

# Academic Curriculum Vitae

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## Personal

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Born on October 8, 1985

Married, three children

Swiss Citizen

## Education

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**DR. DES.**, title of the dissertation: *Is Empirical Science Epistemically Self-Sufficient?*, University of Zurich (first supervisor: Prof. Dr. Peter Schulthess). Defense of the dissertation passed on July 11, 2017, with predicate: *summa cum laude*

**M. A.**, majors in Philosophy and Multilingual Text Analysis, University of Zurich, February 2012. Weighted GPA 5.9/6<sup>1</sup>

**B. A.**, majors in Philosophy and German Linguistics, University of Zurich, September 2009  
Weighted GPA 5.8/6

**BASISPRÜFUNG**, (formerly called First Pre-Diploma, equivalent to 60 ECTS) major in Physics, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, October 2006. Weighted GPA 4.5/6

**Matura** (High School Diploma), Concentration Latin, Kantonsschule Heerbrugg, September 2004

## Languages

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**German:** mother tongue

**English:** proficient

**Latin:** advanced in reading

**French:** very good passive, good active abilities

**Spanish:** fluent

**Arabic:** basic

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<sup>1</sup>Multilingual Text Analysis is an interdisciplinary program with a focus on Machine Translation, see <https://www.mlta.uzh.ch>.

## Employment History

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*University of St. Gallen (HSG)*

**Head of Program Development**, June 2018 to present

Responsibilities include:

- Manage program reforms
- Manage complex projects relating to the administration of studies
- Analyze key figures relating to studies

*Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zurich*

**External Lecturer**, Course title: *Übungen zur Vorlesung: Einführung in die formale Logik I/II*, spring term 2013 (with some interruptions) to present

Responsibilities:

- Manage the entire assignment structure (including supervising 10 teaching assistants, serving more than 100 students)
- Assist in preparing and in marking the exams
- Give the course (one session per week)

*The United Methodist Church at Bülach*

**Intern**, April 2017 to March 2018

Responsibilities include:

- Prepare and give sermons
- Partake in meetings of various inter- and intra-institutional bodies
- Develop adult education initiatives

*Chair Schulthess, Department of Philosophy, University of Zurich*

**Doctoral Researcher**, spring term 2014 to spring term 2017

Responsibilities:

- Conduct research in the context of my PhD project
- Acquire third-party funding (funding acquired from the UZH's Candoc fund and from the SNF for a total of 35 months)

*Chair Saporiti, Department of Philosophy, University of Zurich*

**Research Assistant**, November 2012 to December 2013

Responsibilities:

- Assist in research and teaching
- Develop a doctoral research project

## Monographs

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2019. *A Science-Based Critique of Epistemological Naturalism*. Palgrave MacMillan.

2014. *On Proving God's Existence by Reason Alone: A Logical and Epistemological Study of Saint Anselm's and Plantinga's Ontological Arguments*. AV Akademikerverlag.

## Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

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2019. “From Shared Stimuli to Preestablished Harmony: The Development of Quine’s Thinking on Intersubjectivity and Objective Validity” In HOPOS, <https://doi.org/10.1086/703253>
2019. “Maddy vs. Quine on Innate Concepts. Revisiting A Perennial Debate in Light of Recent Empirical Results” In *Philosophia*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-019-00089-1>
2017. “Quine and His Place in History” (review), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 25:6, pp. 1249-1252.

## Conference & Workshop Presentations

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- “The Linguistic Capacities of Neural Machine Translation Systems”, University of Zurich, Conference on AI and Posthumanism, invited, April 2020
- “Why Psillos’ Purportedly Scientific Defense of Scientific Realism Fails”, University of Helsinki, Conference: *15th Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, 3-8 August 2015
- “Not As He Intended to – Why Quine Needs Intentions, and Why He Cannot Have Them”, University of Zurich, Workshop: *The Nature of Conceptual Capacities*, 9 June 2015
- “Why Psillos’ Purportedly Scientific Defense of Scientific Realism Fails”, University of Pretoria, Conference: *4th South African Philosophy of Science Colloquium*, 14 January 2015
- “A Scientific Concept of Science?”, University of Vilnius, Workshop: *Concepts and Conceptual Analysis*, 17 October 2014
- “Quine’s Naturalistic Conception of Evidence – Empirical or A Priori?”, University of Zurich, Workshop: *Wittgenstein and Quine on Truth, Evidence and Semantic Content*, 13 September 2014
- “The Wise Author of the World as a Condition for the Possibility of Scientific Research?”, New Europe College, Bucharest, Conference: *Knowledge of Transcendent Objects*, 8 May 2014 (together with Marco Toscano)
- “A Dilemma for Quine’s Naturalism”, The Free University of Amsterdam, Conference: *All you need is Science?*, 24 January 2014
- “The Individuation of Monads in Leibniz’s Metaphysics”, The University of Zurich, Workshop: *Leibniz’ Notion of Substance*, 27 September 2013

## Grants Received

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**Doc.Mobility Grant**, awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation for a research stay of one year at UC Irvine, Zurich, June 2015

**Doctoral Workshop Grant**, awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation for the Workshop “Wittgenstein and Quine on Truth, Evidence and Semantic Content”, Zurich, July 2014

**Graduate Campus Grant**, awarded by the University of Zurich’s Graduate Campus for the Workshop “Have We Lost Our Minds?”, Zurich, September 2013

**Candoc PhD Scholarship**, awarded by the University of Zurich’s Forschungskredit for work on my dissertation, Zurich, May 2013

## International Research Experience

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Academic Year 2015/16 spent at UC Irvine under the supervision of Prof. Penelope Maddy.

## International Workshops Co-Organized

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“Bildung und Religion in der Weltgesellschaft” (Summer School), 26-29 August 2019

“Transforming Truth: Art, Religion, and Science”, University of Zurich, 19 March 2016

“Have We Lost Our Minds? A Controversy Between Philosophy and Science”, University of Zurich, 13-15 November 2014

“Wittgenstein and Quine on Truth, Evidence and Semantic Content”, University of Zurich, 12-13 September 2014

## Teaching Experience

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*Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zurich*

**Lecturer**, Course title: *Seminar: Naturalisierte Erkenntnistheorie*, fall term 2017 - spring term 2018

*Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zurich*

**Lecturer**, Course title: *Übungen zur Vorlesung: Einführung in die formale Logik I/II*, 2013, 2014, 2015 (spring term only) & 2019

Responsibilities:

- Manage the entire assignment structure (including supervising 10 teaching assistants, serving more than 100 students)
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- Give the course (one session per week)

## Memberships

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Philosophische Gesellschaft Zürich (Acting as Secretary from 2014 to 2018)

## Technological Proficiencies

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**Programming:** advanced knowledge of Perl and Python

**NLP:** hands-on experience and university-level training in Named-Entity Disambiguation, Statistical Machine Translation, Parsing Technologies

## Interests

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**Literature,** in particular Dürrenmatt, Shakespeare, Dostoyevski

**Politics,** in particular education politics

**Sports,** in particular long-distance running (finisher of Swissalpine K78)