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Research Interests

AOS: philosophy of language, social philosophy, metaethics
AOC: epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of gender and race, Japanese philosophy

Employment

Slovak Academy of Sciences
2025-Present
Full-time Researcher, Institute of Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy Department

Education

Central European University, PhD in Philosophy
2021-2026
PhD Thesis: [On What Matters in Assessing Concepts](#)
Thesis advisor: Asya Passinsky
PhD Committee: Amie Thomasson, Maria Kronfeldner
Fall 2024: Visiting Researcher at the Hong Kong University, Philosophy Department.
Host: Herman Cappelen

University of Oxford, St Cross College, BPhil in Philosophy (Merit overall with Distinction in the thesis component)
2019-2021
BPhil Thesis: [On What Matters in Defining Concepts](#)
Thesis advisor: Ofra Magidor
Supervised Essays: Epistemology (with Bernhard Salow), Philosophy of Language (with Natalia Waight Hickman)

University of Leeds, BA(Hons) in Japanese and Philosophy (1st Class, awarded with distinction in spoken Japanese)
2015-2019
BA Thesis: What Are Epistemic Modals Relative to? (Score: 88, high distinction) Thesis advisor: Jessica Keiser

Osaka University, CJLC
2016-2017
One year exchange program during which I studied 10 subjects in various areas of Japanese linguistics (all in Japanese).
Directed Independent Research Project in Japanese Linguistics: [敬語を言語行為理論から考える](#)
(Japanese Honorifics and Speech Act Theory)
Project advisor: Hitoshi Nakata

Publications

1. "Why 'Democracy' Is Still a Word Worth Using" *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 5: 5 2026.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s44204-025-00351-2>

2. “Unpacking Conceptual Function as Tool Function” *Synthese* 206(178): 1-36. 2025.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-025-05263-5>
3. “Linguistic Imposters” (w/ Edison Yi) *The Philosophical Quarterly* 74(4): 1182-1206. 2024.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqae021>
4. “The Exportability of Embedded Social Kinds.” *Contributions to 45 International Wittgenstein Symposium*. eds. Passinsky, A., de Rizzo J., and Schnieder. B. Volume XXIX. Kirchberg/W.: ALWS. 2024.

Presentations

1. Contested Concepts Conference, Amsterdam, January 2026: Navigating Epistemic-Moral Conflicts in Conceptual Ethics.
2. Hong Kong University ConceptLab, December 2025: Against the Wrong Kind of Reasons in Value-sensitive Conceptual Engineering.
3. Sichuan University, Rethinking Metaphysics Reading Group, September 2025: Navigating Epistemic-Moral Conflicts in Conceptual Ethics (invited online talk).
4. Knowledge in Crisis Social Metaphysics Workshop, June 2025: Comments on Gillian Gray’s paper ‘On Identity Ambivalence’.
5. APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, April 2025: What Do Dehumanizers Believe?
6. Hong Kong University ConceptLab, December 2024: Linguistic imposters.
7. Hong Kong University ConceptLab, October 2024: When Do Referential Mismatches Support Abandoning a Concept?
8. 45th International Wittgenstein Symposium, August 2024: The Exportability of Embedded Social Kinds.
9. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, June 2024: Explaining the Extension and Value of Thick Concepts.
10. Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, April 2024: Explaining the Extension and Value of Thick Concepts.
11. Bochum/Warsaw Workshop on CE in HPI, February 2024: De Novo Conceptual Engineering in Translation: A Case Study of Japanese Translation Words in the Meiji Era.
12. CEU 12th In-House Philosophy Conference, October 2023: Linguistic Imposters.
13. 11th European Congress for Analytic Philosophy, August 2023: Linguistic Imposters.
14. Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy, May 2023: Linguistic Imposters (w/Edison Yi).
15. 8th International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, University of Lodz, May 2023: Conceptual Engineering and The Wrong Kind of Reasons.
16. Vienna Language and Mind Group, University of Vienna, April 2023: Linguistic Concepts as Functionally Individuated Kinds.
17. CEU 13th In-House Philosophy Conference, October 2022: Conceptual Engineering and The Wrong Kind of Reasons.
18. 5th Annual Tilburg History of Analytic Philosophy Workshop, August 2022: Carnapian Explication: Exactness and Fruitfulness of Explicata.
19. Social Ontology 2022, August 2022: Social Ontology & Collective Intentionality: Multiple Groundability of Social Kinds.
20. Utrecht Philosophy Graduate Conference, May 2022: Meta-Semantic Normative Encroachment.
21. CEU 12th In-House Philosophy Conference, November 2021: Socially Conditioned Beliefs.
22. University of Oxford, Ockham Society, May 2020: Thin Is Not Prior to Thick, or Why Thin Centralism Fails.

23. University of Oxford, Ockham Society, October 2019: Context and Quantifier Domain Restriction
24. Sophia: Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, September 2019: What Are Epistemic Modals Relative To?
25. Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, September 2019: What Are Epistemic Modals Relative to?
26. Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, June 2019: Conceivability and Its Role in Philosophical Arguments.
27. The Afternoon Philosophy Society: University of Leeds, March 2018: Are There Evaluative Bridge Principles for Logical Norms?
28. Philosophers' Rally, April 2018: A Suggested Solution to the New Riddle of Induction.
29. The Afternoon Philosophy Society: University of Leeds, November 2018: Is Kripke's Puzzle about Belief a Genuine Puzzle?
30. Osaka University, CJLC, August 2017: 敬語を言語行為理論から考える (Japanese Honorifics and Speech Act Theory).

