

Dr. phil. Silvia Jonas

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL DETAILS

<i>Born:</i>	1983	Office address:	Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS: Epistemology, Philosophy of Mathematics and Science, Metaphysics
AOC: Metaethics, Philosophy of Religion, Aesthetics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP), LMU since 2017
Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellow (2019-2021)
Minerva Fellow, Max Planck Society (2017-2019)

The Van Leer Institute & The Hebrew University of Jerusalem 2012-2017
Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

Humboldt University Berlin 2010-2012
PhD in Philosophy
Advisors: Tobias Rosefeldt (Berlin), Michael Inwood (Oxford)
Topic: *A Separate Reality: Enquiry into the Nature of Ineffability*

University of Oxford 2008-2010
BPhil in Philosophy
Advisor: A.W. Moore

University of St. Andrews 2007-2008
MLitt in Philosophy
Advisors: Stewart Shapiro, Peter Clark

Hebrew University of Jerusalem 2004-2005
Exchange year (12 months)
Master program "Society and Politics in Israel"

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich 2002-2007
Magister Artium
Political Science (major), Philosophy, Religious Studies

High School Graduation (Munich) 2002

DISTINCTIONS

Robert Bosch Foundation 2017-2019
Alumna of the *Fast Track* Program for outstanding female scientists ([Link](#))
Four three-day intensive trainings focusing on (1) *Presentation*, (2) *Negotiation*,
(3) *Leadership*, and (4) *Communication through Media* for professional academics

RESEARCH FUNDING (TOTAL: €325,900)

Third-party funds (total: €263,000)

European Union €174,800
Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship (2019-2021)

Max-Planck-Society €64,500
Minerva Fellowship (2017-2019)

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) €15,000
Conference grant, *Mathematics and Analogical Reasoning*; 2021)

LMU Mentoring Program €860
Funds for a research assistant (2018)

LMU Mentoring Program €240
Travel funds for the annual meeting of the Society for
Women in Philosophy (SWIP) in Jena (2018)

John Templeton Foundation \$3,000
Research funds for collaborative work in the interdisciplinary research project
Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion (2016-2019) ([Link](#))

Polonsky Academy €5,000
Funds for the organisation of the international workshop
New Work on Ineffability (2016) ([Link](#))

Scholarships and Awards (total: €62,900)

Humboldt University Berlin €6,600
Dissertation scholarship (2011)

Konrad Adenauer Foundation €39,600
Graduate and Dissertation Scholarship (2008-2011)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) €13,200
Graduate Scholarship (2007-2008)

Rothberg Family Prize \$4,000
Rothberg International School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2004)

EVENT ORGANISATION

Conference “Mathematics and Analogical Reasoning” Organisation of a two-day international conference in collaboration with Prof. Mark Colyvan (University of Sydney) Location: Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy	08/2021
Fast Track Alumnae Workshop Organisator of the annual meeting of the <i>Fast Track</i> Alumnae of the Robert Bosch Foundation Location: Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich	06/2019
Annual meeting of the Chair of Philosophy of Science Itinerary and organisation (with Alexander Reutlinger, MCMP) Location: Basislager Schliersee	05/2019
Workshop: New Work on Ineffability Organisator of a one-day international workshop (Website) Location: Polonsky Academy, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute	05/2016

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Vice Dean Vice Dean of the non-tenured staff at the faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, and Religious Studies at LMU Munich	since 2019
Women’s Officer Deputy Women’s Officer at the faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, and Religious Studies at LMU Munich	since 2019
DFG Review Panel Member Member of the review and evaluation panel for a research group proposal in theoretical philosophy (€2.5M.)	09/2019
LMU Mentoring Program (Postdocs) Spokeswoman of the LMU Mentoring Program for female postdocs at the philosophy department at LMU Munich	since 2018
LMU Mentoring Program (Students) Mentor in the LMU Mentoring Program for female students	since 2018
Member of the Selection Committee for PhD and Postdoc Fellowships <i>Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy</i>	2018, 2020
Polonsky Philosophy Seminar Co-organiser of the <i>Van Leer Philosophy Group</i> and Organiser of the weekly philosophy colloquium at the Polonsky Academy at the Van Leer Institute	2014-2017
Undergraduate Admissions Interviews <i>University of Oxford, Trinity College</i>	2009-2010

COOPERATIONS

Interdisciplinary project “Science and Religion” ([Link](#))

