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Academic and Research Positions

- Lecturer, Ludwig Maximilian University, Systematic Theology, since 2018
- Visiting Scholar, University of Notre Dame (IN/USA), The History of Philosophy Forum, 2023
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Keio University (Toyko), Faculty of Letters, 2022
- Lecturer, University of Regensburg, Philosophy, 2021–2023
- Appointed as an Assistant Professor for Philosophy and Religion, Miyazaki International College (Japan), 2020 [declined]
- Visiting Scholar, Waseda University (Tokyo), Faculty of Letters, 2018–2022
- Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Augsburg, Philosophy, 2016–2020

Education

- Ph.D. in Theology (Dr. theol.), University of Augsburg, 2023, *summa cum laude*
- Ph.D. in Philosophy (Dr. phil.), University of Augsburg, 2020, *summa cum laude*

Area of Specialization

Philosophy of G.W. Leibniz • Analytic Modal Metaphysics • History of Christianity in Japan

Area of Competence

Analytic Philosophy of Religion • Systematic Theology • Early Modern Rationalism • Faith and Reason

Academic Service

- Member of the Committee for Religions in East Asia, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens, since 2022.
- Member of the Consultative Committee of the Catholic Theological Faculty Association, 2022–2023.
- Member of the Mentoring Committee, Ludwig Maximilian University, 2019–2023.
- Member of the Higher Education Didactics Programm, Ludwig Maximilian University, 2019–2023.
- Elected member of the Annual Meeting of the Catholic Theological Faculty Association, Ludwig Maximilian University, 2020–2023.

Scholarships, Grants, and Rewards

- [Reward, Wissenschaftspreis der Universitätsstiftung Augsburg](#), University of Augsburg (2023, 1,500 €)
- [Reward, Albertus-Magnus-Preis](#), (2023, 2,500 €)
- Grant, LMUexcellent Postdoc Support Fund (2022, approx. 7,000 €)
- [Reward, Richard-Schaeffler-Preis](#), Munich School of Philosophy (2021, 2,000 €)
- Grant, LMUexcellent Postdoc Support Fund (2021, approx. 2,000 €)
- [Grant, DFG \(German Research Foundation\)](#), (2020, approx. 3,400 €)
- Grant, VG WORT (2020, approx. 3,000 €)
- Grant, DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) (2019, 2,200 €)
- Grant for Foreign Students, *Waseda University* (2018, 200,000 ¥)
- Grant, *John Templeton Foundation* (2017, approx. 1,200 €)
- Ph.D. Scholarship, *Hanns Seidel Foundation* (2014-2016, approx. 34,500 €)
- Student Scholarship, *Hanns Seidel Foundation* (2010-2013, approx. 5,400 €)

References

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Memberships

- Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft
- Societas Leibnitiana Japonica
- Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie
- European Academy of Religion
- Deutsche Tolkien Gesellschaft
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Sciences Alumni Association

Publications – Books (2)

- „Das Wunder des Ostens.“ *Jesuitische Missionsstrategien im Licht der Übersetzung religiöser Literatur im frühneuzeitlichen Japan.* (Studies in the Intercultural History of Christianity), Berlin: Peter Lang 2023, 306 pages.
- *Alles kann, nichts muss?! Theorien der Modalität bei D. Lewis, G. W. Leibniz und A. Plantinga und ihre Vereinbarkeit mit Spielarten des Theismus.* (= STEP 21), Münster: Aschendorff 2020, 294 pages, DOI: 10.17438/978-3-402-11849-8.
Review: Theologische Literaturzeitung 146(12) (2021), 1238–1240.

Publications – Edited Books (2)

- *Eucharistic Metaphysics.* Münchener Theologische Zeitschrift, Special Volume 74(3) (2023), edited together with Angelika Wimmer, 111 pages.
- *Geist-Erfahrung. Ein Beitrag zu einem Erfahrungsbegriff für die Geisteswissenschaften.* Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2019, edited together with Manfred Negele, 230 pages.
Review: Zeitschrift für katholische Theologie 142 (2020), 617–620.

