interdisciplinary volume on academic freedom, ed. by Vasiliki Kosta, as part of the Research Project "*The EU Fundamental Right to 'Freedom of the Arts and Sciences': Exploring the Limits on the Commercialization of Academia.*"
2024. The mirage of a "paradox" of dehumanization: How to affirm the reality of dehumanization. *Journal of Social Philosophy* 1-20. (10.1111/josp.12566)
2024. Being human is a kaleidoscopic affair. *Philosophy and Society* 35 (1): 5–24.
2023. On how to distinguish critique from infringements of academic freedom. *Philosophy and Theory of Higher Education* 5 (2): 243-268.
2023. Die begriffliche Ausweitung der Kampfzone: Der Begriff der Aggression zwischen Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft. In Heinz, A. (ed.). *Geschlecht und Gewalt*, pp. 369-386. Wien: Praesens Verlag.
2021. The freedom we mean: The causal independence account of creativity and academic freedom. *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* 11: 58. (10.1007/s13194-021-00373-6)
2021. Digging the channels of inheritance. *Philosophical Transactions B: Biological Sciences* 376: 20200042. (10.1098/rstb.2020.0042)
2021. Mapping dehumanization studies. In Kronfeldner, M. (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of Dehumanization*, pp. 1-36. New York: Routledge.
2021. Psychological essentialism and dehumanization. In Kronfeldner, M. (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of Dehumanization*, pp. 362-377, New York: Routledge.
2018. Divide and conquer: The authority of nature and why we disagree about human nature. In Lewens, T. and E. Hannon (ed.). *Why We Disagree about Human Nature*, pp. 186-206. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2018. Explaining creativity. In Gaut, B. and M. Kieran (ed.). *Creativity and Philosophy*, pp. 213-229. New York: Routledge.
2017. The right to ignore: An epistemic defense of the nature/culture divide. In Joyce, R. (ed.). *Routledge Handbook of Evolution and Philosophy*, pp. 210-224. New York: Routledge.
2017. The politics of human nature. In Tibayrenc, M. and F.J. Ayala (eds.). *On Human Nature: Evolution, Diversity, Psychology, Ethics, Politics and Religion*, pp. 625-632. Amsterdam: Elsevier.
2015. Naturgemäß ausgegrenzt: Die normative Kraft des Begriffs der menschlichen Natur in Gesellschaften und Wissenschaften. In *Jahrbuch Interdisziplinäre Anthropologie* 3: 187-208.
2015. Reconstituting phenomena. In U. Mäki et al. (eds.). *Recent Developments in the Philosophy of Science: EPSA13 Helsinki, European Studies in Philosophy of Science* 1, pp. 169-182. Cham: Springer.
2014. Interdisciplinarity in philosophy of science. *Journal for General Philosophy of Science* 45: 59-70. (corresponding author, co-authored with Marie Kaiser and Robert Meunier).
2014. How norms make causes. *International Journal of Epidemiology* 43: 1707-1713.
2014. Recent work on human nature: Beyond traditional essences. *Philosophy Compass* 9: 642-652 (lead author, contributing co-authors: Neil Roughley and Georg Toepfer).
2013. Die epistemische Fragmentierung des Menschen: Wie der Mensch zwischen Natur und Kultur verschwindet. In: Hügli, A. et. al. (eds.). *Die anthropologische Wende*, *Studia philosophica* 72, pp. 287-313. Basel: Schwabe.
2010. Won't you please unite? Darwinism, cultural evolution and kinds of synthesis. In Barahona, A; Rheinberger, H.-J.; Suarez-Díaz, E., eds. (2010). *The Hereditary Hourglass: Genetics and Epigenetics, 1868-2000*. Preprint 392, pp. 111-125. Berlin: Max Planck Institute for the History of Science.
2010. Darwinian 'blind' hypothesis formation revisited. *Synthese* 175: 193-218.
2009. Meme, Meme, Meme. *Philosophia Naturalis* 46: 36-60.
2009. If there is nothing beyond the organic ...: Heredity and culture at the boundaries of anthropology in the work of Alfred L. Kroeber. *NTM - Journal of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine* 17: 107-133.
2009. Genetic determinism and the innate-acquired distinction. *Medicine Studies* 2: 167-181.
2009. Creativity naturalized. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 59: 577-592.
2008. Trigger me: Evolutionspsychologie, Genzentrismus und die Idee der Kultur. *Darwin. Nach Feierabend – Zürcher Jahrbuch für Wissenschaftsgeschichte* 4: 31-46.
2007. Is cultural evolution Lamarckian? *Biology and Philosophy* 22: 493-512.
2005. Zum Begriff der psychologischen Kreativität als Basis einer naturalistischen Kreativitätstheorie: Eine kompatibilistische Rekonstruktion von Originalität und Spontaneität. In Abel, G. (2005). *Kreativität – Sektionsbeiträge des XX. Deutschen Kongresses für Philosophie*, 2. Bde., Bd. 1. (pp. 19-30). Berlin: Universitätsverlag der TU Berlin. (A short German version of "Creativity naturalized")

