

Curriculum Vitae

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Date of birth: 23rd of March 1979.

EDUCATION

2003	BA in Philosophy, University of Copenhagen (01.06.2003)
2006	MPhil in Philosophy, University College London (31.08.2006)
2011	PhD in Philosophy, University of Copenhagen (02.08.2011)

APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS

2022-	Post-Doc at Copenhagen Business School, Department of Business Humanities
2018-2022	External Lecturer at Copenhagen Business School, Department of Management, Politics and Philosophy
2017-2018	External Lecturer at University of Vienna, Austria, Institute for Philosophy
2016-2017	Paternity Leave: Taking care of my son until he spoke German after resettling in Vienna
2015-2016	External Lecturer at Aarhus University, Denmark, Institute for Philosophy
2015-2016	External lecturer at Copenhagen University, Denmark, Department of Philosophy
2012-2015	Sapere Aude Young Elite Researcher Post doc at Copenhagen University, Denmark, Department of Philosophy (1st of September 2012 – 30th of June 2015)
2014	Paternity Leave: (1st of august 2014 – 14th of November 2014)
2012	Visiting Researcher at the University of Southern Denmark, Department of Philosophy
2011	Research Assistant at Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen

RESEARCH QUALIFICATIONS

Areas of specialization

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of action, Rationality, Epistemology, Meta-Ethics, Philosophy of Economics.

Areas of competence

17th and 18th century philosophy, Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Logic, Kant.

Publication list

Peer reviewed Research Articles:

1. 2023: “How to Infer What Persistent Things Are up to – A Fregean puzzle for traditional Fregeans”, *Inquiry*, Vol. 66, No. 1, 1.2023, p. 92-121
2. 2022 “Some Philosophical Help with Neo-Liberalism” in *People Before Markets*. Eds. Gersel et al. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
3. 2022: “Why Are You Here – an introduction” in *People Before Markets*. Eds. Gersel et al. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
4. 2020: “The Motivating Role of Truth in Reasoning” in *Erkenntnis: An International Journal of Scientific Philosophy*, Vol. 87, No. 6, 12.2022, p. 2701-2714
5. 2020: “Towards a Novel Theory of Rational Managerial Deliberation: Stakeholders, Ethical Values and Corporate Governance” (Co-authored by R. Johnsen) in *Academy of Management Learning and Education*:1-20
6. 2020: “The Plight to Choose – Cultivating Practical Deliberation in Management Learning and Education” (co -authored with M. Thaning) in *Journal of Management Education* 44: 663-676
7. 2020: “What can Socratic Philosophy Achieve?” (Co-authored by M. Thaning), *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology* 81: 227-245
8. 2019: “Pseudo-Educational Discourse: Plato’s Conception of Sophistry” (co-authored by M. Thaning), *Allgemeinen Zeitschrift für Philosophie*:1-23
9. 2019: “Please Mind the Gappy Content”, *Philosophical studies* 176 (1): 219-239
10. 2018: “What is the Myth of the Given” in *In the Light of Experience*, Eds. Gersel et al. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 77-100
11. 2018: “Introduction” in *In the Light of Experience*, Eds. Gersel et al. Oxford: Oxford University Press 1-15
12. 2018: “The McDowell-Travis debate” in *In the Light of Experience*, Eds. Gersel et al. Oxford: Oxford University Press 15-22
13. 2017: “McDowell’s new conceptualism and the difference between Chickens, Colours, and Cardinals” (co-authored by R. Thybo and M. Thaning), *Philosophical Explorations* 20 (1):88-105.
14. 2017: “Discriminatory Capacities, Russell’s Principle, and the Importance of Losing Sight of Objects”, *European Journal of Philosophy* 25 (3):700-720
15. 2017: “What Motivates Fregean Anti-Individualism”, *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 94 (1-2):153-172

Published Monographs and Anthologies:

1. 2022: *People Before Markets - an alternative casebook*, Eds. J. Gersel, D. Souleles, M. Thaning. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2. 2018: *In the Light of Experience*, Eds. J. Gersel, M. Thaning, R. Thybo, and S. Overgaard. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 1-281
3. 2011: *Realism and Rationality*. PhD thesis, Copenhagen: KUA Grafisk: 1-283

Participation in/management of research projects.

