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Research interests

AOS epistemology, formal epistemology, philosophy of language.
AOC logic, metaphysics, history of epistemology, decision theory, philosophy of mind.

Education

University of Geneva

2010 *PhD in Philosophy*.
"Knowledge, Methods and the Impossibility of Error" 503 pp. [link]
Supervisor: Prof. P. Engel.
Examiners: Prof. I. Douven (KU Leuven), Prof. K. Mulligan (Genève), Prof. D. Pritchard (Edinburgh), Prof. F. Récanati (Institut Jean Nicod, CNRS/EHESS/ENS, Paris), Prof. E. Sosa (Rutgers), Prof. T. Williamson (Oxford).
Highest distinction.

EHESS (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales) and Institut Jean Nicod, Paris

2003 *M.Sc. ("DEA") in Cognitive Science.*
"Theory of concepts and neural networks."
Supervisor: Prof. F. Récanati.
Distinction.

University College London

2003 *M.A. in Philosophy*.
"Concepts and Compositionality".
Supervisor: Prof. Michael G. F. Martin.
Distinction.

University of Paris–4 Sorbonne

2001 *M.Phil. ("DEA") in Philosophy.*
"L'épistémologie des vertus d'Ernest Sosa."
Supervisor: Pr. P. Engel.
Distinction.
1999 *B.A.* in Philosophy.

Additional education

University of Oxford

2009 *Recognised Student*, full year. Adviser: Prof. J. Hawthorne.
2000 *Visiting student*, full year.

University of Paris-4 Sorbonne and Institut Jean Nicod

2003-2006 *Doctoral student*
Supervisors: Prof. P. Engel (Paris-4) and Prof. F. Récanati (Institut Jean Nicod).
Transferred to Geneva in 2006.

Summer schools

2010 ESSLLI (European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information), Copenhagen, Aug. 9–20th.
2010 *Context, Meaning and Intention*, Central European Universty, Budapest, July 19–30th.
2010 *Formal Epistemology*, Northern Institute of Philosophy, Aberdeen, June 14–18th.
2009 *Conditionals*, Central European University, Budapest, July, 2 weeks.
2008 *Epistemic Logic and Game Theory*, Lausanne, Feb., 1 week.
2007 *Introduction to Game Theory and Epistemic Game Theory*, Lausanne, Feb., 1 week.
2005 *Esprit, Science et Métaphysique*, CNRS, France, Sept., 1 week.
2005 *Conscience, mémoire, attention*, CNRS, June, 1 week.
2004 *Reference to Objects*, CNRS, June, 1 week.
2003 *Workshop on Jackendoff*, Institut Jean Nicod, 1 week.
2003 The *A Priori*, NYU-Paris IV-Bologna-Parma.

EMPLOYMENT

King's College London

2015– *Lecturer in Philosophy*.

Swiss National Science Foundation

2013–15 *Advanced Researcher Scholarship*.
Two-year full grant for post-doctoral research at Oxford and Michigan.
2009 *Junior Researcher Scholarship.*
One-year full grant for doctoral research at Oxford.

University of Geneva

2010–13 *Post-doctoral Teaching Assistant.*
2006–9 *Teaching Assistant.*

University of Paris-4 Sorbonne

2003–6 *Teaching Assistant.*

École Normale Supérieure de Lyon

1998–2003 *Scholar ("Élève")*.
Four-year full grant (1998–2000 and 2001–2003).

British Council

2001 *"Entente Cordiale" scholar*.
One-year full grant for graduate studies at University College London.

Visiting positions

2014 University of Michigan. Full year. Advisor: Brian Weatherson.
2013 University of Oxford. Full year. Advisor: Timothy Williamson.
2012 University of Oxford. One term. *New Insights in Religious Epistemology* project. Advisor: John Hawthorne.
2011 University of California, Berkeley. One term. Contact: Seth Yalcin.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

forth. (ed., with F. Dorsch) *The New Evil Demon: New Essays on Knowledge, Justification and Rationality.* Oxford University Press.

forth. (ed., with A. Meylan and D. Fassio) *Truth and Epistemic Norms*. Special issue of *Synthese*.

