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## ACADEMIC PROFILE

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AOS Metaphysics, Epistemology, Phenomenology  
AOC (Philosophy of) Logic, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophical Anthropology, Applied Ethics

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS & RESEARCH STAYS

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ASSISTANT PROF. (fixed term)	Department of Philosophy, University of Graz, Austria	APR 2020-MAR 2026
RESEARCH VISITOR	San José State University, California (USA)	MAR-APR 2019
RESEARCH VISITOR	Rutgers University, New Jersey (USA)	FEB-MAR 2019
RESEARCH VISITOR	San José State University, California (USA)	JAN-MAR 2017
POST-DOC RESEARCHER	Department of Philosophy, University of Graz, Austria Project: <i>The Epistemology and Metaphysics of Essence and Modality</i> (FWF: P 29050)	2016-2019
LECTURER (ADJUNCT)	Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria	2014-2016
LECTURER (ADJUNCT)	Department of Philosophy, University of Klagenfurt, Austria	2013—
LECTURER (ADJUNCT)	Department of Philosophy, University of Graz, Austria	2012-2019
RESEARCH VISITOR	University of Notre Dame, Indiana (USA)	JUL 2012
LECTURER (ADJUNCT)	University of Applied Sciences Graz, Austria	2011-2016
VISITING TEACHING FELLOW	University of Teacher Education Vienna, Austria	OCT 2010
LECTURER (ADJUNCT)	Medical University of Graz, Austria	2005-2016

## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

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DOCTORATE (PHD) in philosophy	University of Graz, Austria (completed with distinction) “ <i>On the Phenomenology of Man and the Question of a Transcendental Anthropology</i> ” (in German) <i>Advisors:</i> Sonja Rinofner-Kreidl and Udo Thiel	2012
MAGISTER (MA) in philosophy	University of Graz, Austria (completed with distinction) “ <i>Husserl’s and Heidegger’s Transcendental Phenomenology as an Alternative to Metaphysical Realism and Idealism</i> ” (in German) <i>Advisor:</i> Sonja Rinofner-Kreidl	2006

## FUNDING, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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AWARD	Top Downloaded Paper 2019-2020 Recognition for my “The Structure of Essentialist Explanations of Necessity” as one of the top 10 most downloaded papers during its first 12 months of publication in <i>Thought: A Journal of Philosophy</i>	2022
THIRD PARTY FUNDING	Co-author of the successful project proposal <i>The Epistemology and Metaphysics of Essence and Modality</i> € 223,671.00 funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF: P 29050) PI: Sonja Rinofner-Kreidl, runtime: 2016-2021	2016

RESEARCH STAY	Stipend from the <i>College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame</i>	JUL 2012
PHD STUDIES	Doctoral Research Fellowship, <i>University of Graz</i>	2007-2009
PHD STUDIES	“Walter Preiss” Scholarship	2007

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

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| 10• | In Search of a Structurally Complete Epistemology of Essence<br>in: Prelevic, D. & Vaidya, A. (eds.): <i>The Epistemology of Modality and Philosophical Methodology</i> . Routledge, 150-175.  | 2023 |
| 9•  | Essence, Necessity, and Non-Generative Metaphysical Explanation<br>in: <i>Argumenta</i> , 14, 439-462.   | 2022 |
| 8•  | Is Perception Essentially Perspectival? Modality in Husserlian Phenomenology<br>in: <i>History of Philosophy &amp; Logical Analysis</i> , 24 (2), 351-377.   | 2021 |
| 7•  | The Epistemology of Modality (w/ A. Mallozzi & A. Vaidya)<br>in: Zalta, E. (ed.): <i>The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i> .   | 2021 |
| 6•  | The epistemology of modality and the problem of modal epistemic friction (w/ A. Vaidya)<br>in: <i>Synthese</i> , 198 (Suppl 8), 1909-1935.   | 2021 |
| 5•  | The ground of ground, essence, and explanation<br>in: <i>Synthese</i> , 198 (Suppl 6), 1257-1277.  | 2021 |
| 4•  | Essence, Explanation, and Modality (w/ A. Vaidya)<br>in: <i>Philosophy</i> , 95 (4), 419-445.  | 2020 |
| 3•  | The Structure of Essentialist Explanations of Necessity<br>in: <i>Thought: A Journal of Philosophy</i> , 9 (1), 4-13.  | 2020 |
| 2•  | Phenomenological Actualism. A Husserlian Metaphysics of Modality?<br>in: Rinofner-Kreidl, S. & Wiltsche, H. A. (eds.): <i>Analytical and Continental Philosophy: Methods and Perspectives. Papers of the 37<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium</i> . Kirchberg a. Wechsel: Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 283-285. | 2014 |
| 1•  | Husserls ‘Paradoxie der Intersubjektivität’. Zur hermeneutischen Dimension der Transzendentalphänomenologie?<br>in: Römer, I. (ed.): <i>Subjektivität und Intersubjektivität in der Phänomenologie</i> . Würzburg: Ergon, 95-107.  | 2011 |

## PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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| 6• | Conferralism (w/ A. Vaidya) (commissioned for <i>Routledge Handbook of Essence</i> ; ed. by. K. Koslicki & M. Raven)          |
| 5• | The Epistemology of Modality (w/ A. Vaidya) (commissioned for <i>Blackwell Companion on Epistemology</i> ; ed. by. K. Sylvan) |
| 4• | A paper on how we know grounding facts (w/ A. Mallozzi & A. Vaidya)   |
| 3• | A paper on metaphysical explanation and the maxim of neutrality in metaphysics  |
| 2• | A paper on essential dependence and fundamentality (w/ G. Giannini)   |
| 1• | A paper on the problem of modal epistemic friction, induction, and hinge epistemology   |

## PRESENTATIONS (selected)

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| 24• | Metaphysical Explanation and the Maxim of Neutrality<br><i>ECAP 11</i> , University of Vienna (refereed)     | AUG 2023 |
| 23• | Essence, Dependence, and Fundamentality<br><i>ECAP 11</i> , University of Vienna (refereed) (w/ G. Giannini) | AUG 2023 |

- 22• What is Wrong with Conferralism, Normativism, and Modalism in the Epistemology of Modality?  
University of Miami (invited) (online) (w/ A. Vaidya) DEC 2022
- 21• A Kripkean Theory of the Epistemology of Modality  
*Kripke Seminar: Naming and Necessity at 50* (invited) (online) (w/ A. Vaidya) OCT 2022
- 20• Does every  $q$  that explains  $\Box p$  also explain  $p$ ?  
*Tilburg Issues on the (Im)Possible Conference*, University of Tilburg (refereed) OCT 2022
- 19• Epistemic friction, essence, and empiricism  
*The Epistemology of Modality. (Blasco Disputatio)*, University of Valencia (invited keynote address) JUL 2022
- 18• Controlling Conceptions and the Problem of Modal Epistemic Friction  
*APA Central Division Meeting 2022*, Chicago, IL (USA) (invited) (w/ A. Vaidya) FEB 2022
- 17• Conferralism  
*Routledge Handbook of Essence Workshop*, org. by K. Koslicki, M. Marabello, M. Raven (invited) (w/ A. Vaidya) JUL 2021
- 16• The Epistemology of Grounding  
*Seminar hosted by Thomas Sattig*, University of Tübingen (invited) JUN 2020
- 15• The Epistemology of Modality and the Problem of Modal Epistemic Friction  
*Seminar on Modality hosted by Crispin Wright and Paul Horwich*, New York University (invited) (w/ A. Vaidya) MAR 2020
- 14• Essence, Imagination, and Empathy  
*Phenomenological Perspectives on Empathy and the Significance of Empirical Research*. University of Graz (refereed) OCT 2019
- 13• Essence, Ground, and Explanation  
*The Modal-Explanatory Nexus: A Dialogue between the Contemporary and Early Modern Era*, HU Berlin (invited) AUG 2019
- 12• Can Essences Explain Necessity?  
*As a Matter of Form*, University of Rostock (invited) JUL 2019
- 11• The Structure of Essentialist Explanations of Necessity  
*Issues on the (Im)Possible VII*, University of Bratislava (refereed) (w/ A. Vaidya) MAY 2019
- 10• Hitting Bedrock? Essences as Basic Necessities (w/ A. Vaidya)  
*Necessary Beings: A Conference in the Memory of Bob Hale*, University of London (invited) OCT 2018
- 9• Essence in the Epistemology of Modality (w/ A. Vaidya)  
*EXTRA 1*, Ruhr-University of Bochum (invited) JUN 2018  
Freie Universität Berlin (invited) JUN 2018
- 8• Reductive and Non-Reductive Finean Essentialism  
*Issues on the (Im)Possible VI*, University of Bratislava (refereed) (w/ A. Vaidya) AUG 2018  
*4<sup>th</sup> Epistemology of Metaphysics Workshop*, University of Helsinki (invited) JUN 2018
- 7• Navigating Modal Space. On a Husserlian Theory of the Epistemology of Modality  
*Workshop: Phenomenology Today*, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele (invited) MAY 2017  
*Workshop: Modal Knowledge*, University of Bielefeld (invited) MAR 2017  
*San José State University, California (USA)* (invited) MAR 2017
- 6• Metaphysical Grounding. On How to Explain Explanation  
*San José State University, California (USA)* (invited) FEB 2017
- 4• Phenomenological Actualism. A Husserlian Metaphysics of Modality?  
*37th International Wittgenstein Symposium* (refereed) AUG 2014
- 3• Dan Zahavi on Michael Tye and Fred Dretske. Phenomenology and Phenomenal Externalism  
*Workshop with Dan Zahavi*, University of Vienna (invited) OCT 2013
- 2• Modal Metaphysics in the Light of Husserl's Transcendental Idealism. Commentary to Genki Uemura  
*44th Husserl Circle Meeting*, University of Graz (invited) JUN 2013
- 1• Embodiment & Self-Mundanization: Anthropological Dimensions in Husserl's Transcendental Phenomenology?  
*Summer School in Phenomenology & Philosophy of Mind*, University of Copenhagen (refereed) AUG 2010

