

Curriculum Vitae

Benoit Gaultier (40 y/o)

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Fonds zur Förderung des akademischen Nachwuchses), University of Zurich
- Director of the Epistemology Research Group ([GRÉ](#)) of the Collège de France

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Areas of speciality

Epistemology • Pragmatism

Areas of competence

Philosophy of action • Metaphysics • Philosophy of mind •

Current positions

- 2020-2024 Co-Director of the SNF-research project *Suspension of judgement. Its nature and its norms*, University of Zurich
- 2019-2021 Postdoc-Forschung of the Fonds zur Förderung des akademischen Nachwuchses, University of Zurich
- 2015– Director of the Epistemology Research Group ([GRÉ](#)) of the Chair in Metaphysics and Philosophy of Knowledge, Collège de France, Paris

Previous positions

- 2018-2019 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Zurich
- 2016–2020 *Chargé de cours* (Lecturer), University of Aix-Marseille, France
- 2013-2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Helsinki (DiaMind project)
- 2011–2013 *ATER* (Lecturer), Chair in Metaphysics and Philosophy of Knowledge, Collège de France, Paris
- 2011–2013 Postdoc affiliate, Jean Nicod Institute, Paris

Education

- 2020-2022 *Habilitation à diriger des recherches*
- 2014; 2018–... *Qualification à la fonction de maître de conférences en philosophie*
- 2004–2011 PhD in Philosophy (graduated with highest honors), Jean Nicod Institute & Univ. Paris-Est: *Théorie et pratique dans la tradition pragmatiste*. Supervisor: Claudine Tiercelin.

- 2003 Master of Research (with Class I Honours) in Philosophy, Univ. Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
- 2001–2002 *Agrégation de philosophie: bi-admissibilité*

Scholarships

- 2003 *Bourse de Master* (Graduate Scholarship), Univ. Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
- 2002 *Bourse d'agrégation*, Univ. Paris IV-Sorbonne

Publications

Books

- 2023 *Le sens du progrès*, Marseille: Agone (under contract).
- 2018 *L'immoralité de la croyance religieuse* (ed.), Marseille: Agone.
- 2016 *Qu'est-ce que le pragmatisme?* Paris: Vrin
- 2016 *La connaissance et ses raisons* (ed. with J.-M. Chevalier), Paris: éd. du Collège de France
- 2014 *Connaître. Questions d'épistémologie contemporaine* (ed. with J.-M. Chevalier), Paris: Ithaque

Papers

- Forthcoming* "Dieu et le désir de vérité", *La Vie des idées*.
- Forthcoming* "Bourdieu, la nature de l'activité intellectuelle et ce que la sociologie peut apporter à la philosophie", in L. Pinto (ed.), *La construction d'objet chez Pierre Bourdieu*. Paris: éditions du CNRS.
- 2020 "Responsibility For Doxastic Strength Grounds Responsibility For Belief". In *The Ethics of Belief and Beyond. Understanding Mental Normativity*, ed. Sebastian Schmidt and Gerhard Ernst, 71–85. Abingdon: Routledge.
- 2020 "De Cambridge à Canberra, et retour: élucider ou connaître les essences?", *Klesis*, 45.
- 2019 "On the Alleged Normative Significance of a Platitude", *Ratio*, 32, 1: 42–52.
- 2019 "Comment défendre l'anti-pragmatisme de Clifford à propos des croyances en général et des croyances religieuses en particulier", *ThéoRèmes*, 13.
- 2018 "L'éthique de la croyance de Clifford et les objections de James », in W. Clifford & W. James, *L'immoralité de la croyance religieuse*, Marseille: Agone
- 2017 "A Neglected Ramseyan View of Truth, Belief, and Inquiry", *Journal of Philosophy*, 114, 7: 366-380.
- 2017 "Peirce et les deux paquets de cartes : les probabilités peuvent-elles être le guide de la vie ?", *Cahiers philosophiques* 150, 3: 67-90.
- 2017 "The Iconicity of Thought and its Moving Pictures: Following the Sinuosities of Peirce's Path", *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*,