### Further Scholarly Works

2022. The humanities within and outside the academic world. Book Review of Willem B. Drees: *What are the humanities for?* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2021. On hiding faces. Blog of the *American Philosophical Association*, 04 Jan 2021, <https://blog.apaonline.org>
2020. Epigenetics, responsiveness and embodiment. In D. Mahr and M. von Arx (ed.). *De-Sequencing: Identity Work with Genes*, pp. 81-88, Palgrave Macmillan.
2016. Problems and prospects of interdisciplinarity: The case of philosophy of science. *Interdisciplinary Science Review* 41: 61-70 (corresponding author, co-authored with Marie Kaiser and Robert Meunier, revised and enlarged version of Problems and Prospects of Interdisciplinary Philosophy of Science: An Opinionated Report from the Workbench, *Briefe zur Interdisziplinarität 15 (2015): 32-41*).
2014. Review of Helen Longino's "Studying human behavior: How scientists investigate aggression and sexuality", *Isis* 105: 876-877.
2014. Untersuchen alle das Gleiche bzw. hinreichend Ähnliches? (Kommentar zu B. Krahe, Aggression: Eine sozialpsychologische Perspektive. *Jahrbuch Interdisziplinäre Anthropologie* 2: 78-84.
2013. Philosophie der Lebenswissenschaften: Entwicklungen und Tendenzen. *Information Philosophie* 4/2013: 14-27 (co-authored with all members of the *Netzwerk Philosophie der Lebenswissenschaften*).
2013. Darwinismus. In Ch. Demmerling und P. Stekeler-Weithofer (Hg.). *Sprachphilosophie, Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft online (WSK)*, Band 15, Berlin: DeGruyter.
2013. Evolution. In Ch. Demmerling und P. Stekeler-Weithofer (Hg.). *Sprachphilosophie, Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft online (WSK)*, Band 15, Berlin: DeGruyter.
2012. Seeds of change – A comparative review of five new collections in the philosophy of biology. *Journal for General Philosophy Science* 43: 195-201.
2011. How to see the trees for the forest. Introduction to Special Issue "Causation and Disease in the Postgenomic Era." *History of Philosophy of the Life Sciences* 33 (4).
2010. Wenn Philosophen auf Biologen treffen: Über die Arbeit am Begriff im Dienste der Interdisziplinarität. *Briefe zur Interdisziplinarität* 6: 7-16.
2008. Über kleine und große Meilensteine: Wie wir finden, was wir suchen. (Kommentar zu M. Haidle: Kognitive und kulturelle Evolution). In *Erwägen Wissen Ethik* 19: 177-178.
2005. Analogie in welcher Hinsicht – echt, formal, nur bildhaft oder schlicht zu schwach? (Kommentar zu B. Stephan: Übereinstimmungen und Analogien zwischen der Evolution biotischer Systeme und der Entwicklung gesellschaftlicher Systeme). *Erwägen Wissen Ethik* 16: 400-402.

### Miscellaneous

2024. Picture a book – A philosophy performance visual essay, together with Patrik Nikovitz und Nastassia Stein. Zenodo. Doi: 10.5281/zenodo.13855584.

2023. Marginalisierung und Widerstand – Frauen\* in Kunst und Wissenschaft. Gespräch mit Bérénice Hebenstreit, Maria Kronfeldner, Jolantha Seyfried, moderiert von Andrea Heinz. In: *Geschlecht und Gewalt*, edited by Andrea Heinz, pp. 329-337. Wien: Praesens Verlag.
2021. (with Lukas Einsele) Hiding Faces. *957 Independent Art Magazine*, Bd. 118 (Jun 2021)
2019. Ausgrenzung oder Diskurs? Fragen des Umgangs mit extremen Positionen. Stellungnahme. *Information Philosophie* 4: 36-47.
2019. A university goes into exile. *American Philosophical Association Blog*, 03 Jan 19. <https://blog.apaonline.org>
2018. Was sollen Philosoph/innen tun? Kommentar zur Podiumsdiskussion „Bedrohtes Denken“ (DGPhil Kongress 2017), co-authored with Alexander Reutlinger. *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 72 (1): 114-118.
2011. Die Flause. In: Azzouni, Safia; Brandt, Christina; Gausemeier, Bernd; Kursell, Julia; Schmidgen, Henning; Wittmann, Barbara [eds.]: *Eine Naturgeschichte für das 21. Jahrhundert: Hommage à, zu Ehren von, in honor of Hans-Jörg Rheinberger*. Berlin: Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte.
2008. Von Macbeth bis Machwerk: Kreativität und Abgrenzung. In: Von etwas, das nie aufhört. *Akademie Schloss Solitude Jahrbuch* 9, pp. 100-102. Stuttgart: Merz & Solitude.
2005. Bestimmte Zufälle. In: *Schönleber: Bilder 2000-05* (Katalog des Künstlers Jürgen Schönleber), Regensburg.
2001. Neues Flaggschiff nimmt Fahrt auf: Das Graduiertenkolleg 'Kulturen der Lüge' begann mit einer Ringvorlesung. *Umail – Regensburger Universitätszeitung* 6/2001: 11, zusammen mit Vitezslav Horak.
2000. Neues zu Sprache und Geist. *Umail – Regensburger Universitätszeitung* 5/2000: 20, zusammen mit Wolfram Hinzen and Sonja Wax.
1999. Ein Besuch im SchumacherCollege: Ora et Labora – über den Luxus der Askese. *diskus – Zeitschrift der StipendiatInnen der Heinrich Böll Stiftung e. V.* 8: 21-24.