## TEACHING (in German, unless otherwise stated)

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METAPHYSICS	<i>Perception and Knowledge</i> (in English)	UoG
& EPISTEMOLOGY	<i>Explanation and Fundamentality</i> (in English)	UoG
	<i>Phenomenology &amp; the Contemporary Realism/ Anti-Realism-Debate</i> (in English)	UoG
	<i>The Structure of Reality</i> (in English)	UoG, UoK
	<i>Heidegger and Contemporary (Meta-)Metaphysics</i>	UoG
	<i>Metaphysical Grounding and Ontological Dependence</i> (in English)	UoG
	<i>Phenomenological and Analytic Philosophy of Time</i> (in English)	UoG
	<i>Metaphysical Grounding</i>	UoK
	<i>Introduction to Metaphysics</i> (several times)	UoG, UoK
	<i>Essentialism in Analytic Philosophy &amp; Phenomenology</i> (in English)	UoG
	<i>The Epistemology of Modality</i> (in English)	UoG
	<i>Modal Epistemology: Analytical &amp; Phenomenological Approaches</i>	UoK
	<i>Conceivability and Possibility</i>	UoK
HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY	<i>Edmund Husserl's 'Analysis Concerning Passive and Active Synthesis'</i>	UoG
	<i>Edmund Husserl's 'Logical Investigations'</i>	UoG, UoV
	<i>Edmund Husserl's 'Experience and Judgment'</i>	UoV, UoK
	<i>Edmund Husserl's 'Cartesian Meditations'</i>	UoK
METAPHILOSOPHY, METHODOLOGY & (Phil. of) LOGIC	<i>Phenomenology &amp; Analytic Philosophy</i> (in English)	UoG
	<i>Introduction to Logic</i> (several times)	UoK
	<i>Introduction to Argumentation Theory</i> (several times)	UoV, UoK
	<i>Philosophy of Logic</i> (in English)	UoG, UoK
ETHICS & PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	<i>Ethics in Medicine</i> (several times)	MUoG, UoASG
	<i>Classical Texts of Philosophical Anthropology</i>	UoG
	<i>Philosophical Anthropology as First Philosophy?</i>	UoK
INTRO CLASSES	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (several times)	UoG
	<i>Introduction to Scientific Work in Philosophy</i> (several times)	UoV

UoG = University of Graz; UoV = University of Vienna; UoK = University of Klagenfurt; MUoG = Medical Univ. of Graz; UoASG = Univ. of Applied Science Graz

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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ORGANIZING	Workshop with Anand Vaidya at the University of Graz	JUL 2017
	Workshop: <i>Essence &amp; Modality</i> at the University of Graz	AUG 2018
	Workshop: <i>Modality &amp; Fiction</i> at the University of Graz	MAY 2019
	1 <sup>st</sup> Austrian Summer School in Phenomenology (w/ P. Berghofer & S. Rinofner)	SEP 2021
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Austrian Summer School in Phenomenology (w/ P. Berghofer & S. Rinofner)	SEP 2022
SOCIETIES	Member of the <i>American Philosophical Association (APA)</i>	2018—
	Board Member of the <i>Austrian Society for Phenomenology</i>	2011—
REFEREE	Journals: <i>Analysis</i> (x4), <i>Analytic Philosophy</i> , <i>British Journal of the History of Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Metaphysics</i> , <i>Philosophical Studies</i> (x2), <i>Philosophia</i> , <i>Philosophy</i> , <i>Synthese</i>	
	Presses: <i>Routledge</i> , <i>Oxford University Press</i>	

## LANGUAGES

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GERMAN Native language  
ENGLISH Fluent, written and oral

FRENCH Oral communication and reading  
LATIN Basic skills