- 53, 3: 374-399. (Winner of the *Charles S. Peirce Essay Contest* 2016)
- 2017 "Epistemic Value: The Insufficiency of Truth", *American Philosophical Quarterly* 54, 3: 303-313
- 2017 "Skills, Procedural Knowledge, and Knowledge-How", *Synthese* 194, 12: 4959-4981
- 2016 "On Peirce's Claim that Belief Should Be Banished from Science", *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 52, 3: 390-415
- 2016 "Thought experiments and knowledge of metaphysical modality", *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 93, 4: 525-547
- 2016 "Finir le travail épistémologique à coups de métaphysique?", in J.-M. Chevalier & B. Gaultier (eds.), *La connaissance et ses raisons*. Paris: éd. du Collège de France
- 2015 "Some perplexities about Peirce's skeleton ideas", *Sign Systems Studies* 43, 4: 576-583
- 2014 "Achievements, Safety, and Environmental Epistemic Luck", *Dialectica* 68, 4: 477-497
- 2014 "An Argument Against the Possibility of Gettiered Beliefs", *Logos and Episteme* 5, 3: 265-275
- 2014 "Avons-nous des obligations épistémiques?" in *Connaître. Questions d'épistémologie contemporaine*, Paris, Ithaque: 351-369
- 2014 "Introduction" in *Connaître. Questions d'épistémologie contemporaine*, Paris, Ithaque: 6-17
- 2014 "Le champ scientifique, le progrès de la raison et l'exercice de la philosophie", *Opuscules*. <http://www.opuscules.fr/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/OP7.pdf>
- 2014 "Le pragmatisme et les concepts de la perception: l'iconicité en action", *Intellectica* 60, 2: 181-202
- 2014 "Il n'y a pas de croyances gettierisées" in J. Dutant, D. Fassio & A. Meylan (eds.), *Liber Amicorum Pascal Engel*, University of Geneva
- 2013 "Désaccords philosophiques, défi de l'intégration et investigation conceptuelle" in J.-J. Rosat (ed.) *La reconstruction de la raison*, Paris: éd. du Collège de France

Under Review [A paper on second-order epistemic reasons (not) to believe in God]

In progress [A paper on epistemic and practical normativity]

In progress [A paper on objective views of probability and the single case problem]

In progress [A paper on dogmatism and open-mindedness]

In progress [A paper on intention and certainty]

In progress [A paper on conceptual analysis, scientific, moral, and metaphysical knowledge]

In progress [A paper on the epistemic and practical consequences of disagreement]

Teaching

- 2019-2020 “Nature and value of knowledge” (bachelor seminar). University of Neuchâtel.
- 2019-2020 “History of philosophy in the 19th and 20th centuries” (graduate course); “Issues in social philosophy” (graduate course). University of Aix-Marseille.
- 2018-2019 “Introduction to contemporary philosophy of mind” (undergraduate course); “The mind-body problem” (undergraduate course); “English-speaking philosophy” (graduate course); “History of philosophy in the 19th and 20th centuries” (graduate course); “Cognitive biases” (undergraduate course). University of Aix-Marseille.
- 2017-2018 “Philosophy of human sciences” (undergraduate course); “Epistemology of social science” (graduate course); “English-speaking philosophy” (graduate course); “Issues in social philosophy” (graduate course); “Introduction to contemporary epistemology” (undergraduate course); “About vagueness” (graduate seminar), with I. Pariente. University of Aix-Marseille.
- 2016-2017 “Introduction to analytic philosophy” (undergraduate course); “Issues in social philosophy” (graduate course); “Fieldwork methodology in social science” (graduate course); “English-speaking philosophy” (graduate course). University of Aix-Marseille.
- 2014-2015 “The epistemic value of knowledge” (graduate course). University of Helsinki.
- 2013-2014 “Pragmatism: a re-evaluation”, seminar of the Chair in Metaphysics and Philosophy of Knowledge, Collège de France, Paris.
- 2011-2012 “Epistemology and metacognition”. Graduate seminar of the ANR-funded group project *KnowJust*. Institut Jean Nicod, Paris.
- 2004-2010 Philosophy teacher for high school students (Paris; Bordeaux).