#### **Interviews Given in Print**

2019. Interview in the Hungarian weekly *Élet és Irodalom* (vol. LXIII/30), „Can we get rid of dehumanization?“, by László Köszeghy, 26 Jul 2019.
2017. Interview in *3am Magazine* „Darwinian Creativity, Memetics and Some ...“, by R. Marshall, 14 Jan 17.
2017. Interview on Dehumanization, in *Emergence of Relativism Blog*, by Johannes Steizinger, 06 Jan 17.
2004. Interview in *De Volkskrant* „Creatief met Darwin – Duitse filosofe onderzoekt culturele innovatie“, by Door Ben van Raaij, 19 Jun 04, pp. 7W (Wetenschap).

## TALKS

### Keynote Lectures

2019. What is dehumanization. Keynote at the Interdisciplinary Hungarian Conference *Dehumanization: The Shape of the Offender in Literature, Film and Philosophy*. Eötvös Loránd University, 07-08 Feb 2019, Budapest.
2018. Explanatory looping effects. Keynote at the *Meeting of the European Network for Philosophy of the Social Sciences (ENPOSS)*, 30 Aug 2018, Hannover.
2015. The right to ignore: An epistemic defense of the nature-culture divide. Keynote at the *Meeting of the Nordic Network for Philosophy of Science*, 23-24 Apr 2015, Helsinki.

### Conference Contributions (with CfA)

2024. John Stuart Mill, scientific freedom, and vulnerable truths. Meeting of the *Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)*, 11-14 Nov 2024, New Orleans.
- . John Stuart Mill, scientific freedom, and vulnerable truths. Conference of the *East European Network for Philosophy of Science (EENPS)*, 9-10 Sep 2024, Kraków.
2023. Causal explanation, genetics, and our anxieties. Meeting of the *International Society for History Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)*, 14 Jul 2023, Toronto.
2020. Thick concepts and the process of disentangling them. Meeting of the *European Network for Philosophy of the Social Sciences (ENPOSS)*, 14-18 Sep 2020, Toulouse (moved online).
2019. Essentialism and dehumanization. As part of the session on Dehumanization. Meeting of the *International Society for History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)*, 7-12 Jul 2019, Oslo.
- . Digging the channels. Meeting of the *Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsphilosophie (GWP)*, 25-27 Feb 2019, Cologne.
2018. Two reasons why the purist approach to science fails with respect to thick concepts. Meeting of the *Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (GAP)*, 17-20 Sep 2018, Köln.
2017. Time to stop talking about human nature? Meeting of the *European Philosophy of Science Association (EPSA)*, 06-09 Sep 2017, Exeter.
2016. Human nature between science and politics: Dehumanization, essentialism and the call for elimination. Meeting of the *Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsphilosophie (GWP)*, 10 Mar 2016, Düsseldorf.
2015. The concept of human nature in light of contemporary dehumanization studies. Meeting of the *International Society for History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)*, 5-10 Jul 2015, Montreal.
- . Die normative Kraft eines Begriffs der menschlichen Natur in den Wissenschaften vom Menschen, 10. *Kongress der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Philosophie (OEGP)*, 4-6 Jun 2015, Innsbruck.
2014. When specificity trumps proximity. Biennial Meeting of the *Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)*, 06-08 Nov 2014, Chicago.

- Wozu noch von der menschlichen Natur sprechen? XXIII. Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie (DGPhil), 28 Sep-03 Oct 2014, Münster.
- A view from the kaleidoscopic: How behavioral scientists deal with explanatory complexity. *International Conference on Causality and Complexity in the Sciences*, 8-11 Sep 2014, Köln.
- Dehumanisierung: Die politische Seite des Begriffs der menschlichen Natur. *Biologie und Politik - Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Geschichte und Theorie der Biologie (DGGTB)*, 12-15 Jun 2014, Bonn.
- 2013. Divide and conquer: A strategy to beat complexity. Meeting of the *European Philosophy of Science Association (EPSA)*, 30 Aug 2013, Helsinki.
- Explanatory virtues and genetic causation. Meeting of the *International Society for History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)*, 09 Jul 2013, Montpellier.
- Norms of reaction and causal explanation. Conference *Causality and experimentation in the sciences*, 02 Jul 2013, Paris.
- To have an effect of one's own: Causal complexity, reconstituting the phenomena, and explanatory values. Meeting of the *Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsphilosophie (GWP)*, 11 Mar 2013, Hannover.
- 2012. Die epistemische Fragmentierung des Menschen: Wie der Mensch zwischen Natur und Kultur verschwindet. Tagung der Schweizerischen Philosophischen Gesellschaft: *Die Anthropologische Wende*, 11 May 2012, Zürich.
- 2011. What use was human nature? Meeting of the *International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)*, 11 Jul 2011, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2010. The causal conception of human nature in the postgenomic era. Meeting of the *Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)*, 4-6 Nov 2010, Montreal.
- Human Nature. Conference *Current Topics in the Philosophy of the Human Sciences*, TU Berlin, 17-19 Jun 2010.
- 2009. Viel Lärm um Nichts: Wie Darwinistisch ist die evolutionäre Erkenntnistheorie? Meeting of the *Gesellschaft für analytische Philosophie (GAP)*, 14-17 Sep 2009, Bremen.
- Won't you please unite? On Darwinism, grand theory and the disciplinary structure of science. Meeting of the *International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)*, 12-16 Jul 2009, Brisbane.
- 2008. Heredity/culture: Bipolar distinctions and the disciplinary boundary between anthropology and biology. *Three societies 2008* (6. Joint Meeting of the *BSHS, CSHPS, and HSS*), 4-6 Jul 2008, Oxford.
- Disciplinary primitives: The function of the nature/nurture distinction in boundary work. Conference *Biological Explanations of Behavior: Philosophical Perspectives*, Center for Philosophy and Ethics of Science, University of Hannover, 14 Jun 2008, Hannover.
- 2007. In the name of culture: The history and importance of cultural inheritance. Meeting of the *International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)*, 28 Jul 2007, Exeter.
- Genetic determinism and the history of the innate-acquired distinction. NGFN Symposium *Remaking the Future of Health? In Search for Individual and Public Health in the Age of Genomics*, 30 Jun 2007, Mainz.

