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#### **AREAS OF RESEARCH**

AOS - epistemology, metaethics, philosophy of cognitive psychology.

AOC - metaphysics, philosophy of action, philosophy of emotions, philosophy of mind.

#### **EDUCATION**

2020	Ph.D. in Philosophy, <i>summa cum laude</i> , University of Zurich Thesis title: Believing Rationally Under the Influence Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) under the <i>Cognitive Irrationality</i> project
2018	Visiting Student, University of Toronto Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Doc.Mobility Grant
2014	Msc. in Philosophy <i>specialization epistemology</i> , University of Edinburgh Thesis title: Do We Know the Future?
2012	B.A. of Arts in Philosophy and French Literature, University of Geneva

## AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Doc.Mobility Grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) for the project *Believing Under the Influence* (48568 CHF)

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

## Peer-reviewed

L'empiètement pragmatique est-il pragmatiste?, Klēsis, 2020.

Costly False Beliefs: what self-deception and pragmatic encroachment can tell us about the rationality of beliefs, *Ethics Forum*, 2018.

#### **Conference Proceedings**

Quelques problems avec la conception duale de la norme de l'action et de l'assertion (with M. van Loon), in J. M. Chevalier and B. Gaultier (eds.), La Connaissance et ses Raisons, Philosophie de la Connaissance, Collège de France: Paris, 2016.

## **Encyclopedia Entries**

La connaissance (entrée grand public), L'encyclopédie Philosophique, 2016.

#### **Translations**

Joies Amères et Douces peines (with Marie van Loon), by O. Massin in Shadows of the Soul, A. Konzelman, C. Tappolet, F. Teroni (eds.), 2018.

## Other publications

#### Sam's Epistemic Vices

Original title: Les vices épistémiques de Sam: un homme de ressentiment, suffis*e*nt, bête et complaisant *iPhilo* n°9, special edition for Kevin Mulligan, Phileas: Genève, 2016.

#### **TALKS**

#### Peer reviewed

#### In Defence of Moderate Pragmatism

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPHIL 2020), University of Erlangen, 5-8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## In Defence of Moderate Pragmatism and the Risks-Costs Principle

European Epistemology Network Conference, University of Glasgow, 21-23th June 2021

## In Defence of Moderate Pragmatism and the Risks-Costs Principle

Unity of Normativity Online Workshop, University of Vienna, September 2020

## In Defence of Moderate Pragmatism and the Risks-Costs Principle

ECAP10 Online Workshop, Utrecht University, 8th August 2020

## Self-Deception and Pragmatic Encroachment: a dilemma

Notre Dame / Northwestern Annual Epistemology Conference, University of Notre Dame, 27th April 2019

#### Self-Deception and Pragmatic Encroachment: a dilemma

New Orleans Philosophy Graduate Conference, Tulane University, 6th April 2019

#### Influence on Belief: Pragmatic yet Rational

European Epistemology Network Conference, Vrije Universität Amsterdam, 28th June 2018

## Naivety and Scepticism: Two Faces of the Same Coin (with Marie van Loon)

WFAP Graduate Conference, University of Vienna, 7th June 2017

# Why We Should Stop Considering the Problem of Women in Philosophy as the Problem of Women in Philosophy' and Start Being Virtuous (with Marie van Loon)

Conference by Women in Philosophy, University of Stockholm, April 2015

## Knowledge of the Future: Truth

Conference by Women in Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, 28th June 2014

#### Invited talks

#### Give Them an Inch, They'll Take the Mile

Rationality: What's Good What's Bad Workshop, University of Zürich, 6s December 2019

## Evidentialism, Adaptive Cognition, and Cognitive Irrationality

Irrationality in Basel Workshop, University of Basel, 5th June 2018

## Croyances Coûteuses

Ateliers du GRÉ, Collège de France, 2nd March 2018

#### **Costly False Beliefs**

Epistemic and Practical Rationality: Differences, Relations and Overlaps Workshop, University of Fribourg, 22<sub>nd</sub> February 2018

#### Costly False Beliefs

Self-Deception: What It Is and What It's Worth Workshop, University of Basel, 25 th October 2017

#### Scepticisme et Naiveté: deux revers d'une même médaille (with Marie van Loon)

Ateliers du GRÉ, Collège de France, 23rd May 2017

### Varieties of Irrationality: The Case of Self-Deception

New Perspectives on Self-Deception Workshop, University of Montréal, 10th November 2016

## Is There Something Rotten in the Realm of Knowledge? (with Benjamin Neeser & Marie van Loon)

Colloque de Recherche, University of Neuchâtel, 12th April 2016

#### Understanding the Incompatibility Between Rationality and Irrationality (with Marie van Loon)

Thumos Research Seminar, Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, University of Geneva, 28th October 2015