2017-19

Funded by the John Templeton Foundation; international and interdisciplinary research group

SUPERVISIONS

BA-Students:

Dominik Odermatt (BA Philosophy, LMU Munich, summer term 2020)

Annabell Lachner (BA Philosophy, LMU Munich, winter term 2020/21)

MA-Students:

Allie Richards (MA Logic and Philosophy of Science, LMU Munich, winter term 2019/20)

Student assistants:

Sebastián Gil (summer term 2019)

DIDACTIC TRAINING

Seminar “Gender and Diversity in Teaching: Differences that Make a Difference”

11/2019

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

Workshop “Inclusivity in the philosophy classroom” (Panel-Member)

06/2019

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

Seminar “Argumentative techniques for the academic context”

2018

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

REFEREEING

Journals:

Analysis

Erkenntnis

KRITERION–

Journal of Philosophy

Ratio

Publishing Houses:

Bloomsbury

Palgrave Macmillan

Conferences:

ECAP.9: European Congress of Analytic Philosophy

IMPS2018: Irvine- Munich-PoliMi-Salzburg Conference in Philosophy and Foundations of Physics

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association (APA); German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP); German Society for Philosophy (DGPhil); Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP), Germany; The Aristotelian Society; The Oxford Union

FURTHER SKILLS

Languages:

German (Native language); English (fluent); Hebrew (fluent); French (very good)

Computer skills:

L^AT_EX; Wordpress; MS Office

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Ineffability and its Metaphysics: The Unspeakable in Art, Religion, and Philosophy 2016
Palgrave Macmillan, New York

Reviews by Keith Ward in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* ([Link](#)); by Robert Clarke in *Culture and Dialogue* ([Link](#)); by Guy Bennett-Hunter in *The Expository Times* ([Link](#)); by Sebastian Gäb in *Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur* ([Link](#)); by Carrie Figdor in *New Books in Philosophy* ([Link](#)); by William Franke and Chance Woods in *The Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory* ([Link](#)); by Sameer Yadav in the *Journal of Analytic Theology* ([Link](#)); **Book symposium** (invited) at Cornell University (8. May 2017)

Papers (peer-reviewed)

Mathematical Indispensability and Arguments from Design under review

Whereof one cannot speak forthcoming
In: D. Frank and A. Segal (eds.), *Cambridge Critical Guide to Maimonides's Guide of the Perplexed*, Cambridge University Press.

Mathematical and moral disagreement 2019
The Philosophical Quarterly, Vol. 70, No. 279, 302-327.

Modal Structuralism and Theism 2018
In: Fiona Ellis (ed.), *New Models of Religious Understanding*, Oxford University Press, 151-171.

Aesthetic Ineffability 2017
Philosophy Compass, Vol. 12 No. 2, 1-12.

Access Problems and Explanatory Overkill 2017
Philosophical Studies, Vol. 174 No. 11, 2731-2742.

Mathematical and Religious Belief 2016
In: Rico Gutschmidt, Thomas Rentsch (ed.), *God without Theism. New Positions on a Timeless Question*. Münster: Mentis, 195-216.

On Mathematical and Religious Belief, and On Epistemic Snobbery 2015
Philosophy, Vol. 91 No. 1, 69-92.

Against Metaphysics Running Amok: Hegel, Adorno, and the Ineffable 2013
In: Lisa Herzog (ed.), *Hegel's Thought in Europe*. Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 133-147.

Essays

On Mathematics and Disagreement (in German) 2020
Philosophie.ch: Swiss Portal for Philosophy ([Link](#))

What mathematics can teach us about debating (in German) 2019
Süddeutsche Zeitung, Feuilleton, 7. Januar 2019 ([Link](#))

Are questions about God rookie questions? (in German) 2019
Praefaktisch. A Philosophy Blog ([Link](#))

What's hot in Mathematical Philosophy? 2018
The Reasoner, Vol. 12, No. 8 ([Link](#))

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](#))

What language cannot grasp (in Hebrew) 2017
Alaxon. A digital magazine for thoughts, articles of notes and new ideas ([Link](#))

Reviews

Fiona Ellis' God, Value, and Nature, OUP 2015 2016
Philosophy, Vol. 91 No. 2, 281-284.

David Chalmers' Constructing the World, OUP 2012 2014
The Philosophical Quarterly, Vol. 64 No. 257, 651-655.