Events organized

- 2019 *Philosophical Knowledge* (with Jacques Vollet), GRÉ, Collège de France, Paris. 10-11 DEC. Keynote speakers: J. Brown (U. of St Andrews), H. Glock (UZH), D. Papineau (King’s College London).
- 2019 *Scepticism and its figures*, University of Aix-Marseille, 22 OCT. Speakers: F. Brahami (EHESS, Paris); S. Marchand (Paris); J.-B. Guillon (Pamplona); J. Popkin (U. of Kentucky); M. Corradi (AMU); F.-X. de Peretti (AMU).
- 2018 *Questions épistémologiques* (with Jacques Vollet), GRÉ, Collège de France, Paris. 11 SEP. Speakers: J.-M. Chevalier (Paris), J. Dokic (Paris), J. Dutant (London), B. Gaultier (Paris/Aix), A. Logins (Geneva), J. Vollet (Hamburg).
- 2018 *Le vague en question* (with Isabelle Pariente-Butterlin), Aix-Marseille University (AMU), 9-10 APR. Speakers: F. Clementz (AMU), P. Égré (CNRS), M. Le Du (AMU), J.-M. Monnoyer (AMU), J. Morizot (AMU), I. Pariente-Butterlin (AMU), P. Simmons (Trinity College Dublin), C. Tiercelin (Collège de France), J. Vidal-Rosset (Université de Lorraine).
- 2017 *The principles of epistemology*. Collège de France, Paris, 28-29 SEP. Speakers: N. Ashton (Vienna), J.-M. Chevalier (Paris-Est), C. Littlejohn (London), J. Dutant (London), P. Égré (Paris), D. Fassio (Geneva), B. Gaultier (Paris, Aix-Marseille), A. Hazlett (Washington University), J.-B.

Guillon (Paris), R. Pouivet (Nancy), S. Schellenberg (Rutgers University), A. Thébert (Nantes), J.H. Vollet (Geneva), M. Williams (Johns Hopkins University)

2016 *Certainty and Infallibility*, Collège de France, Paris, 3-4 NOV. Speakers: Jérôme Dokic (Paris), Julien Dutant (London), Santiago Echeverri (Geneva), Paul Egré (Paris), Pascal Engel (Paris), Davide Fassio (Geneva), Benoit Gaultier (Paris, Aix-Marseille), J.B. Guillon (Paris), Emile Thalabard (Paris), Claudine Tiercelin (Paris), Giovanni Tuzet (Milan), J.H. Vollet (Geneva).

2015 *La connaissance et ses raisons (Knowledge and Its Reasons)*, Collège de France, Paris, 15-16 SEP. Speakers: Paul Egré (Paris), Anne Meylan (Basel), Conor McHugh (Southampton), J.H. Vollet (Geneva), Julien Dutant (London), J.B. Guillon (Paris), Santiago Echeverri (Geneva), Y.C. Drian (Nancy), Marie Guillot (London), Pierre Willaime (Nancy), Pascal Engel (Paris), Sébastien Rehaul (Nancy), Roger Pouivet (Nancy).

2014 *Charles S. Peirce: Logic and Metaphysics*, Collège de France, Paris. 12 MAY. Speakers: Jean-Marie Chevalier (Paris), Shannon Dea (Waterloo, Canada), Benoit Gaultier (Helsinki), Leila Haaparenta (Tampere), Christopher Hookway (Sheffield), Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen (Helsinki), Pierre Thibaud (Aix-Marseille), Claudine Tiercelin (Paris).