- 2021-2022: Participation in the ‘Multiple Values’ strategic research project at the Department of Management, Politics and Philosophy at Copenhagen Business School.
- 2014-15: Participation in the ‘Research Group in Theoretical Philosophical’ at the philosophy department at Copenhagen University
- 2012-2015: Management, including budget responsibility for an individual post-doc project with: Sapere Aude: Young Elite Researcher award from The Danish Council for Independent Research in the Humanities

Other research assignments

Peer reviewing:

AMLE, Organisation Studies, Philosophical Explorations; Topoi: An International Review of Philosophy; The Southern Journal of Philosophy; Synthese; Academy of Management Learning and Education; Journal of Transcendental Philosophy; Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology.

Conference Organization:

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| 2022 | Moving Beyond the Weight of Reasons – International conference at Copenhagen Business School. |
| 2020 | The Copenhagen Guide to Problem solving – International Workshop at Copenhagen Business School |
| 2015 | Reasons and Human Psychology – International workshop at Copenhagen University |
| 2013 | Reason and Experience – International conference at Copenhagen University |
| 2013 | Experiential Reasons – International workshop at Copenhagen University |

Seminar organization

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| 2012-2013 | Responsible for the internal philosophy seminar at the philosophy department at Copenhagen University |
| 2011 | Responsible for the internal philosophy seminar at the center for subjectivity research at Copenhagen University. |

Research distinctions.

Sapere Aude: Young Elite Researcher award from The Danish Council for Independent Research in the Humanities

Research Grants

Major grants:

Post-Doc: 2-year of post-doc funding from the company Andel and 1-year teaching supplement from CBS.
Sapere Aude: The Young Elite Researcher Scholarship from The Danish Council for Independent Research in the Humanities – Individual Post-Doc Scheme (2014-2015)
*The Mind Association's Major Conference Grant. In Support of the workshop *Experiential Reasons*, (Copenhagen University, October 2013)*
The Danish Council for Independent Research in the Humanities – Individual Post-Doc scheme (2012-2014)
The UK Arts and Humanities Research Council – MPhil Scheme (2004-2006)

Minor Grants:

Augustinus Fonden, Oticon Fonden, Shaws Legat, Christian og Ottilia Brorsons Rejselegat, Sassakawa Foundation, Knud Højgaards Fond, Otto Bruuns Fond.

TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

Teaching and supervision

Taught, examined, and developed courses:

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| 2020-23: | “Scientific Theory” BA in Philosophy and Economics at CBS (4 x 1 semester) |
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- 2019-22 “Strategy”, BA in Philosophy and Economics at CBS (3 x 1 semester)
- 2018-22 “Statistical Method and Uncertain Reasoning”, Open BA course at CBS (4 x 1 semester)
- 2018,19, 21,22 “Situating Judgement under Pressure” Master of Public Governance at CBS (3 x 1 semester)
- 2021 “Philosophy and Contemporary issues – Human Kapital” BA in Philosophy and Economics at CBS (1 semester)
- 2017 “Argumentation Theory”, MA in Philosophy at University of Vienna (1 semester)
- 2016 “Knowledge and its Limits”, MA in Philosophy Copenhagen University (1 semester)
- 2009 “Knowledge and the Scope of Mind”, MA in Philosophy at Copenhagen University (1 semester)
- 2008 “Object Dependent Thought”, MA in Philosophy at Copenhagen University (1 semester)

Taught Courses:

- 2005 “Early Modern Thought”, BA Tutorial in Philosophy at University College London (1 semester course)
- 2004 “Ancient and Modern Philosophy”, BA Tutorial in Philosophy at Copenhagen University (1 semester course)

Supervision, Teaching, and Examination related to Project Writing:

- 2020-23: “First Year Project” BA in Philosophy and Economics at CBS (4 x 1 semester course)
- 2019-22: “Supervision of BA Thesis” BA in Philosophy and Economics at CBS
- 2015 & 16 “Supervision on MA Thesis”, MA in Philosophy of Education at University of Aarhus
- 2012: “Supervision of BA Theses” BA in Philosophy at Copenhagen University

In total I have supervised and examined around 25 BA and MA theses.

