

Silvia Jonas

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT DETAILS

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

EDUCATION / CAREER

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

Monograph

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](#)); *The Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory* ([Link](#))

Articles (peer-reviewed)

- Word and object: divine language** invited
In: D. Frank and A. Segal (eds.), *Cambridge Critical Guide to Maimonides's Guide of the Perplexed*, Cambridge University Press.
- Modal Structuralism and Theism** 2018
In: Fiona Ellis (ed.), *New Models of Religious Understanding*, Oxford University Press.
- Aesthetic Ineffability** 2017
Philosophy Compass, Vol. 12 No. 2.
- Access Problems and Explanatory Overkill** 2017
Philosophical Studies, Vol. 174 No. 11.
- Mathematical and Religious Belief** 2016
In: Rico Gutschmidt, Thomas Rentsch (ed.), *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 (ed.), *Hegel's Thought in Europe*. Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan.

Reviews

- 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

- 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

- Robert Bosch Foundation** since 2017
Stipendiary in the *Fast Track* Program for Outstanding Women in Science ([Link](#))

John Templeton Foundation Research Fellow in the interdisciplinary and interfaith research project <i>Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion</i> (Link)	2016-2019
Polonsky Academy €5000 Grant for the organisation of the international workshop <i>New Work on Ineffability</i> (Link)	2016
Humboldt University Berlin Humboldt University Doctoral Grant for outstanding academic achievements (€6600)	2011
Konrad Adenauer Foundation Graduate Research and Doctoral Scholarship (€39.600)	2008-2011
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Graduate Research Scholarship (€13.200)	2007-2008
Rothberg Family Prize Scholarship for Graduate Studies at the Rothberg International School of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (\$4.000)	2004

EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Indispensability Arguments for Realism <i>Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich</i> Seminar in contemporary analytic metaphysics for MA- and advanced BA-students Topics: indispensability and ontological commitment; confirmational holism; unwanted entailments	2017
From Existence to Expression <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
Mathematics, its Foundations, and their Implications <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
Aesthetics and Critical Philosophy <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

Political Theory and Philosophy I 2006
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
Undergraduate tutorial and exam preparation
Topics: the political theories of Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, and Hobbes

Political Theory and Philosophy II 2006
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
Undergraduate tutorial and exam preparation
Topics: the political theories of Locke, Rousseau, Weber, and Rawls

Organisation, Administration, Refereeing

Polonsky Philosophy Seminar 2014-2017
Co-Organisor of the weekly Philosophy Seminar at the
Polonsky Academy of the Van Leer Institute

Workshop: *New Work on Ineffability* 2016
Sole organisor of the international workshop *New Work on Ineffability*
at the Polonsky Academy of the Van Leer Institute ([Link](#))

Refereeing since 2016
Referee for Palgrave Macmillan; Bloomsbury; Analysis; KRITERION–
Journal of Philosophy

Admissions 2009-2010
University of Oxford, Trinity College
Undergraduate Admissions Interviews (Philosophy and Classics)

Research Assistance 2007-2008
University of St Andrews
Research Assistant to Prof. John Haldane (Philosophy of Religion)

Research Assistance 2007-2008
University of St Andrews
Research Assistant to Prof. Peter Clark (Philosophy of Mathematics)

Research Assistance 2006-2007
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
Research Assistant to Prof. Axel Hutter (German Idealism, Philosophy of Mind)

PRESENTATIONS

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; German Society of Philosophy (DGPhil); German Society of Analytic Philosophy (GAP); European Society of Analytic Philosophy (ESAP); Berlin-Princeton Graduate Conference; Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA)

REFERENCES

Prof. A.W. Moore, University of Oxford: adrian.moore@philosophy.ox.ac.uk

Michael Inwood, University of Oxford: michael.inwood@trinity.ox.ac.uk

Dr. Edward Kanterian, University of Kent: e.kanterian@kent.ac.uk

Prof. Fiona Ellis, University of Roehampton and Heythrop College: f.ellis@heythrop.ac.uk