

# Silvia Jonas

Curriculum Vitae

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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AOS: Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mathematics  
AOC: Epistemology, Aesthetics

## EDUCATION / CAREER

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**Minerva Fellow of the Max Planck Society** since 2017  
*Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP)*  
Research Project: Mathematics Analogies—Comparing Theism to Mathematical Realism

**Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellow** 2012-2017  
*Van Leer Institute; Hebrew University of Jerusalem*  
Research Project: Structural Analogies between Mathematics and Religion

**PhD (magna cum laude) in Philosophy** 2012  
*Humboldt University Berlin*  
Dissertation on the Metaphysics of Ineffability in Art, Religion, and Philosophy  
Advisors: Prof. Tobias Rosefeldt (Berlin), Prof. Michael Inwood (Oxford)

**BPhil in Philosophy** 2010  
*University of Oxford*  
BPhil Thesis on the Metaphysics of Ineffability  
Advisor: Prof. A.W. Moore

**MLitt in Philosophy** 2008  
*University of St. Andrews*  
MLitt Thesis on Minimalist Theories of Truth  
Advisors: Prof. Stewart Shapiro, Prof. Peter Clark

**Magister Artium** 2007  
*Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*  
Political Science (Major), Philosophy, Religious Studies

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monograph

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***Ineffability and its Metaphysics: The Unspeakable in Art, Religion, and Philosophy*** 2016  
Palgrave Macmillan, New York  
Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* ([Link](#)); *Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur* ([Link](#)); *The Expository Times* ([Link](#)); *New Books in Philosophy* ([Link](#))

## Articles (peer-reviewed)

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- Modal Structuralism and Theism** forthcoming  
In: Fiona Ellis (Hrsg.), *New Models of Religious Understanding*,  
Oxford University Press.
- Aesthetic Ineffability** 2017  
*Philosophy Compass*, Vol. 12 No. 2.
- Access Problems and Explanatory Overkill** 2016  
*Philosophical Studies* (Volume tba).
- Mathematical and Religious Belief** 2016  
In: Rico Gutschmidt, Thomas Rentsch (Hrsg.), *New Positions on a Timeless Question*. Münster: Mentis.
- On Mathematical and Religious Belief, and On Epistemic Snobbery** 2015  
*Philosophy*, Vol. 91 No. 1.
- Against Metaphysics Running Amok: Hegel, Adorno, and the Ineffable** 2013  
In: Lisa Herzog (Hrsg.). *Hegel's Thought in Europe*. Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan.

## Reviews

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- Fiona Ellis' *God, Value, and Nature*, OUP 2014** 2015  
*Philosophy*, Vol. 91 No. 2.
- Howard Wettstein's *The Significance of Religious Experience*, OUP 2012** 2014  
*Religious Studies*, Vol. 50 No. 1.
- David Chalmers' *Constructing the World*, OUP 2012** 2014  
*The Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 64 No. 257.

## Popular

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- Unspeakable things: Life's most meaningful experiences can leave us tongue-tied. What can be said, let alone understood, about what's unsayable?** 2017  
*Aeon. A digital magazine of ideas and culture* ([Link](#))
- Order and Decay: A Conversation** 2012  
In: Maria von Mier, Sophie Schultz, Evelyn Sitter (Hrsg.). *Treuen. An Art Project*. ([Link](#))

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Robert Bosch Foundation** since 2017  
Stipendiary in the *Fast Track* Program for Outstanding Women in Science ([Link](#))
- John Templeton Foundation** 2016-2019  
Research Fellow in the interdisciplinary and interfaith research project  
*Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion* ([Link](#))

<b>Polonsky Academy</b> €5000 Grant for the organisation of the international workshop <i>New Work on Ineffability</i> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2016
<b>Humboldt University Berlin</b> Humboldt University Doctoral Grant for outstanding academic achievements (€6600)	2011
<b>Konrad Adenauer Foundation</b> Graduate Research and Doctoral Scholarship (€39.600)	2008-2011
<b>German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)</b> Graduate Research Scholarship (€13.200)	2007-2008
<b>Rothberg Family Prize</b> Scholarship for Graduate Studies at the Rothberg International School of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (\$4.000)	2004

## EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching

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<b>From Existence to Expression</b> <i>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</i> Seminar in contemporary analytic metaphysics for MA- and advanced BA-students Topics: necessary existents; identity; perspective; language and conceptualisation	2015/16
<b>Mathematics, its Foundations, and their Implications</b> <i>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</i> Introduction to contemporary Philosophy of Mathematics for MA-Students Topics: foundations of mathematics; ontological implications of set theory; mathematical Platonism; fictionalism; and structuralism	2014
<b>Aesthetics and Critical Philosophy</b> <i>University of Oxford, Trinity College</i> Undergraduate tutorial: Introduction to philosophical aesthetics and critical philosophy Topics: the aesthetic theories of Kant, Schopenhauer, Wittgenstein, Heidegger, and Adorno; art and truth; artistic expression and the expressiveness of art	2010
<b>Political Theory and Philosophy I</b> <i>Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich</i> Undergraduate tutorial and exam preparation Topics: the political theories of Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, and Hobbes	2006
<b>Political Theory and Philosophy II</b> <i>Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich</i> Undergraduate tutorial and exam preparation Topics: the political theories of Locke, Rousseau, Weber, and Rawls	2006

## Organisation, Administration, Refereeing

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<b>Polonsky Philosophy Seminar</b> Co-Organiser of the weekly Philosophy Seminar at the Polonsky Academy of the Van Leer Institute	2014-2017
<b>Workshop: <i>New Work on Ineffability</i></b> Sole organiser of the international workshop <i>New Work on Ineffability</i> at the Polonsky Academy of the Van Leer Institute ( <a href="#">Link</a> )	2016
<b>Refereeing</b> External referee for Palgrave Macmillan (New York); KRITERION–Journal of Philosophy	since 2016
<b>Admissions</b> <i>University of Oxford, Trinity College</i> Undergraduate Admissions Interviews (Philosophy and Classics)	2009-2010
<b>Research Assistance</b> <i>University of St Andrews</i> Research Assistant to Prof. John Haldane (Philosophy of Religion)	2007-2008
<b>Research Assistance</b> <i>University of St Andrews</i> Research Assistant to Prof. Peter Clark (Philosophy of Mathematics)	2007-2008
<b>Research Assistance</b> <i>Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich</i> Research Assistant to Prof. Axel Hutter (German Idealism, Philosophy of Mind)	2006-2007

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited presentations (selection):

University of Oxford; The Ockham Society at the University of Oxford; Cornell University; American Philosophical Association (APA); University of Kent; Heythrop College London; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Tel Aviv University; Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science

### Other presentations (selection):

Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society; University of Cambridge; Institute of Advanced Studies London; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil); Deutsche Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (GAP); Europäische Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (ESAP); Berlin-Princeton Graduate Conference; Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA)

## REFERENCES

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Michael Inwood, University of Oxford: [michael.inwood@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:michael.inwood@trinity.ox.ac.uk)  
Dr. Edward Kanterian, University of Kent: [e.kanterian@kent.ac.uk](mailto:e.kanterian@kent.ac.uk)