I have taught students at 5 different universities in 3 different countries. I teach fluently at an academic level in both Danish and English. The greatly varying ages, cultural backgrounds, and academic competences of the student populations across my courses have taught me to provide effective and engaging teaching and support to students of many different kinds.

Produced study and teaching materials

With my co-teacher I have produced a set of notes on logic and probability tailored to the needs of the statistics course we are teaching at CBS

Research communication to non-academics

- 2023: “Three forms of Employee motivation” – Workshop on Employee well-being at Lægedage at Herlev Hospital
- 2020: “Professional self-understanding and the right decision” – Workshop for the Danish midwives union.
- 2020: “Professional Ethics for Practitioners” - Workshop for General Practitioners in Præstøgruppen
- 2020: “Seminar on Frameworks for Judgement”- Workshop at VUC Storstrøm
- 2020: “The Ethics of Nudging” - Presentation at workshop for managers at Professions Højskolen
- 2020: “Accountability and Professional Identity” – Workshop for General Practitioners in Præstøgruppen
- 2019: “Professional Judgement” – Presentation at workshop for public employees at Professions Højskolen
- 2019: “Leadership and Professional Judgement” – Presentation at leadership workshop at KIOL
- 2019: “The Ethics of Nudging” - Presentation at workshop for managers at Professions Højskolen

- 2019: “Argumentation theory” – Workshop on norms of argumentation at The Danish Defense Academy
- 2019: “Nudging and its Ethical Consequences” – Presentation at Leadership workshop with consulting company.
- 2019: “Professional Judgement and accountability” – Workshop for employees at the Copenhagen Municipal office for Environment and Transportation
- 2019: “Ethics and Organizational Identity” – Workshop at the Communication Bureau Friday.
- 2018: “Professional Expertise in Public Health Management” – Workshop presentation for the departmental managers of the anesthetics section of Bispebjerg Hospital
- 2018: “Judgement and Responsibility” – Workshop presentation for Head Nurses at Region Hovedstaden
- 2017: “Situating Rationality” – Workshop presentation for Senior Managers from Sundhedsstyrelsen (the Danish National board of Health).

RESEARCH INFORMATION

International research stays

- 2014 6 months of research at King College London, England.
- 2010 10 months of studies at the Department of Philosophy at Warwick University, England.
- 2009 3 months of studies at The Research School in Social Sciences at Australian National University, Australia.
- 2004 2-year MPhil Degree from University College London, England.
- 1998 1 year of Bachelor studies at Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA.

Papers Presented

Invited papers

- “Rousseau and Corporate governance” – *Seminar series on the corporation at Copenhagen business school*, March 2023
- “Legal Positivism and (legal) Pragmatism” *Seminar series on Law, Economics and Philosophy at Copenhagen Business School*, March 2022
- “Reinvigorating Rationality in Management”. *The Academy of Management Conference*, Chicago, August 2018
- “On the groundlessness of two neo-liberal assumptions”. *Workshop on Economic Libertarianism, Copenhagen* May 2017
- “The Conception of Rationality in Management”. *Departmental workshop at CBS, Copenhagen*, May 2017.
- “McDowell and Burge on Disjunctivism” (with Rasmus Thybo), *The Second UTokyo Workshop on Philosophy of Perception*, Tokyo, Oct 2015
- “The logical Motivation behind McDowell’s Conceptualism and the Poverty of its Phenomenological Consequences” *Mind and World—McDowell in between analytical Philosophy and Phenomenology*, Shanghai, October 2015
- “A McDowellian Critique of McDowell’s Conceptualism” – *Invited talk at the University of Southern Denmark*. Odense, June 2012
- “The history and Development of Sense” – *A three-part lecture series at the University of Southern Denmark*, Odense, May 2012
- “How to -and not to- defeat Dummett’s anti-realism” *Philosophy of Mind Workshop with Prof. Robert Matthews and Dr. Anandi Hattiangadi*, Odense, October 2010.