2005. Zum Begriff der psychologischen Kreativität als Basis einer naturalistischen Kreativitätstheorie: Eine kompatibilistische Rekonstruktion von Originalität und Spontaneität. Kreativität – XX. Kongress für Philosophie der *Deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie* (DGPhil), 27 Sep 2005, Berlin.
- . Objections against creativity as based on blind variation: selective processes, guided variation and cognitive mechanisms in creativity. Meeting of the *International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology* (ISHPSSB), 15 Jul 2005, Guelph (Canada).
2003. Is cultural evolution Lamarckian? Meeting of the *International Society for the History, Philosophy & Social Studies of Biology* (ISHPSSB), 19 Jul 2003, Wien.

### Invited Talks

2024. Academic freedom and epistemic responsibility. 11 Oct 2024, University of Leiden.
2023. Academic freedom, values, and the argument from truth. Summer school *Science, Values and Democracy*, 06-08 Jun 2023, Moise Palace, Cres.
- . Genes and us. Summer school *Science, Values and Democracy*, 06-08 Jun 2023, Moise Palace, Cres.
- . Dehumanisierung: Paradox oder real? *Colloquium Politische Theorie/Philosophie*, 24 May 2023, TU Darmstadt.
- . The reality of dehumanization. *University of London's School of Advanced Studies Institute of Philosophy*, 24 Mar 2023, London.
2022. Genes and us. International Conference *Mendel's Legacy in Science and Society*, 13-14 Oct 2022, Konrad Lorenz Institute, Klosterneuburg.
- . Book talk on 2018 Monograph *What's Left of Human Nature*. *Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory*, 22 Jun 2022, University of Belgrade.
- . Not all critique is an infringement of freedom, as part of the Reading Group *Is the philosophy of science a socially engaged discipline?* *Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory*, 19 May 2022, University of Belgrade (online).
2021. The paradox of dehumanization resolved. *Dehumanization: New Philosophical Perspectives*, International Symposium in Phenomenology, Social Philosophy, and Philosophy of Mind, 07 Oct 2021, Helsinki, online.
- . Images of the human from the social sciences, as part of the *Turing Center Lecture Series Images of the Human*, ETH Zürich, Sep 27, 2021, online.
- . Über Dehumanisierung und Essentialismus: Wie der Mitmensch zum Gegenmensch wird. *Colloquium Abteilung Philosophie*, Universität Bielefeld, 07 Jul 2021, online.
- . Going beyond a progressivist defense of academic freedom. *East European Network for Philosophy of Science Online Seminar*, 13 May 2021, online.
2020. Psychological essentialism and dehumanization. *Konrad Lorenz Institute Colloquium*, Klosterneuburg (online), 05 Dec 2020.
2019. Wo endet Empathie? Über den Begriff des Mitmenschen und wie er zum Gegenmensch werden kann, 18 Oct 2019, *Club of Vienna e.V. Conference*, Diplomatische Akademie, Wien.
- . Essentialism und Dehumanisierung. Colloquium talk, 26 May 2019, *Institut für Philosophie*, Universität Frankfurt.

- . 2019. Was meinen wir, wenn wir von der 'menschlichen Natur' sprechen? Public evening lecture at *Volkshochschule München*, 20 May 19, Munich.
- . Academic freedom in Hungary, Presentation as part of the DGPhil Arbeitstagung *Wissenschaft.Freiheit*, 23-24 April, 2019, Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung, Bielefeld.
- . On academic freedom as a prerequisite for scientific creativity. 2019 British Society of Aesthetics Connection Conference *Creativity Across the Arts and Sciences*, 16-17 Apr 19, Bristol.
- . Die Epistemology des In/humanen: Dehumanisierung und der Begriff der menschlichen Natur. Workshop (Un)Moral. *Zur philosophischen Relevanz asymmetrischer Gegenbegriffe*, 24-25 Jan 19, Giessen.
- 2018. Wie sollten sich Philosoph\*innen in politischen Debatten äußern? (together with A. Reutlinger). Workshop on *Die gesellschaftliche Rolle der Philosophie*, 01-02 Nov 18, Erlangen.
- . From evolution to the lab: The importance of genealogy for the species concept between science and society, Conference *The Concept of Species and its Normative Dimension*, Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung, 21 Jun 18, Berlin.
- . Two reasons why the purist approach to science fails with respect to thick concepts. *Theoretical Philosophy Forum*, Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University, 28 Feb 18, Budapest.
- 2017. Ist die Nature-Kultur-Unterscheidung noch zu retten? Research Group *The Role of Culture in Early Expansions of Humans* (ROCEEH), Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften, 24 Nov 17, Heidelberg.
- . Specificity in causal reasoning. *Philosophy Colloquium*, Hungarian Academy of Science, 07 Nov 17, Budapest.
- . How to distinguish channels of inheritance, *Konrad Lorenz Institute*, 15 Mar 17, Klosterneuburg.
- . Time to stop talking about human nature? *Meeting of the Human Enigma Research Group*, 09 Mar 17, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.
- . Defending the nature-culture divide. Lecture as part of *The Human Mind Project*, School of Advanced Study at the University of London, 2 Mar 17, London.
- 2016. Reden über die menschliche Natur – Nutzen oder Gefahr? Lecture Series of the *Club of Vienna* e.V., 06 Oct 16, Wien.
- . Explanatory looping effects. Colloquium *Philosophy, Logic and Philosophy of Science*, 06 Jul 16, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy.
- . The nature/ culture divide in the postgenomic era. Lecture series *Biology of Genomes*, Center for Advanced Studies der LMU München, 13 Jun 16, Munich.
- . Should we eliminate human nature talk? *Colloquium* of the Institut für Philosophie, 11 Mai 16, Universität Stuttgart.
- . Should we eliminate human nature talk? Colloquium of the Doktorandenkolleg *The Sciences in Historical, Philosophical and Cultural Contexts*, 05 Mai 16, Universität Wien.
- 2015. Epistemic demarcation: A pragmatic reason why we disagree on human nature. Conference *Why We Disagree about Human Nature*. 10-11 Dec 15, University of Cambridge.