2013 *La forme : enjeux philosophiques*. Collège de France. 16-7 JAN. Speakers: Anouk Barberousse (Lille), Jean-Marie Chevalier (Paris), Sandrine Darsel (Nancy), Jérôme Dokic (Paris), Michael Esfeld (Lausanne), Guillaume Fréchette (Salzburg), Benoit Gaultier (Paris), Alain de Libera (Geneva), Amirouche Moktefi (Strasbourg), Frédéric Nef (Paris)

2012 *Justification (II). From Reasons to Reasoning*, Collège de France. 3 MAY. Speakers: Mikkel Gerken (Copenhagen), Annalisa Coliva (Modena), Terry Horgan (Tucson), Evan Butts (Geneva), Niki Pfeifer (Munich)

2012 *Justification (I). Normality and Normativity*. Collège de France. 5-6 APR. Speakers: Conor McHugh (Southampton), Davide Fassio (Geneva), Benoit Gaultier (Paris), Jesper Kallestrup (Edinburgh), Clayton Littlejohn (London), Veli Mitova (Vienna), Asbjørn Steglich-Petersen (Aarhus), Martin Smith (Glasgow)

Events co-organized

2013 *Causation: new prospects*. Collège de France. 5-6 DEC. Speakers: Helen Beebe (Manchester), Sara Bernstein (Durham), Christopher Hitchcock (CalTech), Stephen Mumford (Nottingham), Laurie Paul (Chapel Hill), Huw Price (Cambridge), Michael Strevens (NewYork), Claudine Tiercelin (Paris), Bradley Weslake (Rochester).

2013 *La reconstruction de la raison. Dialogues avec Jacques Bouveresse*. Collège de France. 27-9 MAY. Speakers: Aude Bandini (Montreal), Christian Bonnet (Paris), Jacques Bouveresse (Paris), Stéphane Chauvier (Paris), Jean-Marie Chevalier (Paris), François Clementz (Marseille), Sophie Djigo (Amiens), Pascal Engel (Paris), J.-M. Fleury (Noisiel), Manfred Frank (Tübingen), Benoit Gaultier (Paris), Catrin Misselhorn (Stuttgart), Kevin Mulligan (Geneva), Louis Pinto (Paris), Roger Pouivet (Nancy), Jean-Jacques Rosat (Paris), Claudine Tiercelin (Paris), Pierre Wagner (Paris)

- 2012 *Workshop on Paul Benacerraf* (in collaboration with the IHPST). Collège de France. 10 MAY. Speakers: Jody Azzouni (Cambridge, Mass.), Paul Benacerraf (Princeton), Jacques Dubucs (Paris), Sébastien Gandon (Clermont), Bob Hale (Sheffield), Brice Halimi (Paris), Mary Leng (York), Andrea Sereni (Milan), Stuart Shapiro (St Andrews), Claudine Tiercelin (Paris)
- 2012 *Metaphysics and Science* (in collaboration with University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne). Collège de France. 4 MAY. Speakers: Helen Beebe (Manchester), Anna-Sofia Maurin (Lund), Stathis Psillos (Athens), Claudine Tiercelin (Paris)
- 2011 *Knowledge and Consciousness* (in collaboration with University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne), Collège de France. 6 DEC. Speakers: Ned Block (New York), David Papineau (London), Jaime Ramos Arenas (Bogota)

Conference presentations

Refereed presentations

- 2018 "On the epistemic status of philosophical claims", *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Amsterdam. 30 JUN.
- 2018 "On the processuality of thought", *SOPHA congress*, Louvain, 2 JUL.
- 2017 "Self-deception and corrupted judgment", *Self-deception: what it is and what it is worth*, Basel, 28-29 OCT.
- 2017 "The Iconicity of Thought and its Moving Pictures: Following the Sinuosities of Peirce's Path", *113th Meeting of the APA*, Baltimore, 6 JAN.
- 2016 "Justification, Truth-Conduciveness, and the New Evil Demon Problem", *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Paris, 4-6 JUL.
- 2015 "Authoritative epistemic reasons and epistemic normativity", *Epistemic Norms*, KU Leuven, 9-11 NOV.
- 2015 "Justification, Truth-Conduciveness, and the New Evil Demon Problem", *SIFA Midterm Conference on Truth and Persuasion*, Sassari, Italy, 24-26 SEP.
- 2015 "Ramsey's Pragmatism, Truth, Belief, and Inquiry", *Second European Pragmatism Conference*, University Paris-I, 10 SEP.
- 2015 "Peirce on Belief and Explanatory Hypotheses", *15th CLMPS*, University of Helsinki, 5 AUG.
- 2015 "Ramsey's Pragmatism, Truth, Belief, and Inquiry", *SIAP*, University College Dublin, 10 JUN.
- 2015 "Skills, procedural knowledge, and motor representations", *Practical Reasoning and motor representation workshop*, University of Warwick, 2 JUN.
- 2015 "De quel pragmatisme est-on censé faire usage ?" *Usages contemporains du pragmatisme en France*, EHESS, 20 MAY.
- 2015 "Peirce on Belief and Explanatory Hypotheses", *Nordic Network for Philosophy of Science: Third Annual Meeting*, University of Helsinki, 23-24 APR.