Publications – Articles and Chapters (13)

- “Leibniz on the Eucharist. Outline of a New Metaphysics in *On Transubstantiation* (1668)” *Studia Leibnitiana*, forthcoming. [peer-reviewed]
- “Das Aushandeln religiöser Identität im Prozess der Übersetzung theologischer Kernbegriffe in der christlichen Mission.” *Verbum SVD*, together with Sebastian Walser, forthcoming.
- “Eucharistische Metaphysik beim jungen Leibniz.” *Münchener Theologische Zeitschrift* 74(3) (2023), 270–281.
- “Leibniz und der ökumenische Dialog.” In *Wie Dialoge gelingen. Gesprächsfähigkeit und epistemische Verantwortung*, ed. by Andreas Koritensky, Margit Wasmaier-Sailer, and Veronika Weidner. Freiburg i.Br.: Herder 2023, 58–79.
- “Die „Bibel“ des japanischen Untergrundchristentums. Die Transformation biblischer Erzählungen im Spannungsverhältnis von Buddhismus, Shinto, Christenverfolgung und dem Erbe der jesuitischen Mission in 天地始之事 (Der Anfang von Himmel und Erde).” In *Global Christentümer*, ed. by Bernhard Grümme, Claudia Jahnel, Martin Radermacher, Claudia Rammelt, and Jens Schlamelcher. Boston: Brill 2022, 271–288, DOI: 10.30965/9783657708390_014.
- “The Puzzle of Metaphysical Evil and Theodicy in Leibniz.” In *The Labyrinths of Leibniz’s Philosophy*, ed. by Aleksandra Horowska. New York: Peter Lang 2022, 43–67.
- “Leibniz und die Lehre von der Gottebenbildlichkeit. Eine Offenbarungswahrheit als Zugang zu den platonisch-neuplatonischen Fundamenten seiner Metaphysik.” *Comenius-Jahrbuch* 29 (2021), 67–86.
- “Why God Thinks what He is Thinking? An Argument against Samuel Newlands’ Brute-Fact-Theory of Divine Ideas in Leibniz’s Metaphysics.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 13(3) (2021), 171–185, DOI: 10.24204/ejpr.2021.3301. [peer-reviewed]
- “Der Link zu den Göttern. Ursprung und Bedeutung der japanischen *ema*.” In *Bild und Sinn. Wie Denken in Anschauung gründet. Mit einem Beitrag von Jan Levin Propach*, ed. by Rudolf Lüthe, Stefanie Voigt, and Eduard Zwierlein. Münster: LIT 2021, 215–226.
- “Japans Verborgene Christen. Ihre Geschichte und gegenwärtige Situation.” *Münchener Theologische Zeitschrift* 72(1) (2021), 18–34.
Review: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (FAZ) 178/31 D2 (2022), N 3.

- “Die verborgenen Christen Japans. Ihr Mentalitätenamalgam als interkulturell-theologisches Paradigma.” In *Ökumene der konfessionelle Mentalitäten. Interdisziplinäre Vorüberlegungen in theologischer Absicht* (Beiträge aus dem Zentrum für ökumenische Forschung, vol. VIII), ed. by Michael Huber and Peter Schüz. Münster: LIT 2020, 105–140.
- “Leibniz’s Worlds. The Connection between the Best Possible World and the Monadic Realm.” *Synthesis Philosophica* 68(2) (2019), 415–431, DOI: 10.21464/sp34211. [peer-reviewed]
- “Ideen bei Leibniz. Das Verhältnis zwischen den Ideen im göttlichen Intellekt und den Ideen des menschlichen Geistes.” In *Geist–Erfahrung. Ein Beitrag zu einem Erfahrungsbegriff für die Geisteswissenschaften*, ed. by Manfred Negele and Jan Levin Propach. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2019, 155–177.

Publications – Entries, Miscellaneous (8)

- “Engraved Illustrations of Jesuit Martyrdoms During the Persecution of Christianity in Early Modern Japan.” *The Oliveira Lima Library Blog (The Catholic University of America)* (2021).
- “‘Alles bleibt anders.’ Die japanische Kirchengeschichte als Lernort theologischer Akkommodation.” *feinschwarz.net* (2021).
- “Ecumenism of Confessional Mentalities.” *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog* (2020), together with Peter Schüz.
- “‘Rick, can we not leave without my sister?’—‘Urgh. You have infinite sisters, Morty. Not that I want to spend the rest of my day looking for another one.’ On the Metaphysical Foundations of *Rick and Morty*.” *Hélice* 28(6) (2020), 93–98.
- “Einführung.” In *Geist–Erfahrung. Ein Beitrag zu einem Erfahrungsbegriff für die Geisteswissenschaften*, ed. by Manfred Negele and Jan Levin Propach. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2019, IX–XII, together with Manfred Negele.
- “Wenn es Gott nicht gäbe, so müsste man ihn erfinden.” In *Calvin and Hobbes. Philosophieren über Gott und die Welt*, ed. by Martin Blay and Michael Winklmann. Freiburg i. Br.: Herder 2018, 61–70.
- “How to Distinguish Secondary from Primary Creations? A Leibnizian Elucidation of a Distinction by J.R.R. Tolkien.” *Hither Shore* 14 (2017), 34–45.

