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Curriculum Vitæ

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Areas

AOS Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Economics

AOC Epistemology, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Philosophy of Biology, Political Philosophy

Affiliation

2019– **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Education

2019 **PhD Philosophy**, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Thesis: *Understanding With Models*.
Supervisors: Julian Reiss and Jack Vromen

2013 **MA Philosophy**, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
Supervisor: Julian Reiss

2009 **Minor Economics**, Université Laval.

2009 **BA Philosophy**, Université Laval.

Publications

Journal Articles

Forthcoming How-possibly explanations in economics: anything goes? *Journal of Economic Methodology*.
(with Till Grüne-Yanoff)

2019 How could models possibly provide how-possibly explanations? *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science Part A*, 73: 22–33. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.shpsa.2018.06.008>

Understanding does not depend on (causal) explanation. *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* 9 (2): 18. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13194-018-0240-6>

2017 Non-causal understanding with economic models: the case of general equilibrium. *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 24(3):297–317. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1350178X.2017.1335424>

Book Chapter

Forthcoming 'Explanation and economics'. In *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Economics*, edited by Julian Reiss and Conrad Heilmann. Routledge.

Other Contributions

- 2019 Understanding with models. *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*, 12(1), 133–136. <https://doi.org/10.23941/ejpe.v12i1.413>
- 2012 Review of Bernard Walliser's *Comment raisonnent les économistes: les fonctions des modèles*. *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*, 5(2): 144–150. <https://doi.org/10.23941/ejpe.v5i2.112>

Presentations

Refereed International Conferences

- 2020 *Representing and Understanding (Im)Possible Targets?*, 2nd SURE Workshop, Emory University, 12–13 March 2020.
- 2019 *Inferentialism and representation: chasing factivity*, EPSA19, University of Geneva, 11–14 September 2019.
- Philosophical methodology in theoretical modelling: the case of herd behaviour*, Economic Behaviours: Models, Measurement, and Policies, Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, 30 June–5 July 2019.
- 2018 *Hamilton's rule: understanding the disagreement about its explanatoriness*, 2018 OZSW Conference, University of Twente, 9–10 November 2018. (with Vaios Koliototis)
- Learning and understanding with models: same same but different?*, Models of Explanation, University of Turin, 11–13 June 2018.
- Hamilton's rule: understanding the disagreement about its explanatoriness*, Workshop: Explanation and Understanding, Ghent University, 23–25 May 2018. (with Vaios Koliototis)
- Learning and understanding with models: same same but different?*, Models and Simulations 8, University of South Carolina Columbia, 15–17 March 2018.
- 2017 *Learning and understanding with models: same same but different?*, What to make of highly unrealistic models?, University of Helsinki, 12–13 October 2017.
- Models and how-possibly explanations: a demarcation problem*, EPSA17, University of Exeter, 6–9 September 2017.
- How possibly could economic models be 'how-possibly explanations'?*, XIII. Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, Donostia - San Sebastian, 28–30 August 2017.
- Models and how-possibly explanations: a demarcation problem*, ninth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 9), LMU Munich, 21–26 August 2017.
- How possibly could how-possibly explanations explain?*, EIPE 20th Anniversary Conference, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 22–24 March 2017.
- 2016 *The inferentialist conception of model-based understanding*, 2016 OZSW Conference, University of Groningen, 9–10 December 2016.
- Non-causal understanding with economic models: the case of general equilibrium*, 3rd International Conference Economic Philosophy, GREQAM Aix-en-Provence, 15–16 June 2016.

- A case for non-causal understanding with models*, Models & Simulations 7, University of Barcelona, 18–20 May 2016.
- 2015 *Understanding doesn't depend on explanation. Understanding depends on dependence*, 2015 OZSW Conference, VU University Amsterdam, 11–12 December 2015.
- A case for non-causal understanding with economic models*, XII. Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, University of Cape Town, 19–22 November 2015.
- 2014 *Understanding through counterfactual analysis modelling*, III Conference of the ENPOSS European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences Conference, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), 10–12 September 2014.
- Understanding through counterfactual analysis modelling*, British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Meeting 2014, University of Cambridge, 10–11 July 2014.
- Understanding through counterfactual analysis modelling*, 2014 OZSW Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy, VU University Amsterdam, 26–28 May 2014.
- Understanding through counterfactual analysis modelling*, Models and Simulations 6, University of Notre Dame, 9–11 May 2014.
- 2013 *The explanatoriness of economic models: a case for understanding*, XI. Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 13–15 June 2013.
- The explanatoriness of economic models: a case for understanding*, Explanatory Power II: Understanding Through Modeling, Ruhr-University Bochum, 25–26 April 2013.
- The explanatoriness of economic models: a case for understanding*, Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy 2013, University of Groningen, 18–20 April 2013.
- 2012 *'Models-as-mediators': is there a missing link?*, Annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Waterloo, 27–29 May 2012.
- 2011 *Les contrefactuels en science économique: quelle causalité pour quel usage?*, Congrès annuel de l'ACFAS, ACFAS, Université de Sherbrooke, 12 May 2011.

Local Presentations

- 2019 Comments on Vaios Kliofotis's *Human Sociality and Emotion Signals*, PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 4 March 2019.
- 2018 Comments on Piet Jonker's *The Social Epistemology of Speculation*, PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 4 June 2018.
- "The inferentialist-behavioural account of understanding: substantive or evaluative?", PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 29 April 2018.
- "How possibly could how-possibly explanations explain?", Lunchtime Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 10 November 2016.
- "Understanding does not depend on causal explanation", PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 17 October 2016.