- . Defending the nature-culture divide: Ontological and epistemic aspects. Lecture Series *The Emergence of Relativism*, 23 Oct 15, Universität Wien.
- . Genes as identity constituting. International Workshop *Genographies: Our Sequenced Lives*, ZiF, 27 Oct 15, Bielefeld.
- . The genealogical concept of human nature. Workshop *Articulating Nature and Nurture: Inheritance, Heredity and Transmission of Identity*, Paris, 5-6 Mai 15.
- 2014. How behavioral scientists deal with explanatory complexity. *Third European Advanced Seminar in the Philosophy of the Life Sciences on Ontological Issues in the Life Sciences*, Konrad Lorenz Institute, 1-5 Sep 2014, Klosterneuburg.
- . Human nature – Quo vadis? Eliminativist and Constructive Approaches to a Contested Concept in the Philosophy of Science. *Meeting of the Society for Women in Philosophy Germany*, 21 Jul 14, Bochum.
- . Wozu noch von der menschlichen Natur sprechen: Wissenschaftliche und politische Kritik eines umstrittenen Begriffs. *Philosophisches Kolloquium*, 24 Jun 14, Universität Regensburg.
- . Mit Darwin gegen die menschliche Natur. *Vortragsreihe "Menschliche Natur" der Philosophischen Gesellschaft*, 22 Apr 14, Basel.
- 2013. How norms make causes. *Philosophy of Science Colloquium*, 25 Jun 13, Universität Düsseldorf.
- . How norms make causes. *Dalhousie Philosophy Colloquium*, 25 Jan 13, Halifax.
- 2012. Levels, explanatory partitioning, and explanatory values, Workshop *Supervenience, Mechanistic Constitution, and Proportionality*, 16 Jul 12, Witten-Herdecke.
- . Die epistemische Fragmentierung des Menschen, oder wie der Mensch zwischen Natur und Kultur verschwindet. Abendvortrag auf dem *Doktrandenforum der Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes*, 14 Jun 2012, Fulda.
- . Die sogenannte blinde Variation. Workshop *Kulturelle Faktoren der Vererbung II: Formen*. Zentrum für Literaturwissenschaft, 14 Mar 12, Berlin.
- . Wozu noch von der menschlichen Natur sprechen, es gibt doch Gene? Pragmatische Funktionen und epistemische Rollen eines umstrittenen Begriffs. *Kolloquium des Historischen Seminars* der LMU, 27 Jan 12, München.
- 2011. Die epistemische Fragmentierung des Menschen: Wie der Mensch zwischen Natur und Kultur verschwindet. *Kolloquium der Zentralen Einrichtung für Wissenschaftstheorie und Wissenschaftsethik*, 25 Oct 11, Hannover.
- . The epistemic fragmentation of being human. *Scientific Seminar*, SEMM IFOM-IEO Campus, 20 May 11, Milan, Italien.
- . Natur, Kultur und die Fragmentierung des Menschen, *Ringvorlesung Entwicklung und Kultur*, 18 May 11, Universität Osnabrück.
- . The epistemic fragmentation of being human, *HPS Kolloquium*, 02 May 11, Aarhus University, Dänemark.
- . Der Mensch - Der erste Freigelassene der Schöpfung? *Ringvorlesung Feed your brain – Life Sciences schauen über den Tellerrand*, 24 Jan 11, Universität Bielefeld.
- . Der Mensch zwischen Natur und Kultur. *Philosophisches Kolloquium*, 17 Jan 11, Universität Regensburg.