Howard Wettstein's The Significance of Religious Experience, OUP 2012 2014
Religious Studies, Vol. 50 No. 1, 119-123.

Outreach — Television, Radio, Podcasts

"Does Math Reveal Reality?" 2020
World Science Festival, New York - Interview with physicist Brian Greene

"How Maths Changed Philosophy" 2020
Spotify – Philosophy for Our Times Podcast Series ([Link](#))

"Auf ein Wort" – Interview with Michel Friedman (Topic: Mathematics) 2019
Deutsche Welle ([Link](#))

"Lost in Language" 2019
Institute of Arts and Ideas Podcast series "Philosophy of our times", ([Link](#))

"The Mathematics of Thought: How has mathematics changed philosophy?" 2019
HowtheLightGetsIn Festival, Hay-on-Wye (broadcast by iai.tv) ([Link](#))

"Are You An Illusion?" 2019
Institute of Arts and Ideas Podcast series "Philosophy of our times", ([Link](#))

Radio interview on "Learning from mathematics means learning discussion and pluralism" 2019
Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk (MDR), 7. Januar 2019

Interview on "God, Science, and Ineffable Knowledge" 2017
Templeton Foundation. ([Link](#))

Interview on “Ineffability and its Metaphysics” Monograph 2016
New Books in Philosophy. ([Link](#))

Book launch and panel discussion of “Ineffability and its Metaphysics” Monograph 2016
Polonsky Academy, Van Leer Institute. ([Link](#))

PRESENTATIONS

Invited presentations

University of Vienna 12/2019
Logik Café

Presentation title: “How realistic is realism for mathematical pluralists?”

University of Bremen 11/2019
Philosophical colloquium

Presentation title: “Philosophy and the mathematical narrative”

University of Regensburg 10/2019
Philosophical colloquium

Presentation title: “Realism and Pluralism”

HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, London, UK 09/2019
Institute for Arts and Ideas

Panel discussion: “The One True Story”

Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy 07/2019
“Topics in Logic” Seminar

Presentation title: “Mathematical Pluralism”

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich 06/2019
Art history conference “Dispositive-Explorations, now”

Presentation title: “Objectivity and Pluralism: Incompatible?”

John Templeton Foundation 06/2019
Workshop Series: *Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion*

Location: Casablanca, Marokko und Amman, Jordanien

Presentation title: “Order, Patterns, Correlations: Empirical regularities and meta-empirical explanations”

HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, Hay-on-Wye, UK 05/2019
Institute for Arts and Ideas

Presentation title: “The Mathematics of Thought”

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich 05/2019
Faculty of Philosophy Library Night

Presentation title: “How mathematics influences our conception of reality”

Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy 03/2019
Salzburg-Irvine-Munich Workshop Series

Presentation title: “Realism and Disagreement”

Frankfurt School of Finance and Management 11/2018
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy

Presentation title: “Metaethics and Metamathematics”

University of Erlangen-Nürnberg	11/2018
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Mathematical and Moral Realism, and the Problem of Disagreement"	
Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP)	10/2018
Workshop: <i>Analogical Reasoning in Mathematics and Science</i> Presentation title: "Analogical Reasoning and Non-empirical Domains"	
Cologne University	10/2018
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Mathematical and Moral Disagreement"	
Munich University	07/2018
<i>MCMP Summer School for female students</i> Presentation title: "Mathematics: A model for Ethics, Aesthetics, and Religion?"	
John Templeton Foundation	06/2018
Workshop: <i>Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion</i> Location: Ohrid, Republic of North Macedonia Presentation title: "Spurious Correlations and Emergence"	
Munich Center for Ethics, Munich University	05/2018
Workshop 'Werkstattgespräch': <i>Women in Philosophy</i> Presentation title: "Pluralist mathematics: How foundational debates in mathematics might change the way philosophers understand realism"	
Max Planck Society	04/2018
Meeting of Minerva Fellows Presentation title: "Mathematics Analogies"	
Munich University	04/2018
Workshop: <i>Foundations in Mathematics: Modern Views</i> Presentation title: "Why should philosophers care about the foundations of mathematics?"	
Cornell University	05/2017
Workshop on my monograph <i>Ineffability and its Metaphysics</i> Presentation title: "Ineffability"	
Tel Aviv University	01/2017
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Philosophy and the Mathematical Paradigm"	
Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science, Tel Aviv	11/2016
Institute Colloquium Presentation title: "Analogical Reasoning about Non-empirical Domains of Truth"	
University of Kent	11/2016
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Realism, Evolution, and the A priori"	
Haifa University	11/2016
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Debunking vs. Safety: Realism and Arguments from Evolution"	
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	06/2016
Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Access Problems and Explanatory Overkill"	