2014 (ed., with A. Meylan and D. Fassio) *Liber Amicorum Pascal Engel*. University of Geneva. [link]

2012 (ed., with F. Cova, J. Knobe, E. Machery, E. Nahmias and S. Nichols.) *Philosophie Expérimentale.* Paris: Vuibert.

2010 *Qu'est-ce que la connaissance?* Paris: Vrin.

2005 (ed., with P. Engel) *Philosophie de la connaissance.* Paris: Vrin.

ARTICLES

forth. (with Clayton Littlejohn) Just Do It? When To Do What You Judge You Ought To Do *Synthese*.

forth. Knowledge-Based Decision Theory and the New Evil Demon Problem. in Dorsch & Dutant (eds), *The New Evil Demon*, Oxford University Press.

forth. Introduction. in Dorsch & Dutant (eds), *The New Evil Demon*, Oxford University Press.

2016 How to Be an Infallibilist. *Philosophical Issues* 26:1, 148–71.

2016 The Legend of the Justified True Belief Analysis. *Philosophical Perspectives* 29, 95–145.

2014 The Value and Normative Role of Knowledge. in Dutant, Fassio & Meylan, *Liber Amicorum Pascal Engel*, University of Geneva.

2013 In Defence of Swamping. *Thought* 2:4, 357–66.

2013 (with Erik J. Olsson) Is There a Statistical Solution to the Generality Problem. *Erkenntnis* 78 (6):1347–1365.

2012 The Value and Expected Value of Knowledge. *Dialogue*, 51, pp. 141–162.

2009 Two notions of Safety. *Swiss Philosophical Preprints* 87. [link]

2009 "Connaissance et enjeux pratiques". *RéPhA*, 1:13–19.

2008 Pourquoi le problème de Gettier est-il si important? *Revue Klesis*, 9:2008, 64-104.

2007 Inexact Knowledge, Margin-for-Error and Positive Introspection. *Proceedings of the 11th Conference on Theoretical Aspects of Rationality and Knowledge (TARK XI)*, Dov Samet (ed.), Presses Universitaires de Louvain, pp.118-124.

2007 The Case for Infallibilism. *Proceedings of the 4th Latin Meeting in Analytic Philosophy* (LMAP/07), C. Penco, M. Vignolo, V. Ottonelli and C. Amoretti (eds.), Department of Philosophy, University of Genoa, pp. 59-84.

2003 Justo D., Dutant J., Hardy-Vallée B., Nicolas D. and Sylvand B., "Delegation, Subdivision, and Modularity", *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 26: 683-684.

Book reviews

in prep. Review of K. Lawlor, *Assurance*. *Mind*.

in prep. Review of C. Littlejohn, *Justification and the truth-connection.* *Philosophical Review.*

in prep. Review of F. Liohreau & M. Rebuschi (eds) *Epistemology, Context and Formalism*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
2015 Review of N. Gascoigne and T. Thornton's *Tacit Knowledge* (Acumen 2013).
dialectica, 69:4, 621–23.
2009 Review of F. Récanati's *Perspectival Thought* (OUP, 2008).
Disputatio, III:26, 142-149.
2003 Review of Cl. Imbert, *Pour une histoire de la logique* (PUF, 1999).
La Revue de Synthèse, 124, 274-276.

SUPERVISION AND TEACHING

King's College London

Ph.D. Supervision: main supervisor

Paul Doody. Topic: Self-Deception.
Co-supervised with Maria Alvarez.

Other supervision

2 doctoral students (John Craven, Ian Jakeway).
2 M.A. students (Victor Tamburini, Andrew Home).
5 B.A. students (James Eaton, Carlo Palazzi, Morgan Lloyd-Jones, Rory Svarc, Andrew Warren).

