

CURRICULUM VITAE

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I. PERSONAL

Birthdate and place: 19th of May 1983. Copenhagen, Denmark.
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II. ACADEMIC PROFILE

My work is situated at the intersections of 20th-21st century continental philosophy, critical business ethics and organization studies, eco-socio-political theory, psychopathology, and psychoanalysis. My main research foci are the relations between selfhood and otherness, sameness and alterity, autonomy and heteronomy, the existential experiences of alienation, anxiety, boredom, depersonalization, and solitude, as well as the ethical questions of responsibility, freedom, thoughtlessness, ambiguity and undecidability from both an individual and societal perspective.

III. EMPLOYMENT

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| 2021- | Assistant Professor in Business Ethics at the Department of Business Humanities and Law (BHL), Copenhagen Business School (CBS) |
| 2020-2021 | Postdoctoral Researcher at Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg, Heidelberg University and BHL. |
| 2018–2020 | Postdoctoral Researcher at BHL, CBS. |
| 2014–2017 | PhD fellow at the Department of Systematic Theology, Faculty of Theology, Copenhagen University (KU). |
| 2013 | Research assistant at the Department of Systematic Theology, Faculty of Theology, KU. |

IV. EDUCATION

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| 2014–2017 | PhD fellow in an interdisciplinary research project on “Self-understanding and Self-alienation: Existential Hermeneutics and Psychopathology” supported by the Velux Foundation, Psychiatric Center Glostrup and the Faculty of Theology, KU. http://teol.ku.dk/skc/selfunderstanding/english/ Obtainment of PhD degree June 2017 with the dissertation “ <i>Remains of a Self. Solitudes and Responsibilities.</i> ” Excerpt from the assessment report by the international committee: “ <i>Highly complex questions are dealt with in a sovereign, seemingly effortless manner. CBM demonstrates an impressive overview of not only the philosophical authors directly discussed, but also of literary and psychoanalytic text in a broader sense, as well as the history of ideas. The assessment committee has no doubt that the dissertation meets the requirements for the degree of a doctorate. CBM</i> ” |
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demonstrates knowledge at the highest international level, and the dissertation is a significant contribution to the research field in question. The dissertation demonstrates the required methodological, analytical and communicative skills, as well as excellent competences of planning, composing and conducting a complex research project.”

- 2010-2012 MA in Philosophy, Department of Media, Cognition and Communication, CU. Completed with the thesis “*Representations of Death and Time in Martin Heidegger and Emmanuel Lévinas*” awarded the highest possible grade (12). Excerpt from the assessment:
“In conclusion the thesis can be characterized as a work well above ordinary thesis standards. It demonstrates that CBM has an extraordinary talent for philosophical research and we can only recommend that she will receive the opportunities to develop it in the future.”
- 2010/11 Enrolment in MA program in philosophy at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg im Breisgau. Completion of two courses.
- 2006-2009 BA in philosophy from CU.
- 2008/2009 Enrolment in BA program in philosophy at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg im Breisgau.
- 2005 Studies in theology including language courses in Ancient Greek and Latin, Faculty of Theology, CU.
- 2005 Studies in physics, Faculty of Science, CU.

V. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-present Assistant Professor at (BHL), Copenhagen Business School (CBS)

Courses taught:

- **‘Philosophical Ethics’** (mandatory BSc course on the history of philosophical ethics from Aristotle over Bentham and Kant to Nietzsche, Lévinas, Derrida and Haraway)
- **‘Modern Technology’** (elective MA course on the modern thought of technology)
- **‘The Project Society’** (mandatory BSc course on socio-political theories of late capitalist societies including Marx, Foucault, Deleuze, Boltanski & Chiapello, Negri & Hardt, David Harvey, Alain Ehrenberg, Hartmut Rosa, Byung-Chul Han)
- **‘Foundations of Thought and Being’** (Mandatory BSc course in metaphysics and epistemology from Plato over Descartes to Nietzsche and Heidegger)
- **‘Entrepreneurship in Tourism and Hospitality’** (Elective MSc course with module on Business ethics)
- **‘The Ethics of Digital Businesses’** (Elective MSc course)
- **‘Science of Philosophy’** (general BSc course in epistemology and methodology)