Publications – Reviews (7)

- Book Review of Stepanow, Kathrin. [Analysis dubii. Die theologische Legitimität iterativen Zweifelns](#). Regensburg: Friedrich Pustet 2020. *ThRv* (2021), 1–3, together with Michael Huber.
- Book Review of Inderst, Inja and Robinson, Matthew Ryan (ed.). *What Does Theology Do, Actually? Observing Theology and the Transcultural*. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt 2020. *SaThZ* 24(2) (2020), 248–254, together with Dominik Baumgartner.
- Book Review of Nebel, Johannes (ed.). *Kardinal Leo Scheffczyk (1920–2005). Das Vermächtnis seines Denkens für die Gegenwart*. Regensburg: Friedrich Pustet 2017. *MThZ* 70(3) (2019), 284–286, together with Michael Huber.
- Book Review of Barth, Christian. *Intentionalität und Bewusstsein in der frühen Neuzeit. Die Philosophie des Geistes von René Descartes und Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz*. Frankfurt a. M.: Vittorio Klostermann 2017. *ThPh* 94(3) (2019), 427–429.
- Book Review of Buckareff, Andrei and Nagasawa, Yujin (ed.). *Alternative Concepts of God. Essays on the Metaphysics of the Divine*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2016. *ThPh* 94(2) (2019), 274–277.
- Book Review of Bender, Sebastian. *Leibniz' Metaphysik der Modalität (Quellen und Studien zur Philosophie; Band 130)*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter 2016. *ThPh* 93(2) (2018), 269–272.
- Book Review of Schneider, Ruben. *Sein, Gott, Freiheit. Eine Studie zur Kompatibilismus-Kontroverse in klassischer und analytischer Religionsphilosophie (STEP, Bd. 4)*. Münster: Aschendorff 2016. *ThPh* 93(1) (2018), 97–99.

Organized Conferences and Workshops (3)

- [Eucharistic Metaphysics](#), Bologna (Italy), 2022.
- [Leibniz – Pionier der Ökumene in neuem Licht](#), Munich (Germany), 2022.
- [Two Legacies of Japanese Environmental Thoughts in the Struggle of Modernization](#), Munich (Germany), 2022.

Academic Presentations (23)

- *Alles bleibt anders?! Die Auseinandersetzung um die Grenzen religiöser Identität im Prozess der Übersetzung theologischer Kernbegriffe in der christlichen Mission*, Theologische Fakultät, Eichstätt (Germany), 2023, together with Sebastian Walser.

- *Leibniz und der ökumenische Dialog*, Theologische Fakultät, Paderborn (Germany), 2023.
- *Das Kreuz und die aufgehende Sonne. Die Geschichte des Christentums in Japan von den Anfängen bis zu den Verborgenen Christen*, Deutsch-Japanische Gesellschaft, Munich (Germany), 2022.
- *Das Wunder des Ostens – Von Märtyrern und verborgenen Christen auf Kyushu*, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens, Tokyo (Japan), 2022.
- Linda Zagzebski's Concept of Divine Omniscience, Keio University, Tokyo (Japan), 2022.
- *Making Compatible Sciences and Christian Mysteries. Leibniz's De Transsubstantiatione from 1668*, European Academy of Religion, Bologna (Italy), 2022.
- *Unus non sufficit orbis – Jesuitische Mission und ihre Spur im japanischen Untergrundchristentum*, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens, Tokyo (Japan), 2022.
- *Japan's Hidden Christians: Their History and Current Situations*, German-Iranian Intensive Study Programme: Christianity in Asia, Mashhad (Iran), 2021.
- *The 'Bible' of Japan's Underground Christians as an Example of Religious Syncretism*, European Academy of Religion, Münster (Germany), 2021.
- *Japan's Hidden Christians: Their History and Current Situations*, German-Iranian Intensive Study Programme: Christianity in Asia, Münster (Germany), 2020.
- *Leibniz's Proof of the Existence of God from Eternal Truths*, Campinas (Brazil), 2020. [postponed]
- *Religious Transhumanism. A Mormon Approach*, Lesvos (Greece), 2020. [postponed]
- *Why God Thinks what He is Thinking? An Argument for Grounding Divine Ideas in Divine Perfections within Leibniz's Metaphysics*, Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy 2019, Brisbane (Australia), 2019.
- *Was ist analytische Metaphysik?*, University of Augsburg (Germany), 2019.
- *Leibniz on Socinianism, the Holy Trinity, and Divine Simplicity*, The Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (Romania), 2019.