Undergraduate

Metaphysics (2015, 2016).
Meta-ethics (2015).
Intermediate Logic (2015, 2016).
Formal Philosophy ("Philosophical Methodology") (2015, 2016).

University of Geneva

Graduate

Epistemology (contextualism, 2011, analyses of knowledge, 2012).
Introduction to decision theory (2012).

Undergraduate

Epistemology (2006, 2008, 2011).
Philosophy of Language (2007, 2012).
Philosophy of Science (2007, 2008).
Contemporary Readings (2007, 2008, 2010).

University of Paris-4 Sorbonne

Undergraduate

Logic (2003, 2004).
Philosophy of Science (2003, 2004, 2005).
Epistemology (2002).
Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (2005).
Kant's aesthetics (2004).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editor

2008–15 Editorial committee of *dialectica*.

Referee

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Episteme*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *European Review of Philosophy*, *Igitur* (France), *Mind*, *Philosophical Imprint*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophia* (Israel), *Philosophia Scientiae* (France), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Papers* (South Africa), *Philosophical Studies*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*.

Administrative duties

2012 *Student mobility officer*, Department of Philosophy, University of Geneva.
2004–5 *Student representative*, Institut Jean Nicod.

Organizer

2013 (w. Fabian Dorsch). *The New Evil Demon: Knowledge, Rationality and the Internal*. Geneva, Sept 12-13th.
2009 (with P. Engel) *Workshop with Jason Stanley on Knowing-How*, Geneva, Oct 15-16th.
2009 (with A. Facchini, H. Galinon, J. Zvesper) *PALMYR-VIII*, *Paris-Amsterdam-Switzerland logic meeting of young researchers*, Geneva, may 8-9th.
2009 (with P. Engel) *Young European Epistemologists Workshop*, Geneva, march 20-21st.
2008 (with P. Engel & A. Meylan) *Epistemic Agency* conference, Geneva, april 22-23rd.
2007 (with P. Engel and A. Meylan) *Norms and Contents* conference, Geneva, Dec. 14th.
2007 (with Ph. Keller and A. Meylan) *On P. Engel's Va Savoir!*, Geneva, Dec. 13th.
2007 (with P. Engel and A. Meylan) *Workshop with Timothy Williamson* (Oxford), Geneva, Nov 20-21st.
2007 (with P. Engel) *Prospects for Epistemology in Europe*, Geneva, Sept 28-29th.
2006 (with Ch. Clavien) *Workshop on The Naturalisation of Norms and Values*, *2nd Congress of the Société de Philosophie des Sciences*, Geneva, march 29-31st.
2006 (with P. Engel) *Workshop on Knowledge, Justification, Value*, Geneva, dec 4-5th.
2004 (with J.-M. Roy) *Aspects du représentationnalisme* conference, ENS Lyon, may 14th.

Convener

2015 Advanced research students seminar, King's College London.
2015 Reading group on T. Williamson's *Modal Logic as Metaphysics*.
2011 Reading group on M. Schroeder's *Being for* and expressivist semantics.
2011 Reading group on the formal theory of norms and values (S.O. Hansson, *The Structure of Norms and Values*).
2007 Reading group on T. Williamson's *The Philosophy of Philosophy.*
2004–5 (with M. Cozic & P.-J. Renaudie) Doctoral Students working group, University Paris-4–Sorbonne.
2004–5 (with M. Barriquand & C. Dascalu) Reading groups on analytic philosophy, artefacts and philosophy of language, Institut Jean Nicod.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

2012 *Advanced Researcher Scholarship*, Swiss National Science Foundation.
"Knowledge, Rationality and Choice".
Funding for post-doc research abroad, 3 years.
CHF 155,800.

2012 (with P. Engel & F. Teroni) *Research Project*, Swiss National Science Foundation.
"Knowledge-based Accounts of Rationality".
Funding for a post-doc researcher and a PhD student, 3 years.
CHF 446,617.