- 2025– present Lecturer at The Danish University Extension, Denmark.
- Courses taught:
- **‘Ethics and Responsibility - A Philosophical Journey’** (open for the public)
- 2024 Guest Lecturer at Copenhagen University, Department of English, Germanic and Romance Studies
- Courses taught:
- **‘European Thought in the 20th Century’** (Interdisciplinary Elective BA Subject)
- 2016 Guest lecturer at The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts
- Courses taught:
- **‘Philosophical Lectures’** (series of lectures on philosophical topics related to art and aesthetics)
- 2014-2017 PhD fellow at Copenhagen University
- Courses taught:
- **“The History of Freedom: Kierkegaard’s Concept of Anxiety”** (specialized MA course with lectures on Kierkegaard, Schelling, Heidegger, and Nancy)
 - **“Transcendence, Time and History”** (specialized MA course with lectures on Heidegger’s *Being and Time*)

VI. GRANTS AND STIPENDS

- 2020-2022 The Carlsberg Foundation 2 Year Internationalization Fellowship (Heidelberg University, CBS): **Research project:** “Martyrs of the Unconscious: Bearing Testimony to Anomalous Experiences in Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders”
- 2018-2020 The Carlsberg Foundation 2 Year Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (BHL, CBS): **Research Project:** “The Ethos of Poetry: The Liberating Potentials of Poetic Language in a Philosophical and Psychopathological Perspective”
- 2014–2017 PhD stipend awarded by The Ministry of Higher Education and Research.
- 2015 Augustinus Foundation Stipend for research stay at Kingston University, London.
- 2010/11 Erasmus Internationalization Stipend for Studies Abroad (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg im Breisgau).
- 2008/09 Erasmus Internationalization Stipend for Studies Abroad (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg im Breisgau).

VII. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS OTHER THAN TEACHING

- 2025 Reviewer for *Society of Business Ethics Annual Meeting*.

- Reviewer for *Women, Gender & Research*
 Reviewer for *Equality, diversity and inclusion: An international journal*
- 2024 Reviewer for *Human Relations*, an international peer reviewed journal publishing the highest quality original research to advance our understanding of social relationships at and around work.
 Reviewer for *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*
 Reviewer for *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology*
 Coordinator of monthly seminars in the HUMAN research group at BHL.
- 2023 Reviewer for *Leadership*, an international peer-reviewed journal that publishes the highest quality original research on leadership.
 Co-organizer of workshop “Values with Hamlet” (*Critical Tourism Studies* annual conference, Menorca, and CBS)
- 2018 Book reviewer for *Levinas Studies*, Duquesne University Press.
- 2018 Guest editor for *Scandinavian Jewish Studies*, Vol. 29:1, special issue: “The Problem of Evil and Images of (In)Humanity”: <https://journal.fi/nj/issue/view/4934>
- 2018 Main organizer of research seminar and PhD course on “Transfiguring Pain Poetically,” Faculty of Theology, CU (50+ participants):
<http://teol.ku.dk/cjmc/english/events/2018/transfiguring-pain-poetically-exploring-the-liberating-potential-of-artistic-creation/>
- 2017 Chairperson at research seminar on the “Phenomenology of Listening,” organized by the Center for the Study of Jewish Thought in Modern Culture & Department of Systematic Theology, CU.
- 2017 Peer reviewer on *Hermeneutics and Negativism: Existential Ambiguities of Self-Understanding* (Eds. Claudia Welz and René Rosfort), Mohr Siebeck, 2018.

VIII. PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTIVE)

- 2025/8 ‘Philosophy as homesickness’, *Paradoxs* anniversary event, Litteraturhaus, Copenhagen
- 2025/7 ‘Disavowal and Abstraction in the Social Organization of Capitalism’, Annual conference of the Society of Business Ethics, Copenhagen.
- 2024/5 ‘Linguistic Resurrection and the Myth of Loss’, Copenhagen University, Denmark.
- 2022/8 ‘Answarets Uafsluttede Forhandling,’ at Grundtvig Højskole, Denmark.
- 2022/7 ‘Values with Hamlet. Engaging with Value Incommensurability in Tourism Organizations,’ Annual Conference of Critical Tourism Studies, Menorca.
- 2019/6 ‘Auto-affection and the Curvature of Spacetime,’ paper given at the conference ‘Of Times: Arrested, Resigned, Imagined. Temporality in Hegel, Heidegger and Derrida,’ Institute for Philosophy, Leiden University. (Invited by organizers).