- 2014 "Williamson on thought experiments and metaphysical knowledge", *Modal metaphysics: Issues on the (Im)possible II*. Bratislava. 16 OCT.
- 2014 "The epistemology of know-hows", *SIFA Congress*, L'Aquila. 4 SEP.
- 2014 "Mere true beliefs have no epistemic value", *ECAP 8*, Bucharest. 29 AUG.
- 2014 "Peirce, Ramsey, and the doxastic role of truth", *Peirce centennial congress*, Boston. 19 JUL.
- 2014 "The epistemology of know-hows", *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Madrid. 2 JUL.
- 2014 "The ethos of science and the way of inquiry", *Applying Peirce II*, Tallinn. 23 APR.
- 2013 "Epistemic purism and doxastic puritanism", *23rd World Congress of Philosophy*. Athens. 7 AUG.
- 2013 "Procedural Knowledge and the Acquisition of Know-hows", *How am I Supposed to Know?*. University of Vienna. 2 MAY.
- 2012 "Believing, judging, and supposing". *Judgment and Justification*. University of Tampere. 25 SEP.
- 2012 "Doxastic achievements, practical achievements, and two kinds of environmental epistemic luck". *Meeting of the European Epistemology Network*. Bologna. 28 JUN.
- 2012 "Everything but knowledge is a constitutive defect of belief". *SBFA Congress*. Fortaleza. 4 JUN.
- 2012 "La valeur de la connaissance et la nature de la croyance", *SOPHA Congress*. Paris. 5 MAY.
- 2008 "Agency, context, and knowledge". *Epistemic Agency Conference*. University of Geneva. 25 APR.

Invited presentations

- 2019 "Understanding and intellectual autonomy", *Epistemic Autonomy, Trust, and Testimony*, Autonomous University of Madrid, 17-18 SEPT.
- 2019 "Extended knowledge and social virtue epistemology", EHESS, Paris, 9 MAY.
- 2019 "Culpable doxastic weakness and praiseworthy doxastic strength", UZH, Zurich, 11 APR.
- 2019 "Quelles essences la philosophie saisit-elle ?", Université de Neuchâtel, 12 MAR.
- 2018 "Une raison épistémique de parier sur l'inexistence de Dieu", *Questions épistémologiques*, GRÉ, Collège de France, Paris. 11 SEP.
- 2018 "L'identité des pensées : vagues mais discrètes", *Le vague*, Aix-Marseille University. 9-10 APR.
- 2018 "Bourdieu et le partage des tâches entre philosophie et sociologie", *La construction d'objet chez Pierre Bourdieu*, CNRS, Paris. 27-28 MAR.
- 2018 "L'atemporalité des pensées implique-t-elle qu'elles ne sont pas identiques à des processus cérébraux ? Sur un argument de Peter Geach et sa portée en sciences cognitives", *Les sciences cognitives et leurs*