2010 (with P. Engel) *Research Project*, Swiss National Science Foundation.
"Knowledge, Evidence, Practice".
Funding for a post-doc researcher and a PhD student, 3 years.
CHF 457,346.

2009 (with P. Engel) *Research Project*, Swiss National Science Foundation.
"Perceptual Warrant, Epistemic Entitlement and a priori Knowledge".
Funding for one PhD student and conferences, 3 years.
CHF 356,863.

2009 *Junior Researcher Scholarship*, Swiss National Science Foundation.
"Knowledge and Modality".
Funding for doctoral studies abroad, 1 year.
CHF 48,300.

2007 (with P. Engel, G. Soldati, F. Dorsch, L. Kaufmann & J. Deonna) Module with a Pro*Doc Doctoral Programme, Swiss National Science Foundation.
"Epistemic, Rational and Social Norms".
Funding for 3 PhD students and conferences, 3 years.
CHF 555,680.

2007 (with P. Engel) Research Project, Swiss National Science Foundation.
"Knowledge, Reasons and Norms".
Funding for a PhD student and conferences, 3 years.
CHF 158,680.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2013 Round table on analytic vs. continental philosophy, "Etats Généraux de la Philosophie", Lausanne.

2006–12 Creator and co-author of *Philotropes*. [link] A collective philosophy blog that was fairly popular in France.

2005–6 Short articles for *Le Magazine Littéraire* (France).

AWARDS

2011 **Philibert Collart Scholarship**, University of Geneva. CHF 10.000 stipend.

2009 **Humbert philosophy prize**, University of Geneva, for the paper "Pourquoi le problème de Gettier est-il si important?".

2000 ***Agrégation*** in Philosophy. National competition for high-school teaching positions.

1998 ***Elève*** of the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon. National competition.

PRESENTATIONS

"Closure and the Sceptical Paradox Puzzle",
Epistemic Angst workshop, Paris, Jan. 13th, 2017. (invited)

"Knowledge-oriented epistemic consequentialism" (joint work with Branden Fitelson)
Conference *Certitude et Infallibilité*, Collège de France, Nov. 3-4th, 2016. (invited)

"Safety-based Logics for Derived Knowledge"
Language Epistemology Metaphysics forum, Institute of Philosophy, London, Nov. 15th. (invited)
Staff Seminar, King's College London, Oct 26th, 2016. (invited)
SEFA's Worshop with Timothy Williamson, Valencia, Oct 20-22th, 2016.
Philosophy Colloquium, Stirling, Sept 15th, 2016. (invited)
The Roots of Deduction workshop, Groningen, April 7th-9th, 2016.

"Safety without Method"

Metaphysics of Knowledge I: Epistemic Indexing, St Andrews, Sept 3–4th, 2016.

"How to be an Infallibilist"

European Epistemology Network Meeting, Paris, July 4th-6th, 2016. (keynote)

"A New Solution to the Dogmatism Paradox"

Conference *La connaissance et ses raisons*, Collège de France, Sep. 15–16th, 2015. (invited)

Workshop *Epistemic Paradoxes*, Lisbon, Nov 12–3th 2015. (invited)

Philosophy Society, King's College London, Nov 27th2015. (invited)

Workshop *Belief and Degree of Belief*, Geneva, Dec. 4–5th, 2015. (invited)

"What 'Gettiered' means"

Joint Session of The Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, Cambridge, July 11–13th, 2014.(submitted)

"Safety and Inference"

Formal Epistemology Workgroup, University of Michigan, Nov. 17th, 2014. (invited)

Saving Safety? Prospects and Problems for Safety-Based Accounts of Knowledge, Bonn, Sept 30th- Oct 2nd, 2013.