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant for the first year BA Course 'Knowledge and Reality' (Lecturer: Prof Tim Crane) September 2023-January 2024.

Teaching Assistant for the MA Course 'Philosophy of Gender and Race' (Lecturer: Prof Asya Passinsky) January 2023-April 2023.

Teaching Assistant of the advanced BA Course 'Truth and Objectivity' (Lecturer: Prof Maria Kronfeldner) September 2022-January 2023.

Foundations of Teaching in Higher Education (The Yehuda Elkana Center for Teaching, Learning, and Higher Education Research, CEU) September 2022-December 2022.

I completed an intensive 12-week training course in which I gained a solid intellectual and practical grounding in a wide range of skills associated with academic teaching.

Proctoring first-year philosophy students at the University of Leeds, PRHS October 2018-May 2019. Proctored modules: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion, Introduction to Moral and Political Philosophy, Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology.

Academic Service

[Workshop with Amie Thomasson on Rethinking Metaphysics](#) 2025. Co-organizer (with Asya Passinsky).

11th European Congress for Analytic Philosophy 2023. Student Assistant.

CEU 13th In-House Philosophy Conference 2022. Co-organizer.

CEU 12th In-House Philosophy Conference 2021. Co-organizer.

[The 24th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference](#) 2021. Co-organizer in charge of blind review-process and external communication.

[The Jowett Society](#) (Oxford) 2019-2020. Co-organizer.

[Ockham Society](#) (Oxford) 2019-2020. Co-organizer.

The Afternoon Philosophy Society (Leeds) 2018-2019. Organizer.

Journal Refereeing: *Synthese*, *Filozofia Nauki*

Conference Refereeing: *The 25th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference*, *The 24th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference*

Other Academic Activities

Vienna/Hamburg Summer School on Alien Languages and Alien Metaphysics with Matti Eklund, July 24-28, 2023.

Central European University, Department of Philosophy, Research Assistant for Prof Asya Passinsky, May 2023.

Summer School on Conceptual Engineering, Experimental Methods and Politically Correct Language, July 4-8, 2022, in Zurich, Switzerland.

Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy Department June 2019-September 2019. I conducted research on the role of modal reasoning in understanding and conceptual engineering and participated in the reading groups of the department.

University of Leeds, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science October 2018-May 2019. A member of the student staff forum representing language and philosophy students.

Other Philosophy Writing:

[Does Our Existence Imply Suffering?](#) Undercurrent Philosophy, 2021

[Is Kripke's Puzzle about Belief a Genuine Puzzle?](#) Arete: The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Rutgers University: 26-44. 2019

[“Nie som vinný, pretože som nemohol konat' inak.” Platí?](#) (‘I’m not responsible, for I couldn’t have acted otherwise.’ Is this true?) In Slovak, DenníkN, 2018

[Čo je to poznanie?](#) (What is knowledge?) In Slovak, DenníkN, 2018,

[The Problem of Peer Disagreement](#) In Slovak, DenníkN, 2018

Other Experience

[Nihoncha Instructor Association](#) — Nihoncha (Japanese Tea) Advisor Certification Program May–Oct 2019. Completed a correspondence course (in Japanese) covering all aspects of Japanese tea; certified as a Japanese Tea Advisor.

CEU Tea Tasting Society (Vienna) Feb 2022–Present. Organized 80+ tea tasting sessions.

St Cross College Tea Tasting Society (Oxford) Oct 2019–Aug 2021. Organized 56 tea tasting sessions.

Kapital (Slovak Publishing Company) Jan 2018–June 2020. Translated the non-fiction book *Black Box* by Shiori Itō from Japanese to Slovak — a landmark work on sexual violence in Japan.

Zero Waste Academy (Kamikatsu, Japan) Aug–Sep 2018. As an intern, I developed a point-based campaign to reduce plastic bag use and coordinated a restaurant accreditation system supporting the town’s zero-waste policy.

Osaka University Urasenke Tea Ceremony Club Sep 2016–Jun 2017. Member

Denník N (Daily N) February 2017-March 2017 — Interpreting from Japanese for the Slovak

journalist Tomáš Bella, who came to Japan to write a [report](#) on the country's aging population.

Awards

Award for Advanced PhD Students for Outstanding Research Performance, CEU, 2025

Pacific APA Travel Grant, 2025

Award for Slovak Students Studying Abroad (Tatra Banka Foundation): € 5,000, May 2019

Award for Best Year Abroad Work (University of Leeds, School of Languages, Cultures and Societies), November 2017

JASSO scholarship for International Students in Japan (Japan Student Services Organisation): ¥ 80,000/Month, September 2016-August 2017

Languages

English (fluent), Japanese (fluent), Slovak (native), Czech (passive native), German (learning).

References

Available upon request.