2010. Won't you please unite? Culture, evolution and kinds of synthesis. *Abteilungseminar Evolutionsbiologie*, Universität Bielefeld, 21 Apr 10, Bielefeld.
2009. Won't you please unite? Cultural evolution and kinds of synthesis. *Darwin's Living Legacy: An International Conference on Evolution and Society*, British Council and Bibliotheca Alexandrina, 14-16 Nov 09, Alexandria, Egypt.
- . Mit Evolution zu einer neuen Einheit der Wissenschaften?, *R/evolutionäre Kultur // r/evolutionary culture*. Workshop *Forum Kulturreflexion*, 10 Jun 09, Universität Witten-Herdecke.
- . Nature/nurture redux. *Séminaire de Philosophie de la Biologie*, Institut d'Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques (IHPST), 05 Jun 09, Paris.
- . Biologie und Kultur: Eine vermeintliche Dichotomie. *Hegelforum 2009: Das Tanzende Tier: Beiträge zum Fortschritt der Menschheit*, 20 May 09, Bamberg.
2008. Trigger me. Evolutionspsychologie, Genzentrismus und die Idee der Kultur. Kolloquium *Zentrum Geschichte des Wissens*, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, 17 Apr 08, Zürich.
2006. Wer hat Angst vor Memen? Studientag *Evolutionistische Strukturen in den Geisteswissenschaften*, Kunsthistorisches Institut der Universität Köln, 02 Dez 06, Köln.
- . Ist kulturelle Evolution Lamarckistisch? *Institut für Geschichte der Medizin, Naturwissenschaft und Technik*, Ernst-Haeckel-Haus, 13 Feb 06, Jena.
2005. Wenn Biologen auf Philosophen treffen. *Andrea von Braun Stiftung*, 27 Nov 05, München.
2004. Is cultural evolution Lamarckian? Symposium over *Thema's uit de Filosofie en Biologie: Geest, Cultuur, Taal en Evolutie*, 14 Jun 04, Universiteit von Amsterdam.
2002. Zur Kreativität des Denkens. Bericht über eine Spurensuche. *Leibniz-Förderverein*, 6 Jul 02, Altdorf b. Nürnberg.
- . Zur Kreativität des Denkens. Das Neue ist relational. Kolloquium *Kulturinstitut an der J. Kepler Universität Linz*, 22 May 02, Linz.

**Further Talks** (at events organized by me, or as local or visiting group member)

2024. Academic freedom and epistemic responsibility. *Knowledge in Crisis Epistemology/Philosophy of Science Group Research Meeting*, 10 May 2024, Vienna.
- . Dehumanization - Have we ever been human? *Knowledge in Crisis Society Group Research Meeting*, 15 Jan 2024, CEU, Vienna.
2022. On how to distinguish critique from an infringement of academic freedom. *CEU & LFUI Philosophy Symposium*, 21 Oct 2022, Universität Innsbruck.
- . Input at CEU Conference on *Academic Freedom in Times of Illiberal Assaults on Democracy*, Sep 19-20, 2022.
- . Input for Magna Charta Observatory webinar on *Academic Freedom, Roots and Realities*, 11 May 2022, online, co-organized by GOAF.
- . Workshop Chair with Input and Report on "Academic Freedom and the Diversity of Disciplines," for Conference on *Reimagining Academic Freedom*,

- The Global Observatory on Academic Freedom (GOAF), 19-21 Jan 2022, CEU Vienna, online.
2021. Academic Freedom and the Argument from Truth. *APSE-CEU-IVC Lecture Series*, 11 Nov 2021, Institut Wiener Kreis, Vienna.
- . Input on Epistemologies of Academic Freedom, as part of the Open Society University Network (OSUN) Seminar *Epistemologies of Academic Freedom*, 04 Oct 2021, CEU Vienna, online.
- . Input on „*Consolation: Finding Solace in Dark Times*” by M. Ignatieff, CEU faculty seminar, 03 Feb 2021, CEU Vienna, online.
2020. The Paradox of Dehumanization Resolved. *CEU Philosophy Departmental Colloquium*, 28 Apr 2020, CEU, online.
2019. Research Show Case on the Project *The Epistemology of the In/Human*. *CEU’s Inauguration Ceremony*, 15 Nov 2019, CEU Vienna.
- . What’s Left of Human Nature. Keynote at the first *Bayreuth-Budapest graduate conference in analytic philosophy*, 17-19 May 2019, Bayreuth.
2018. How Nature and Nurture Drifted Apart. CEU Summer school *The Biological and the Social between 1900 and Today*, 16 Jul 2018, Budapest.
- . Science and values: The case of aggression research. *Who’s Afraid of Values Workshop*, 09 Jul 2018, Budapest.
- . What is dehumanization? CEU Conference *Dehumanizing the Other: How to respond to Islamophobic, anti-Semitic and anti-Roma anti-refugee speech?* 06 Jun 2018, Budapest.
2017. Gender inequality, under-determination and assumptions about giftedness and creativity in philosophy and other fields. CEU Faculty Seminar on *Scaling gender research: Understanding inequalities from millions of observations to in-depth fieldwork*, 07 Nov 2017, Budapest.
- . Should we eliminate human nature talk? Kolloquium *Human Nature and Dehumanization*, Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DG Phil), 24-27 Sep 2017, Berlin.
- . Thick concepts, naked numbers and disappearing evidence: Two reasons why the purist approach to science fails. *Biases and Values in Science Workshop*. Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, 14 Jul 2017, Munich.
- . Limits of explaining creativity? Lecture at the Interdisciplinary CEU Summer School *Creative Cognition: Evolutions, Processes, Applications*, 03-07 Jul 2017, Budapest.
2016. In the name of humanity, shouldn’t we stop talking about human nature? Keynote at the *CEU Philosophy Graduate Conference*. 04 Nov 2016, Budapest.
- . Human nature - Quo vadis? Eliminativist and constructive approaches to a contested concept in the philosophy of sciences. Summer School *What makes us human? Philosophical and religious perspectives in China and the West*, 14 Jul 2016, Budapest.
- . Leaps into the dark: Freedom as spontaneity. CEU faculty seminar on *Open Societies and Free Minds: Hannah Arendt and the Idea of Open Society*, 18 Mar 2016, Budapest.
- . Explaining creativity. CEU Faculty seminar on *Chance and Necessity in Discovery and Innovation: An Opportunity for Social Minds?* 25 Feb 2016, Budapest.