Joint Session of The Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, Exeter, July 13–14th, 2013. (submitted)

"Enkrasia and the semantics of *ought*"

Workshop with John Broome, Antwerp, June 20–1st, 2014.(invited)

"Brown on epistemic propriety and submaximality"

Workshop with Jessica Brown, Geneva, April 10th, 2014. (invited)

"Normative sceptical paradoxes"

Philosophy Colloquium, University of York, Feb 5th, 2014.(invited)

Joint Session of The Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, Stirling, July 6–8th, 2012. (submitted)

Congrès de la SoPhA (Société de Philosophie Analytique Francophone), Paris, May 4–6th, 2012. (submitted)

"In Defence of Swamping"

2nd NIP Early career conference, Northern Institute of Philosophy, Aberdeen, June 27–29th, 2013. (submitted). Commentator: Jonathan Jenkins Ichikawa (University of British Columbia)

"Safe Disbelief"

Religious Epistemology and the Safety Condition for Knowledge, University of Oxford, June 12–13th, 2013. (submitted). Commentator: Yoaav Isaacs (Princeton).

"The Legend of the Justified True Belief Analysis"

Philosophy Colloquium, Neuchâtel, March 19th, 2013. (invited)

"Non-truth conditional Semantics and Factive Attitudes"

Eidos Workshop on Truth, Geneva, June 16–18th, 2012. (invited)

"Not My Error – Knowledge and Uncentred Possibilities of Error"

European Epistemology Network, Lund, March 17th–19th, 2011. (submitted)

"Safety, Closure, and Knowledge of the Past"

1st NIP/IP Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Aberdeen, July 16th–18th, 2010. (submitted)

"Value and preference: the case of knowledge"

Value and Judgements of Value conference, Rennes, may 6–7th, 2010. (invited)

5th Geneva-Barcelona meeting, Barcelona, June 4–5th 2008. (invited)

with A. Meylan, *Value of Knowledge* Conference, Amsterdam, Aug 27–29th, 2007. (submitted)

"Methods models for belief and knowledge"

Formal Epistemology workshop, Copenhagen, Oct 14th 2010. (invited)

Formal Epistemology Workshop 2010, Konstanz, Sept 2–4th 2010. (submitted)

Epistemology, Context, Formalism workshop, Archives Poincaré, Nancy, Nov 12–14th 2009. (submitted)

Decision, Games and Logic workshop 09, Lausanne, June 15–17th 2009. (submitted)

PALMYR VIII, Paris-Amsterdam-Switzerland logic meeting of young researchers, Geneva, may 8–9th 2009. (invited)

"Two notions of safety"

Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, Oxford, Nov 20–21th, 2009. (submitted) Commentator: Timothy Williamson (Oxford).

PhilEAs colloquium, Geneva, Nov 2nd, 2009. (invited)

SoPhA congress, Geneva, Sept 2–6th, 2009. (submitted)

as "Knowledge, Safety, Aptness".

Virtue Epistemology workshop, Edinburgh, April 15th 2009. (invited)

"Know well, might well, could well"
Workshop with Jason Stanley on Knowing-How, Geneva, Oct 15–16th 2009. (invited)
European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Geneva, July 9–12th, 2007. (submitted)
International Conference in Linguistics and Epistemology, Aberdeen, May 13th 2007. (submitted)
PhilEAs colloquium, Geneva, Nov 11th 2006. (invited)
Workshop Consciousness-knowledge-context, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, apr 7th 2006. (invited)
"Counterfactual Scorekeeping and Knowledge Attributions"
*Pro*Doc/MA Seminar on Rationality and the Logic of Norms* and *eidos 14th workshop*, Geneva, mar 19th 2009. (invited)
Workshop at Copenhagen, Oct 23th 2008. (invited)
Semantic Relativism and Context-Dependency: New Perspectives, Institut Jean Nicod – LOGOS Workshop, Barcelona, Oct 10–11th 2008. (invited)
Paris-Oxford Philosophy of Language Workshop, Paris, June 25–26th 2008. (invited)
"Knowledge, Methods and the Impossibility of Error"
Knowledge: Luck, Virtue, Normativity, Value: Themes from the Work of Duncan Pritchard, Paris, 14–15th april 2010. (invited)
*Pro*Doc/MA Seminar on Rationality and the Logic of Norms*, Geneva, mar 12th 2009. (invited)
Young European Epistemologists Workshop, Geneva, mar 20–21th 2009. (invited)
Epistemology Group, Edinburgh, Oct 8th 2008.