- philosophies*, Université de Franche-Comté. 28-29 MAR.
- 2018 "Peirce, James, Clifford et la croyance religieuse", *Pragmatisme et religion*, EPHE, Paris-I, Paris. 25-26 JAN.
- 2017 "Vague et gradualité en épistémologie", *Le vague*, Aix-Marseille University, 27 NOV.
- 2017 "Fortunately, believing that p is not believing that it's true that p", *Les principes de l'épistémologie*, Collège de France, Paris. 28 SEP.
- 2017 "Qu'est-ce que discriminer ?", Aix-en-Provence, 24 MAR.
- 2016 "Belief, Dogmatism, and Open-Mindedness", *Certitude et Infaillibilité*, Paris, 3 NOV.
- 2016 "Vertus épistémiques et obligations de performance doxastique", Collège de France, Paris, 6 APR.
- 2015 "There are no authoritative epistemic reasons to believe", *Epistemology Workshop*, University of Helsinki, 11 AUG.
- 2015 "Knowing-how: A Peircean view", *The Helsinki Metaphysical Club*. 25 APR.
- 2014 "Mysterious iconic skeleton ideas", *The Helsinki Metaphysical Club. Workshop on Icon*. 12 SEP.
- 2014 "Thinking in, through, and with icons", *Charles S. Peirce: Logic and Metaphysics*, Collège de France, Paris. 12 MAY.
- 2014 "Pierre Bourdieu et la conquête de la vérité", *Rationalité, vérité, démocratie*, Paris, 17 MAR.
- 2014 "Ramsey against pragmatism on belief, truth, and inquiry", *The Helsinki Metaphysical Club*. 25 MAR.
- 2013 "Désaccords philosophiques, défi de l'intégration et investigation conceptuelle". *La reconstruction de la raison*. Paris. 29 MAY.
- 2013 "Purisme épistémique et puritanisme doxastique : le pragmatisme, le principe de Clifford et la question de la valeur de la vérité". *Le pragmatisme. Une réévaluation*. Paris. 13 MAR.
- 2013 "La dimension iconique de la démonstration chez Peirce et Wittgenstein. *La forme : enjeux philosophiques*. Paris. 16 JAN.
- 2012 "Everything but knowledge is a (constitutive) defect of belief". *Justification (I). Normality & Normativity*. Paris. 6 APR.
- 2011 "Compréhension et connaissance : quelques distinctions pour résoudre les difficultés de l'épistémologie du désaccord". *The Epistemology of disagreement*. Paris. 24 JUN.
- 2010 "La valeur indivisible de la connaissance comme accomplissement cognitif". *KnowJust graduate seminar*. Paris. 2 APR.
- 2009 "Is the content of our thoughts a 'skeleton of a set'?". *Métaphysique, signes et pensée*. University of Paris-Est. 22 MAY.
- 2008 "Robert Brandom et les représentations *de re*". University of Paris-Est. 13 MAR.
- 2007 "Savoir et savoir-faire". *Héritages peirciens*. University of Paris-Est. 23 MAY.

2005 "Le pragmatisme, la rationalité et les ambitions de la philosophie".
Journée d'étude sur le pragmatisme. Institut Jean Nicod. Paris. 9 APR.

Translations

2019 *Histoire du scepticisme. De la fin du Moyen Âge à l'aube du XIXe siècle*.
Marseille, Agone. French (expanded) translation of Richard Popkin's
History of Scepticism. From Savonarole to Bayle, 3rd edition, Oxford:
Oxford UP, 2003.

2018 *Éloge de la raison*, Marseille, Agone. French translation of Michael P.
Lynch's *In Praise of Reason*, Cambridge (Mass.): MIT Press, 2012.

2018 *L'immoralité de la croyance religieuse*. Marseille, Agone. French
translation of W. Clifford's "The Ethics of Belief" and W. James's "The Will
to Believe".

2017 *Que sommes-nous ? Ontologie des personnes*, Paris, Ithaque. French
translation of Eric T. Olson's *What are we? A study in personal ontology*,
Oxford: Oxford UP, 2007.

Other

2015- Editor of the philosophy series "Banc d'essais" for Agone publishing
house.

2014- Referee for: *Analysis, Dialectica, Synthese, Philosophical Studies, Ratio,*
Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society, European Journal of
Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, American Philosophical
Quarterly, Dialogue, Episteme, etc.

Languages

French: mother tongue. English: fluent. Spanish: good skills.