2015. Four reasons not to give up the nature-culture divide. *OSCAR Workshop*, 08 Oct 2015, Central European University, Budapest.
- . "Look at these beings: you cannot fail to grant ...": Dehumanization, implicit bias and the duty to know. Panel discussion on *Philosophy, the refugee crisis, and how to help in Hungary*, Central European University, Budapest, 22 Sep 2015.
2014. The right to ignore: An epistemic defense of the nature-culture divide. *Workshop History of the Human Sciences*, 24 Jan 2014, Chicago.
2013. Human nature and epistemic demarcation. *Workshop History of the Human Sciences*, 01 Nov 13, Chicago.
- . The natures of kinds without essences, 22 Aug 2013, Symposium on Human nature des Netzwerks *Philosophie der Lebenswissenschaften*, Siggen.
- . The genealogical concept of human nature. *Lunchtime Seminar of the Center for Philosophy of Science*, 12 Feb 2013, Pittsburgh.
2012. Causal complexity and reconstituting phenomena. *Lunchtime Seminar of the Center for Philosophy of Science*, 02 Oct 2012, Pittsburgh.
- . Divide and conquer: An epistemic strategy to beat complexity? Symposium *Systems Biology of the Brain: Philosophical Aspects*. 20 Jul 2012, LMU, München.
- . How norms make causes. First Bielefeld-Bochum Colloquium: *Philosophical Perspectives on Epistemology, Mind, and Science*, 05 May 2012, Bochum.
- . Human nature and causal relevance. Workshop *Concepts in Use: Genes, Races and Human Nature*. 05 Apr 2012, Bielefeld.
2011. Human nature and causation. *Club Treffen*, Abteilung Philosophie, 15 Jun 2011, Bielefeld.
- . Explaining creativity. *Philosophy Departmental Seminar*, 20 Apr 2011, University of Sydney, Australia.
- . Human nature as a causal category. *Work-in-Progress Seminar*, Sydney Centre for Time, 11 Apr 2011, University of Sydney.
- . The epistemic fragmentation of being human. *HPSS Seminar*, 04 Apr 2011, University of Sydney, Australia.
- . Nature-Nurture. *SANU (Sydney – Australian National University) Workshop*, 11 Mar 2011, University of Sydney.
2009. The innate-acquired distinction between science and society. ESF-ZiF-Bielefeld Conference *Science and Values: The Politicisation of Science*, 25-30 May 2009, Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung, Bielefeld.
- . Nothing makes sense except in the light of evolution...: Evolution, social sciences, and the value of unification (together with Peter Weingart). Bielefeld-Paris Spring School *Science and Values*, 20-24 Apr 2009, Bielefeld.
- . Differential reproduction as a model for cultural evolution. Workshop *Negotiating Identity: Objects and Methods of Reproduction in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Life Sciences*, 3 Apr 2009, Exeter.
- . Not dead yet: The nature/nurture divide has survived the latest attacks. Workshop *The Tenacity of the Nature/Nurture Divide*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, 20-21 Mar 2009, Berlin.

2008. Nature/Nurture: Eine mehrdeutige Dichotomie zwischen den Wissenschaften. Arbeitstreffen der Forschungsgruppe *Anthropologische Grundlagenforschung* der FEST, 11-12 Sep 2008, Heidelberg.
- . Divide and conquer? – The nature/nurture distinction in the social and behavioural sciences. *Graduate Meeting in the Philosophy of the Life Sciences*, 2-6 Sep 2008, Gorino Sullam.
- . Kulturelle Evolution. *Institut für Wissenschafts- und Technikforschung*, Universität Bielefeld, 22 Jan 2008, Bielefeld.
2007. Kreativität/en – Nichts Besonderes: Anmerkungen zur Geschichte und Philosophie der Kreativitätsidee. *Reihe Reflexe/Reflexionen*, Kunstverein GRAZ e.V., 16 Dec 2007, Regensburg.
- . Genetic determinism and the innate-acquired distinction. *Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas*, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 17 Oct 2007, Mexico City.
- . Decoupling nature and culture: August Weismann and cultural inheritance. *Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas*, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 10 Oct 2007, Mexico City.
2006. Coalition and opposition: Heredity, culture, and the boundaries of anthropology in the work of Alfred L. Kroeber. Workshop *Heredity in the Century of the Gene (A Cultural History of Heredity IV)*, ESRC Research Centre for Genomics in Society University of Exeter and MPI for the History of Science in Berlin, 12 Dez 2006, Exeter.
- . Der anthropologische Kulturbegriff im Kontext evolutionärer Debatten. 15. *Studententag Wissenschaftsgeschichte 2006*. Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, 22 Apr 2006, Berlin.
2004. Gene, Meme und der Vorwurf der Tautologie. *Doktorandenforum der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*, 29 Nov 2004, Wittenberg.
2001. Das Abwandern von Teilen der Ökologie-Bewegung in die Innerlichkeit: Ökologie und Esoterik/New Age. *AG Politische Ökologie der Heinrich Böll Stiftung*, 23 Apr 2001, Kassel.