- *Ideas are no Brute Facts. An Argument against Samuel Newlands' Understanding of Divine Ideas as Brute Facts in Leibnizian Metaphysics*, Leibniz Society of North America, Atlanta (GA/USA), 2019.
- *Lewis and Leibniz on Possible Worlds and Possible Individuals*, Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy, Tokyo (Japan), 2019.
- *Leibniz's Worlds. The Connection Between the Best Possible World and the Monadic Realm*, University of Zagreb (Croatia), 2018.
- *Von alten und neuen Göttern – Fantasy und Religion*, University of Augsburg (Germany), 2018.
- *Leibniz's Theory of Divine and Human Idea*, German Society for Analytic Philosophy, Cologne (Germany), 2018.
- *Innate Ideas or Participation? Leibniz's Conception of Divine and Human Ideas*, Swiss Philosophical Society, Basel (Switzerland), 2018.
- *Unterschied von Erst- und Zweitschöpfung aufgrund ihrer (Un)vollständigkeit*, University of Augsburg (Germany), 2017.
- *Is There a Way to Make Compatible Modal Realism and Classical Theism?*, Weltenburg Abbey (Germany), 2017.

Courses Taught (47)

- *Selected Passages from Saint Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologiae*, University of Regensburg, fall 2022.
- *History of Christianity in Japan*, Ludwig Maximilian University, fall 2022.
- *Religious Epistemology*, University of Regensburg, spring 2022.
- *Analytic Philosophy of Religion*, Ludwig Maximilian University, spring 2019, spring 2022.
- *Introduction to Catholic Dogmatics*, Ludwig Maximilian University, spring 2019, spring 2020 (online), spring 2021, spring 2022.
- *Religious Epistemology and Philosophy of Religion*, University of Regensburg, fall 2021.
- *Introduction to Theology*, University of Regensburg, fall 2021.

- *Netflix & Co. and the Big Questions. Series Reconsidered Theologically and Philosophically*, Ludwig Maximilian University, fall 2015, fall 2021 (online).
- *History of Philosophy: Leibniz's Theology*, University of Regensburg, together with Professor Dr. Klaus Unterburg, spring 2021 (online).
- *Interfaith Identities*, University of Augsburg, together with Professor Dr. Peter Hofmann, spring 2021 (online).
- *Introduction to Systematic Theology*, Ludwig Maximilian University, fall 2018, fall 2019, fall 2020 (online).
- *History of Philosophy: Descartes, Du Châtelet, Leibniz, Malebranche and Spinoza on Evil*, University of Augsburg, spring 2020 (online).
- *Group Tutorial on Philosophy of Religion*, University of Augsburg, spring 2016, fall 2016, spring 2017, fall 2018, spring 2018, fall 2018, fall 2019, spring 2020 (online).
- *History of Philosophy: The Leibniz-Clarke-Controversy*, University of Augsburg, together with Dr. Dr. Christina Schneider, spring 2019.
- *Introduction to Philosophy*, University of Augsburg, spring 2016, fall 2016, spring 2017, fall 2017, spring 2018, fall 2018.
- *History of Philosophy: Spinoza's Ethics*, University of Augsburg, spring 2018.
- *Group Tutorial on Dogmatics*, Ludwig Maximilian University, fall 2013, spring 2014, fall 2014, spring 2015, fall 2015, spring 2016, fall 2016, spring 2017, spring 2018.
- *History of Philosophy: St. Augustin's Philosophy*, University of Augsburg, together with Dr. Martin Blay and Dr. Markus Weisser, spring 2017.
- *History of Philosophy: Descartes' Meditations*, University of Augsburg, fall 2016.
- *History of Philosophy: Leibniz's Monadology*, University of Augsburg, spring 2016.

Journal Referee

Synthesis Philosophica • Evangelical Quarterly • Open Philosophy