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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- 09/2017 - *Consultant at Roland Berger Strategy Consulting*
Global strategy consulting firm with a broad industry and functional focus. I am part of the consumer goods and retail competence centre and have been staffed on projects in the consumer goods, automotive as well as oil and gas industry.
- 04/2018 - *Research Associate at the Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science at the LSE*

EDUCATION

- PhD Philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science, November 2017
Thesis: Robustness, Evidence, and Uncertainty (passed without corrections)
Examiners: Harold Kincaid and Paul Hoyningen-Huene
Supervisors: Roman Frigg and Alex Voorhoeve
- MSc Philosophy of the Social Sciences, London School of Economics and Political Science (with distinction), 2013
- Two degrees in parallel (Doppelstudium), University of Zurich
- MA Philosophy (Lic.phil) with minors Sociology and Law (summa cum laude), University of Zurich, Switzerland, 2012
- BA Business Administration and Economics, University of Zurich (top 5%), Switzerland, 2010

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

- AOS: Philosophy of Economics, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Philosophy of Science
AOC: Decision Theory, Ethics, Philosophy of Public Policy

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. ‘The problem of evaluating automated large-scale evidence aggregators’, **Synthese** 2017, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-017-1627-1> (with Katie Steele)
2. ‘Conceptualizing Uncertainty: An Assessment of the Uncertainty Framework of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’, in Massimi, Romeijn, and Schurz (eds.) **Recent Developments in the Philosophy of Science - EPSA15 Düsseldorf**, 2017
3. ‘Evaluating Competing Theories via a Common Language of Qualitative Verdicts’, **Synthese**, 2016 193 (10), 3293-3309 (with Wulf Gaertner)
4. [in German]: ‘Inkommensurabilität – Implikationen für die evolutionäre Organisationstheorie unter begriffstheoretischer und epistemologischer Perspektive’ **Junior Management Science**, 2016 1(1), 188-215.

BOOK REVIEW

1. Review of Peter Spiegler's (2015) *Behind the Model: A Constructive Critique of Economic Modelling*, forthcoming in **Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics**

PRIZES AND GRANTS

Departmental Teaching Prize, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, London School of Economics, 2014-2015

LSE PhD Student Scholarship, 2013-2017

Swiss Study Foundation Grant for the MSc studies, 2013

WORKING PAPERS

1. 'Handling moral uncertainty without credences: a constructive proposal' (with Wulf Gaertner), *draft available*
2. 'Orientational paradigms: how economics is situated between the natural and the other social sciences' (with Paul Hoyningen-Huene)
3. 'Playing for real! A new explication of the term toy model', *draft available*
4. 'Learning from and with toy models', *draft available*

SELECTED COURSES THAT I CAN TEACH

*also on graduate level (please see my teaching portfolio for more courses)

*Philosophy of Economics	Introduction to Philosophy
*Philosophy of Science	Knowledge and Reality
Formal Epistemology	Introduction to Moral Philosophy
*Philosophy of the Social Sciences	*Advanced topics in Epistemology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education: Full Level (2016)

At LSE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, 2015-2016

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy and Public Policy, 2015-2016

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy of Economics, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

Guest lecturer in Philosophy of Economics (2014, 2015, 2016)

At University of Zurich, Switzerland

Teaching Assistant, Seminar on Mill's System of Logic, 2009

Teaching Assistant, Seminar on Objectivity, 2008

Teaching Assistant, Seminar on Empiricism, 2008

At Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Philosophy of Science, 2009 and 2010

TALKS

Talks at international peer-reviewed conferences

1. 'Learning with toy models', *European Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Conference*, Exeter, 2017 (accepted but not attended)
2. 'Understanding with toy models' *British Society for Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*, Edinburgh, 2017 (accepted but not attended)
3. 'Playing for real! A new explication of the term toy model' *Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association*, Atlanta, 2016
4. 'First things first! An attempt at characterizing toy models' *British Society for Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*, Cardiff, 2016
5. 'First things first! An attempt at characterizing toy models' *Modelling and Simulation 7*, Barcelona, 2016
6. 'Conceptualizing Uncertainty: An Assessment of the Uncertainty Framework of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change' *European Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Conference*, Düsseldorf, 2015
7. 'Evaluating competing theories via a common language of qualitative verdicts' (with Wulf Gaertner) *European Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Conference*, Düsseldorf, 2015
8. 'The puzzle of the persistence of non-robust toy models in macroeconomics' *International Network for Economic Methodology Conference*, Cape Town, 2015
9. 'Conceptualizing Uncertainty: An Assessment of the Uncertainty Framework of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change' *GAP 9*, Osnabrück, 2015
10. 'Automated large scale evidence aggregation in medicine' *Congress of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science*, Helsinki, 2015
11. 'Conceptualizing Uncertainty: An Assessment of the Uncertainty Framework of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change' *British Society for Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*, Manchester, 2015
12. 'Evaluating competing theories via a common language of qualitative verdicts' *Scientific Discoveries in the Social Sciences*, London, 2015

Invited talks at workshops and seminars

1. 'Understanding with Toy Models' *University of Rostock Workshop Series on Economic Modelling*, Rostock, 2017 (accepted but not attended)
2. 'Handling moral uncertainty without credences: a constructive proposal' *Bristol-LSE Graduate Formal Epistemology Workshop*, Bristol, 2016
3. 'Re-thinking the uncertainty framework of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change' (with Roman Frigg) *Managing Severe Uncertainty Seminar at the LSE*, London, 2016
4. 'The puzzle of the persistence of non-robust toy models in macroeconomics', *History and Philosophy of Economics Seminar at the LSE*, London 2016
5. 'Conceptualizing Uncertainty: An Assessment of the Uncertainty Framework of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change', *Karlsruhe Institute for Technology*, Karlsruhe, 2015
6. 'Evaluating competing theories via a common language of qualitative verdicts' *Decision, Games, and Logic* (poster presentation with short talk), London, 2015

7. 'Evaluating competing theories via a common language of qualitative verdicts' *University of Bern*, Bern, 2015

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Co-organizer 'Explanation, Normativity, and Uncertainty in Economic Modelling', Philosophy Department, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2016

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee: *British Journal for Philosophy of Science* (2015-), *Synthese* (2016-)
Area editor (Philosophy of Economics) for *The Reasoner* (2017-)

REFERENCES

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BEYOND PHILOSOPHY

I was a partner at the strategy consulting firm Swiss Brand Experts which is based in Zurich, Switzerland. You can find more about the company here (in German):
www.swissbrandexperts.ch

In the context of my consulting work for Swiss Brand Experts, I have also published the following (selection, in German):

1. Book: 'Marken für Menschen' Versus Verlag, Zurich 2016 (with Thomas Harder)
2. Book (editorial co-work): 'Switzerland with Love – Wegweisende Gedanken für Marken-Praktiker im Tourismus und darüber hinaus', Zurich, 2014 (with Thomas Harder)
3. Article: 'Ein integraler Ansatz für das Marketing', Handelszeitung Spezial, 2016 (with Thomas Harder)

4. Article: 'Wie Storytelling Marken stärkt statt aushöhlt – Plädoyer für einen leistungsorientierten Ansatz', Transfer Werbeforschung und -Praxis, 2017 (with Thomas Harder)

LANGUAGE COMPETENCES

German (native speaker), English (fluent), French (basic)