## Departmental talks

#### Diachronic Evidentialism and the Norms of Inquiry

ZEGRa online team meeting, University of Zurich, 13th May 2020

#### Evidentialism:

Theoretical and History of Philosophy Research Colloquium, University of Zürich, 8th October 2019

## Five minutes thesis: Believing Rationally under the Influence

My thesis in five minutes, University of Zürich, 21st October 2019

#### Suspending Belief for Practical Reasons: A Rational Thing to do?

Graduate Forum, University of Toronto, 1st February 2019

#### On the Rational Influences of Practical Factors on Belief

Research Seminar, Castasegna Philosophy Retreat, 25th May 2018

#### **Epistemological Vices?**

Research Seminar, Castasegna Philosophy Retreat, 18th June 2017

Varieties of Irrationality and Varieties of Self-Deception: Towards a New Account of Self-Deception Research Seminar, University of Basel, 21, December 2016

What is the Relation Between Rationality and Irrationality (with Marie van Loon) Research Seminar, University of Basel, 10th March 2016

Knowledge of the Future: Justification?

Postgraduate Work in Progress Seminar, University of Edinburgh, 9th July 2014

#### Commentaries

A response to 'Animal Agency' by Helen Steward

A Masterclass with Helen Steward: Action, Causation and Freedom, University of Zürich, 21th November 2019

A response to 'Unclear and Confused Ideas: leave the problem, take the indeterminacy' by Markus Wild Animal Minds Conference: Agency, Thought and Communication, University of Zürich, 28th September 2019

An introduction to 'Children's Understanding of Perceptual Knowledge' by Johannes Roesller New Perspectives on Mental State Attributions, University of Toronto, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

A response to 'Emotion Cultivation: Implications for Agency and Virtue' by Charlie Kurth, Negative Emotions, Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, University of Geneva, 31<sub>8</sub> May 2017

A response to 'Wayward Believers and the Limits of Persuasion' by Quassim Cassam Beliefs that Feel Good Conference, University of Basel, 18th December 2015

A response to 'Rationality, Reflexion, Action' with Marie van Loon, by Jacques-Henri Vollet La Connaissance et ses Raisons, Colloque Annuel du Groupe de Recherche en Epistemologie, Collège de France, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015

A response to 'Epistemic Exclusion' by Pablo Schyfter Spring Workshop on Ignorance, University of Edinburgh, 10th March 2015

A response to 'On Making Progress in Philosophy' (with Marie van Loon), by Nancy Bauer Workshop on Philosophical Methodology, University of Edinburgh, 16th May 2014

## Teaching experience

Metaphysics bites from the History of Philosophy, Bachelor Proseminar Co-taught with Marie van Loon, University of Zürich, Autumn Semester 2020

Presenting and Debating, Bachelor Proseminar Co-taught with Marie van Loon, University of Zürich, Spring Semester 2020

An introduction to Metaphysics, Bachelor Proseminar Co-taught with Marie van Loon, University of Basel, Autumn Semester 2017

An Act or not an Act: that is the question, Bachelor Proseminar Co-taught with Marie van Loon, University of Basel, Spring Semester 2017

An introduction to the philosophy of knowledge, Bachelor Proseminar Co-taught with Marie van Loon, University of Basel, Autumn Semester 2016

Aberrant Beliefs, Master Seminar

As a teaching assistant for Anne Meylan, University of Basel, Autumn Semester 2015

#### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

Co-editor of the Epistemology Section of the Encyclopédie Philosophique Since 2016

Co-organizer of 'The Value of Irrationality Workshop' University of Zürich, 12th June 2020 (postponed)

Co-organizer of a Masterclass with Helen Steward: Action, Causation and Freedom University of Zürich,  $21-22_{md}$  November 2019

Co-organizer of 'Self-Deception: what it is and what it's worth' Workshop University of Basel, 25-26-27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Co-organizer of 'The Ontology of Reasons' Workshop University of Basel, 14th June 2017

Co-organizer of 'Beliefs that Feel Good' Workshop University of Basel, 16-17th December 2015

Founder and organizer of the 'Philosophy Student's Conference' University of Geneva, 17th April 2015

Co-organizer of a reading group on *Knowledge and Its Limits* by Timothy Williamson University of Geneva, Autumn Semester 2014

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Doctoral School: Language, Mind and Experience University of Zürich

Swiss Doctoral School for Affective Sciences Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, University of Geneva

Imperfect Cognitions Network, led by Lisa Bortolotti University of Birmingham

Groupe de Recherche en Epistemology (GRÉ), led by Claudine Tiercelin Collège de France