"The Case for Modal Infallibilism"
6th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Krakow, Aug 21–26th 2008 (submitted).
2nd Philosophy Graduate Conference at the Central European University, Budapest, Mar 22–23rd 2008. (submitted)
4th Latin Meeting in Analytic Philosophy (LMAP/07), Genoa, Sept 20-22nd Sept 2007 (invited).
"The Margin-for-error Principle Revised"
Joint Session of the Mind Association and the Aristotelian Society (Open Sessions), Bristol, July 11–13th, 2007. (submitted)
10th Sequitur meeting of Swiss Graduate Students in Philosophy, Bern, June 22–23rd 2007. (submitted)
Knowledge, justification, value workshop, Geneva, Dec 4–5th 2006. (invited)
"Naturaliser les normes et les valeurs épistémiques"
2th Congrès de la Société de Philosophie des Sciences, Geneva, mar 29th 2007. (invited)
"Relativisme sémantique, empiètement et coordination pratique"
SoPhA congress 2006, Aix-en-Provence, Aug. 2006. (submitted)
"The Cartesian circle and first-order skepticism"
Fifth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Lisbon, Aug 2005. (submitted)
Epistemology and Rationality workshop, Université Paris-IV, May 2005. (invited)
(with P. Engel) "On Pragmatic Encroachment"
Contemporary Research in Philosophy Workshop, Ecole Doctorale Romande de Philosophie, Lausanne, mar 24th 2007.
"The Content Contingency of Beliefs"
Philosophy Colloquium, Fribourg, Jan. 22nd 2007.
"A strictement parler, *S* sait que *p*"
La Connaissance en Contexte, Rennes, Mar. 14th 2006.
"L'or n'est pas un métal jaune: connaître sans définir ni décrire, de Russell à Kripke"
"Agrégation" preparation course, Feb. 2nd 2006, Besançon.

Commentator

on Francesca Zaffora Blando's (Stanford) "The Learning Power of Belief-revision Policies for Non-omniscient Agents"
Formal Epistemology Workshop, Groningen, June 22nd-23rd, 2016.
on Kok Yong Lee's (National Chung Cheng) "The Distinctive Value of Knowledge"
Central APA, St. Louis, MO, Feb. 18-21st 2015.
on Juan Comesaña (Arizona) on "Can we believe for practical reasons?"
Sociedad Filosófica Ibero Americana XXth meeting, Huatulco, Mexico, Jan 12th, 2015.
on Earl Conee (Rochester) on "Four Metaphysical Problems concerning Evidence"
Workshop on Evidence, Geneva, October 28th, 2010.

on Filip Bueckens (Tilburg) on "Faultless Disagreement, Assertions and the Expressive Dimension of Speech Acts"
Norms of Assertion Workshop, Geneva, June 4th, 2010.
on John Hawthorne's (Oxford) "Epistemicism and Semantic Plasticity"
Vagueness Workshop, Fribourg, June 14th, 2008.
on Dan Zeman (LOGOS, Barcelona) on "Indexicalism, Contextualism and Relativism"
2nd Geneva-Barcelona Workshop, Geneva, May 17th, 2007.

REFEREES

Pascal ENGEL

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"Directeur d'Études" (Senior Research Fellow), EHESS, Paris.
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Professor of Philosophy, University of South California.
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"Directeur d'Études" (Senior Research Fellow), EHESS, Paris.
Research Fellow, CNRS, France.
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