#### **Recorded videos, podcasts, and TV appearance**

2024. Video interview: Monograph *What's Left of Human Nature*. For the *Human Nature Forum Channel*, by M. Parson, 11 Jan 2024.
2022. Filmed talk: Genes and us. As part of the International Conference *Mendel's Legacy in Science and Society*, Oct 13-14, 2022, Konrad Lorenz Institute, Klosterneuburg.
2018. Video interview: Monograph *What's Left of Human Nature*. For the Podcast Channel *New Books in Philosophy*, by C. Figdor, 11 Dec 2018.
2017. Podcast: *How we are Human*, a discussion with me and students from the 2017 ToPHSS course, directed and compiled by Magdalena Smieszek.
2012. Interview: *Zündfunk Generator* „Is this real life? – Wie kulturelle Massenphänomene im Netz funktionieren“, by Ch. Schiffer, 07 Oct 2012, Bayerischer Rundfunk.
- 2012 Interview: *Campus & Karriere* „Forschen und Lehren auf Zeit“, 16 Feb 2012, Deutschlandfunk.
- 2010 Interview: *Hertz 87,9 Campusradio Bielefeld* „Was ist Glück?“, 15 May 2010.

2009 Live TV panel discussion *Scobel*: Thema Evolution und Fortschritt, by G. Scobel, 3SAT, 08 Oct 2009, Mainz.

**Panel Discussions** (as participant, not as organizer)

2024. Migration and research. As part of the *Anti-Racism Week*, 23 Nov 2024, Universität Wien.
2022. Marginalization or resistance. Women in arts and sciences (in German). As part of the event *Geschlecht.Genie.Gewalt*, organized by the *Elfride Jelinek Forschungsverbund*, 02 Jun 2022, Vienna.
2020. Das Eigene und das Fremde. Ein Einblick in die Multidisziplinarität der Central European University. *Wiener Vorlesung – Positionen einer Stadt*, nur online, Mai 2020, siehe: <https://vorlesungen.wien.gv.at/site/>
2019. University histories and the place of the university today. *Junge Akademie* Event, CEU Vienna, 20 Nov 2019, Vienna.
2019. Wissenschaft in Europa: Freiheit bedroht? *Lost Weekend*, 09 May 2019, Munich.
2017. Citizen science, research data, access to knowledge, and beyond. As part of the *Open Science Event*, CEU, 22 Nov 2017, Budapest.
- Bedrohtes Denken? (on political challenges of academic freedom), as part of the Kongress of the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie*, 24-27 Sep 2017, Berlin.
- Crises of political communication: Misleading public speech and how to deal with it. Central European University, 03 May 2017, Budapest.

**Philosophy as Art Performances**

- (geplant). La Controversia da Valladolid Reenacted.
- 2024 *What's Left of Human Nature*. Lange Nacht der Forschung, 24 Mai 2024, Wien, zusammen mit Nastassia Stein.
- 2010 *Die beste aller möglichen Welten?* UNESCO Welttag der Philosophie, 18 Nov 2010, Bielefeld, zusammen mit Eva Maria Gauß.

**Comments**

2012. Attributing causal responsibility and costs-or-benefits to individuals: Comment on L. Meyer and P. Sanklecha "Individual contributions to climate justice", Conference on *Global Justice and International Law*, 27-29 Sep 2012, Georgia State University, Atlanta.
2011. Same same but different: Comment on Sarah F. Brosnan "The Evolutionary Foundations of Moral Behavior", *ZiF Conference Neuroscience, Ethics, and the Philosophy of Mind*, 11 May 2011, Bielefeld.
2009. The dark slate: Comment on Kenneth Schaffner, *ESF Workshop: Explanation, Confirmation, and Prediction in Biology and Medicine*, University of Konstanz, 02-04 Oct 09, Konstanz.
2003. Kreativität und Darwinismus. *Kommentar im Rahmen eines Seminars*, Freie Universität Berlin, 26 Jun 03, Berlin.

**Further talks and events**

2022. Panelist for Career Mentoring Event for DFG-funded GRK 2073 Integrating *Ethics and Epistemology of Scientific Research*, Leibniz University Hanover and Bielefeld University, 10 Jun 2022, online.
2021. Expert participant in community consultation *Virtuelles Kennenlernen der CEU für Interessierte und Nachbar\*innen*, organized by Plan\*Sinn, 23 Jun 2021, Wien.
- . Opening remarks. Symposium *Wissenschaft.Kunst.Politik: Aktivismus und Partizipation*, organized by the Interuniversitärer Forschungsverbund Elfriede Jelinek, 28-29 May 2021, Wien.
2020. Input and discussion with students on careers in academia. Online *Woche der Berufsorientierung*, 07 Dec 2020, Universität Bielefeld.
2016. How to excel in philosophy: Raw talent and exclusion mechanisms, *Scientific Pluralism and Epistemic Relativism Workshop*, 19 Feb 2016, Budapest.
2014. Über Stereotypen und andere Fallstricke für Frauen in Akademia, Redebeitrag zur festlichen Abschlussveranstaltung von *moveMent - Mentoring für Studentinnen und Wissenschaftlerinnen*, 27 Mar 2014, Bielefeld.
2013. Werkstattgespräch für Frauen in der Philosophie, *LMU/Hochschule für Philosophie*, 27 Jul 2013, München.
2011. Professorinnen erzählen. Panel discussion as part of *moveMent - Mentoring für Studentinnen und Wissenschaftlerinnen* der Universität Bielefeld, 16 Jun 2011, Bielefeld.