Refereed conference papers

- “In Defence of Bootstrapping”, *Southern Normativity Group*, Stirling 2019
- “Strategy for Multipurpose Organizations”, *AMLE Workshop*, Copenhagen, 2019
- “The wise and the Cunning, Plato on Practical knowledge”, *AMLE Workshop*, Liverpool, 2019
- “The Form of Experience: Travis and McDowell on the Lesson of Wittgenstein’s Rule-Following Considerations” *40th international Wittgenstein symposium*. Kirchberg, August 2017
- “Identity Judgements and the Epistemic role of Acquaintance”, *Investigating conscious acquaintance conference*, the Institute of Philosophy, London, June 2016
- “Objective reasons, World-directed Thought and the Motivation Behind Disjunctivism”, *Reasons and Human Psychology*, Copenhagen, November 2015
- “Self-conscious Reflection and the Norm of Belief” *Normativity and German Idealism: Contemporary Perspectives*, Sussex, May 2015
- “How to Defend Russell’s Principle” *Colloquium at Kings College London*, May 2014
- “Objective Reference and Evans’ Hybrid View of Singular Thought” *2nd Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference*, Budapest, September 2013
- “Evans and Burge on Demonstrative Thought” *Open Session of the Aristotelian Society*, Exeter, July 2013
- “Objective Reference and Evans’ Hybrid View of Singular Thought” *Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 6*, Skt. Petersburg, June 2013
- “Towards a Kantian Theory of Belief” *Yearly Meeting of the Danish Philosophical Society*, Odense, March 2013
- “The Justification of Deduction” *Colloquium at the Research group for theoretical analytical philosophy*, Århus, October 2012
- “No Rest for the Realist” – *Judgement and Justification conference at Tampere University*, Tampere, September 2012
- “Why McDowell’s Modesty Comes in Degrees” *Yearly meeting of the Danish Philosophical Society*, Roskilde, March 2012
- “Resisting McDowell’s Epistemic argument for conceptualism” *Amsterdam Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Amsterdam, December 2011
- “Fregean Theories of Mind and Two Conceptions of Realism”, *Colloquium at Center for Subjectivity Research*, Copenhagen, September 2010
- “Realism and Elements of Sense”, *Departmental Graduate seminar at Warwick University*, Coventry, May 2010
- “Disjunctivism and the Motivation for Internalism”, *Yearly meeting of the Danish Philosophical Society*, Copenhagen, March 2010.
- “What Semantics say about Metaphysics – and Vice Versa”, *Departmental Graduate seminar at Warwick University*, Coventry, November 2009
- “McKinsey’s Dilemma and Reasoning from Memory – an Analogous Solution”, *The Annual Conference of the Australasian Association of Philosophy*, Melbourne, July 2009
- “Combining Epistemic Internalism and Disjunctivism”, *PhilSoc at RSSH*, Canberra, June 2009
- “McKinsey’s Dilemma Dissolved” *Yearly meeting of the Danish Philosophical society*, Aarhus, March 2009.
- “McKinsey’s Dilemma, Natural Kinds and Memory Based Knowledge”, *International Epistemology Workshop at Copenhagen University*, Copenhagen, October 2008
- “McDowell, Davidson og Konceptuelt Indhold” *Yearly meeting of the Danish Philosophical society*, Roskilde, March 2007