- 2015 Comments on Sam van Dijck's *Economics, mathematics and complexity: On the Disenchantment of the Social World*, PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 5 October 2015.
- Comments on Roel Visser's *Constructing 'Fan Charts' for Uncertain Macroeconomic Forecasts*, PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 20 April 2015.
- Comments on Hans Kuiper's *Praxeology as a methodological and epistemological guideline for social research*, PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 16 June 2014.
- Comments on James D. Grayot (*Mis*)*understanding adaptive preferences. Chapter 2: Internal Processes*, PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 17 March 2014.
- "Understanding through counterfactual analysis modelling", EIPE-TiLPS Graduate Workshop in Philosophy of Science, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 20 February 2014.
- 2013 Comments on Michael Poznic's *Misrepresentation, similarity, and indirect modeling*, PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 18 November 2013.
- Comments on F. Claveau and M. Vergara Fernández's *Uncovering the epistemic contributions of economic models*, PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 15 April 2013.
- Comments on Darian Heim's *The beginnings of "trust" in economics: transaction costs & behaviour*, PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 11 March 2013.
- 2012 "Understanding the explanatoriness of economic models", PhD Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, 8 October 2012.
- 2010 "Quel tarif pour la formation universitaire?", Colloque étudiant de philosophie pratique "Normes, action et institutions", Université Laval, Faculté de philosophie, Québec, 15–16 January 2010.

Teaching

Lecturer (Instructor of Record)

- 2015-2020 *Philosophy of Economics*, The Hague University of Applied Sciences
- 2018-2019 *Values, Welfare, and Cooperation*, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 2018 *Political Philosophy*, VU Amsterdam–John Stuart Mill College
- 2017-2018 *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (graduate level), University of Amsterdam
- 2017 *Philosophy of Science*, VU Amsterdam–John Stuart Mill College

Lecturer and Seminar Instructor

- 2019 *Ethics and International Business*, University of Groningen
- 2016 Seminar on 'Models and Explanation' for *Advanced Philosophy and Methodology of Economics* (graduate level), Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 2015-2016 Seminar on 'Facts and Values' for *Advanced Philosophy and Methodology of Economics* (graduate level), Erasmus University Rotterdam

Teaching Assistant

- 2014-2015 *Philosophy of Economics*, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 2011 *Philosophy of Physics*, Université Laval
- 2010-2011 *Introduction to Philosophy of Science*, Université Laval

Teaching Qualification

- 2019 University Teaching Qualification (UTQ/BKO), University of Amsterdam

Grants and Awards

Research Grants

- 2019-2021 Postdoctoral fellowship (CAD\$110,000), Fonds de recherche du Québec Société et Culture (FRQSC)
- 2013-2016 Doctoral scholarship (CAD\$60,000), Fonds de recherche du Québec Société et Culture (FRQSC)
- 2013-2016 Doctoral scholarship (€43,200, *declined*), Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics

Others

- 2017 Travel grant (GBP£250), European Philosophy of Science Association (EPSA)
- 2017 Travel grant (US\$250) Institute for New Economic Thinking YSI Young Scholar workshop
- 2015 Travel grant (US\$800), Institute for New Economic Thinking YSI Young Scholar sessions
- 2011-2013 Fee waiver for non-EU students (€3,500), Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics
- 2010 *Bourse d'études du fonds ÆLIÉS*. Scholarship rewarding involvement as a representative in various associations (CAD\$1,500), ÆLIÉS

Service

Editorship

- 2017- Member of the Editorial Oversight Board of the *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*
- 2014-2017 Co-editor and chair of the *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics* (EJPE). EJPE is a peer-reviewed, bi-annual, open access, international academic journal. It has been selected for coverage in Scopus, among others. As editor, I was in charge of managing articles submissions, but also of planning book reviews and preparing interviews. I was also the editor responsible of the formatting and of the website. As EJPE's chair I oversaw the general good working order of the journal.

Referee

Economics & Philosophy, *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of Economic Methodology*, *Synthese*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*, *Foundations of Science*, *Ethica*, *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*

Organization

- 2015-2016 Co-convenor, INEM-CHESS-EIPE Summer School in Economics and Philosophy, University of the Basque Country, San Sebastián-Donostia

Academic Committees

- 2010-2011 Graduate Representative, Graduate Programme Committee, Faculty of Philosophy, Université Laval
- 2007-2008 Undergraduate Representative, Faculty Council, Faculty of Philosophy, Université Laval
- 2007 Undergraduate Representative, Electoral College for Université Laval's President Election
- 2006-2007 Studies Commission, Undergraduate Representative, Université Laval
- 2005-2006 Undergraduate Representative, Student Affairs Commission, Université Laval
- 2005-2006 Undergraduate Representative, Library Advising Committee, Université Laval

Student Associations Representation

- 2016 Interim Graduate Representative, PhD programme association, Faculty of Philosophy, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 2010 Secretary-General, *Table de concertation étudiante du Québec*
- 2009-2010 Vice Secretary-General, *Table de concertation étudiante du Québec*
- 2009-2010 President, *Association des chercheur(e)s étudiant(e)s en philosophie*, Faculty of Philosophy, Université Laval
- 2007-2008 Vice President for Educational Affairs, *Association des Étudiants(es) Prégradués(ées) en Philosophie*, Faculty of Philosophy, Université Laval
- 2006-2007 Vice President for Academic Affairs, *Confédération des associations d'étudiants et d'étudiantes de l'Université Laval*, Université Laval
- 2005-2006 President, *Association des Étudiants(es) Prégradués(ées) en Philosophie*, Faculty of Philosophy, Université Laval

Related Academic Activities

- January 2015 and 2016 Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Durham University

References

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