University of London, Heythrop College Colloquium of the faculty of philosophy Presentation title: "Self-acquaintance"	03/2016
University of Oxford Workshop: <i>New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology</i> Presentation title: "A Case for Religion in Light of Mathematics"	03/2015
The Polonsky Academy, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute Academy Colloquium Presentation title: "Symmetries Between Mathematical and Religious Belief"	07/2014
Association for the Philosophy of Judaism Online-Symposium on J. Golding's 'The rationality of being a traditional religious Jew' Presentation title: "Is Religious Rationality Insular Rationality?"	01/2013
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta Presentation title: "Ineffability Assertions"	12/2012
University of Oxford Ockham Society for Philosophy Presentation title: "Ineffability Assertions"	05/2010
Further presentations	
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European Society for Analytic Philosophy (ESAP) 9. International Congress of the European Society for Analytic Philosophy Presentation title: "Analogical Reasoning and A Priori Truth"	08/2017
The Aristotelian Society Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society Location: University of Edinburgh Presentation title: "Reasoning by Analogy"	07/2017
Institute for Advanced Studies, University of London Conference: <i>Investigating Conscious Acquaintance</i> Presentation title: "Conscious Acquaintance and Ineffable Knowledge"	06/2016
German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP) Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP.9) Presentation title: "Abstract Belief and its Rational Acceptability"	09/2015
University of Cambridge Conference: <i>Music and Transcendence</i> Presentation title: "On the Metaphysical Structure of Ineffable Content in Music"	11/2011
German Society for Philosophy (DGPhil) 12. Congress of the German Society for Philosophy Location: Munich University Presentation title: "Can There Be Extended Simples?"	09/2011
Humboldt University Berlin Berlin-Princeton Graduate Conference Presentation title: "A Separate Reality: Enquiry into the Nature of Ineffability"	07/2011

- Israeli Philosophical Association** 02/2011
 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 Presentation title: "Ineffability and Haecceities"
- Salzburg University** 09/2011
 Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA)
 Presentation title: "Against Metaphysics Running Amok"

TEACHING

- Student colloquium (mandatory course)** WS 2019/20
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
 Student presentations of their BA- and MA-theses
- Knowledge and Reality** WS 2019/20
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
 Introductory seminar in epistemology and metaphysics for BA students
 Topics: defining knowledge; theories of belief justification; material constitution; theories of persistence and change
- The Philosophical Divide: Differences and Similarities between Analytic and Continental Philosophy** SS 2019
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
 Seminar in theoretical philosophy for BA students
 Topics: origins of the divide; methodological particularities; contrasting perspectives on questions concerning logic, epistemology, and metaphysics
- God, Belief, Justification: Topics in Analytic Philosophy of Religion** WS 2018
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
 Introduction to philosophy of religion for BA-students
 Topics: arguments for the existence of God; rationality and justification of religious belief; the problem of evil; explanations of religious experiences
- Indispensability Arguments for Realism** SS 2017
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
 Seminar in philosophy of mathematics for MA- and advanced BA-students
 Topics: indispensability and ontological commitment; confirmational holism; unwanted entailments
- From Existence to Expression** WS 2015/16
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 Introduction to contemporary metaphysics for BA- and MA-students
 Topics: necessary existents; identity; perspective; language and conceptualisation
- Mathematics, its Foundations, and their Implications** SS 2014
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 Introduction to philosophy of mathematics for MA-Students
 Topics: foundations of mathematics; ontological implications of set theory; mathematical Platonism; fictionalism; and structuralism

Aesthetics and Critical Philosophy

SS 2010

University of Oxford, Trinity College

Introduction to philosophical aesthetics and critical philosophy for BA-students
Topics: the aesthetic theories of Kant, Schopenhauer, Wittgenstein, Heidegger,
and Adorno; art and truth; artistic expression and the expressiveness of art

Political Theory and Philosophy I

SS 2006

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

BA-tutorial and exam preparation
Topics: the political theories of Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, and Hobbes

Political Theory and Philosophy II

SS 2006

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

BA-tutorial and exam preparation
Topics: the political theories of Locke, Rousseau, Weber, and Rawls