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/events/2019/06/of-times-arrested-resigned-imagined-temporality-in-hegel-heidegger-and-derrida>

- 2019/5 'On a Language that Does Not Cease Speaking: Blanchot and Lacan on the Experience of Language in Literature and Psychosis,' panel paper at the 14th Annual Meeting of 'The Comparative & Continental Philosophy Circle,' Institute for Philosophy, Leiden University.
- 2018/11 'Antonin Artaud and the Resistance of the White Page,' public two-hour talk at the Department of Comparative Literature, University of Toronto.
- 2018/9 'The Precariousness of Reality. On a note from *Écrits*,' paper at the Lacan *Écrits* Conference, Department of Psychology, Ghent University.
- 2018/8 'The Ethos of Poetry,' paper at the research seminar on 'Phenomenology of Listening: Silence and Resonance,' organized by the Center for the Study of Jewish Thought in Modern Culture (CJMC), KU.
- 2018/5 'Poesiens ethos,' lecture at Filosofisk Forum, Copenhagen.
- 2018/1 'Antonin Artaud and the Counter-Strategy of Writing,' paper at research seminar on 'Transfiguring Pain Poetically,' KU.
- 2017/12 'Should I be where It was? Reversals of the Mirror Stage,' paper at 'The Society for Theoretical Psychoanalysis' annual conference, Aalborg University.
- 2016/8 'Remains of a Self. Solitudes and Responsibilities,' paper at a workshop organised by the Velux research group on 'Self-understanding and Self-alienation,' CBS.
- 2015/11 'Solitudes,' two-hour talk and discussion at the Centre for Research in Modern European Philosophy, Kingston University, London.
<https://www.kingston.ac.uk/events/item/1714/12-nov-2015-cathrine-bjoslashrnholt-michaelsen-university-of-copenhagen-solitudes/>
- 2015/9 'The solitude of not being able to be alone or living through others,' paper at the international conference organized by the Velux research group on 'Self-understanding and Self-alienation,' Faculty of Theology, KU.
- 2015/5 'The Solitude of not being able to be alone,' presentation at PhD research seminar, Faculty of Theology, KU.
- 2014/12 'How is deconstruction (of the self)?,' paper at research seminar, Department of Systematic Theology, Faculty of Theology, KU.
- 2014/3 'Trauma and Responsibility in Derrida and Lévinas,' paper at the international conference 'Memory, Identity, and Limits of Understanding: Jewish Sources and Resources' organized by the CJMC, KU.

IX. STUDY VISITS ABROAD

- 2018 Visiting postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Philosophy, Toronto University, with Prof. Rebecca Comay (duration of 3 months).
- 2015 Visiting PhD Fellow at the Center for Research in Modern European Philosophy, Kingston University, London, with Prof. Catherine Malabou (duration of 6 months).
- 2010/11 MA-Studies at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg am Breisgau, via Erasmus Internationalization Program (duration of 8 months). With completion of two MA-courses in philosophy.
- 2008/09 BA-Studies at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg am Breisgau, via Erasmus Internationalization Program (duration of 8 months). With Completion of two MA-courses in philosophy and one German language course.

X. AFFILIATIONS

- 2025- Member of the Society of Business Ethics
- 2024- Member of the HUMAN research group at BHL.
- 2021- Member or a psychoanalytic cartel registered with the New Lacanian School.
- 2020- Member of the Minor Torus study group, based at Leiden University.
- 2019- Member of the international Guattari Research Group anchored at the University of Toronto.
- 2018- Member of the Research Network the “Outside Collective,” The School of Architecture, Copenhagen, Denmark.
<https://www.facebook.com/Outside-Collective-261983978077231/>
- 2014– Affiliated researcher at the Center for the Study of Jewish Thought in Modern Culture, Jewish Information Center. <https://joediskinfo.dk/staff-internship-and-visiting-scholars>
- 2014–2017 Affiliated PhD fellow at the Center for Subjectivity Research, Faculty of Humanities, CU.
- 2014–2017 Psychiatric Centre Glostrup/Hvidovre, Denmark.

XI. CONFERENCES, PHD COURSES, SEMINARS, ETC. (SELECTIVE)

- 2022/7 Annual Conference of Critical Tourism Studies, Menorca.
- 2019/7 Intensive Doctoral School on ‘Joyce and The Sinthome and its Relevance for Today’s Clinic and Culture,’ Department of Psychology, University of Ghent.
- 2019/6 Conference: ‘Of Times: Arrested, Resigned, Imagined. Temporality in Hegel, Heidegger and Derrida,’ Institute for Philosophy, Leiden University.

- 2019/5 The 14th Annual Meeting of ‘The Comparative & Continental Philosophy Circle,’ Institute for Philosophy, Leiden University.
- 2018/9 Annual conference on ‘Lacan’s *Écrits*,’ Department of Psychology, University of Ghent.
- 2017/12 ‘*It Thinks!*’ Conference on psychoanalysis, philosophy, and things that think,’ Aalborg University.
- 2016/6 The London Graduate School Summer Academy in the Critical Humanities: ‘Gender and Difference,’ London.
- 2015/12 Research Seminar on ‘Wild Analysis’ organized by The Danish Society for Theoretical Psychoanalysis, Faculty of Humanities, CU.
- 2015/11 Workshop on ‘Fanon and Philosophy’ organized by the Center for Research in Modern European Philosophy, Kingston University, London.
- 2015/9 International conference on ‘Self-understanding and Self-alienation’ organized by the Velux research group, Faculty of Theology, CU.
- 2015/9 Workshop with Prof. Borut Skodlar (Ljubljana Universitet) on ‘Anxiety and Despair’ organized by the Velux research group on ‘Self-understanding and Self-alienation,’ Faculty of Theology, CU.
- 2015/7 The *Collegium Phaenomenologicum* on ‘Derrida’s Seminar,’ Città di Castello, Italy.
- 2015/6 The London Graduate School Summer Academy in the Critical Humanities: ‘Right to Philosophy,’ London.
- 2015/6 Workshop with Prof. Peter J. Tyrer (Imperial College, London) organized by the Velux research group on ‘Self-understanding and Self-alienation’ in collaboration with the Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Faculty of Theology, CU.
- 2015/5 Workshop with Prof. Jonathan Lear (Chicago University) organized by the Velux research group on ‘Self-understanding and Self-alienation,’ Faculty of Theology, CU.
- 2015/2 Workshop on ‘Nordic Perspectives on Phenomenology of Sociality,’ organized by Center for Subjectivity Research, Faculty of Humanities, CU.
- 2014/10 PhD course ‘Approaches to Science: Philosophy, history, sociology. Placing the humanities in context,’ Faculty of Humanities, CU.
- 2014/9 PhD course ‘Research Integrity,’ Faculty of Humanities, CU.
- 2014/6 The London Graduate School Summer Academy in the Critical Humanities: ‘Derrida’s *Glas*,’ London.
- 2014/4-5 PhD course ‘Academic Writing in English,’ Faculty of Humanities, CU.

XII. LANGUAGE SKILLS

Danish: Native
English: Near native in speaking, reading, and writing.
German: Fluent in reading and writing, good basic knowledge in speaking.
French: Fluent in reading, good basic knowledge in speaking and writing.
Spanish: Good basic knowledge in speaking and reading.
Latin: Basic knowledge in reading.
Ancient Greek: Basic knowledge in reading.

XIII. REFERENCES

- Professor Rebecca Comay, Department of Philosophy and Center for Comparative Literature, Toronto University: rebecca.comay@utoronto.ca
- Professor Catherine Malabou, Department of Humanities, Kingston University, London: c.malabou@kingston.ac.uk
- Professor Claudia Welz, Institut for Kultur og Samfund, Århus Universitet, clw@cas.au.dk
- Emeritus Professor Leslie Hill, School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Warwick University: leslie.hill@warwick.ac.uk