

# Curriculum Vitae

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS: metaphysics, social philosophy, feminist philosophy

AOC: gender and race, philosophy of social science, political philosophy

### EMPLOYMENT

Central European University Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy	2021–
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy; Core Faculty in PPE	2020–21
Dartmouth College Lecturer, Department of Philosophy	2017–20
New York University Lecturer, Department of Philosophy	2016–17

### EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, New York University Dissertation: <i>The Metaphysics of Social Objects</i> . Advisor: Kit Fine	2010–16
BPhil Philosophy, University of Oxford (supported by a Rhodes scholarship)	2008–10
BA Political Economy, Slavic Languages and Literature, UC Berkeley	2003–07

### PUBLICATIONS

forth	“Cryptocurrency: Commodity or Credit?,” <i>The Philosophy of Money and Finance</i> , edited by J. Sandberg and L. Warenski, Oxford: Oxford University Press
2021	“Norm and Object: A Normative Hylomorphic Theory of Social Objects,” <i>Philosophers’ Imprint</i> 21, 1–21
2021	“Finean Feminist Metaphysics,” <i>Inquiry</i> 64, 937–54
2020	“Social Objects, Response-Dependence, and Realism,” <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> 6, 431–43
2020	“Should Bitcoin Be Classified as Money?,” <i>Journal of Social Ontology</i> 6, 281–92
2020	“Social Entities,” <i>Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding</i> , edited by M. J. Raven, New York: Routledge, 510–20

2019 “Daniel Z. Korman, *Objects: Nothing Out of the Ordinary*,” *Philosophical Review* 128, 241–5

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Social Kind Essentialism” (under review)
- “Social Construction and Meta-Ground” (under review)
- “Ameliorative Metaphysics”
- “Collective Acceptance and Attitudes,” commissioned for the *Oxford Handbook of Social Ontology*, edited by S. Collins, B. Epstein, S. Haslanger, and H. B. Schmid
- “Artifacts, Artworks, and Social Objects,” commissioned for the *Routledge Handbook of Essence*, edited by K. Koslicki and M. J. Raven
- *Social Objects* (monograph)

## TALKS & COMMENTS

\* = keynote talk

### “Artifacts, Artworks, and Social Objects”

- Logos Seminar on Artifacts, University of Barcelona, Online, April 2023
- The Philosophy of Artifacts Workshop, 2022 Sopha Conference, University of Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, July 2022 (as “Artifacts and Social Objects”)
- Routledge Handbook of Essence Workshop, University of Neuchâtel, Online, July 2021

### Comments on Terence Cuneo, “Moral Stance-Independence”

- Annual Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference/Metaphysics on the Mountain 4, Boise State University, Sun Valley, March 2023

### “Is Social Construction Grounding?”

- Workshop on “Grounding, Fundamentality, and Applied Metaphysics,” University of Vienna, Vienna, March 2023 (as “Social Construction and Meta-Ground”)
- CEU and LFUI Philosophy Symposium, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, October 2022
- Philosophy and Political Science Departmental Colloquium, Technical University Dortmund, Dortmund, October 2022
- 5<sup>th</sup> Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium, Taiwan Association for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Online, July 2022
- Vienna Language and Mind Group, Central European University and University of Vienna, Online, November 2021
- 2021 Social Ontology Conference, University of California, San Diego, Online, August 2021

### “Ameliorative Metaphysics”

- The Metametaphysics of Social Ontology Workshop, University of Toulouse, Online, January 2023
- Invited Symposium on “Social Essentialism,” Eastern APA Meeting, Montreal, January 2023

- \* Inclusion Beyond Face Value: Metaphilosophy of/with Social Justice, Central European University, Vienna, October 2022

“A Normative Hylomorphic Theory of the State”

- Panel on “Money and the Nation State,” 2022 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, November 2022
- \* The Ontology of Politics Workshop, University of Groningen, Groningen, July 2022

“Cryptocurrency: Commodity or Credit?”

- 2022 Social Ontology/Collective Intentionality Conference, University of Vienna, Online, August 2022
- Ontology of Finance Workshop, SUNY Buffalo, Online, May 2022

Comments on Jade Fletcher, “Realism and Debunking about Social Kinds”

- 2022 Social Metaphysics Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC, June 2022

Comments on Hans Bernhard Schmid, *We, Together: The Social Ontology of Us*

- Mind and Society Discussion Group, University of Vienna, Vienna, March 2022

“Social Kind Essentialism”

- APSE-CEU-IVC Talks, Online, Institute Vienna Circle, Central European University, and University of Vienna, Vienna, December 2021
- Barcelona Seminar in Social Metaphysics, University of Barcelona, Online, October 2021
- 2021 Social Metaphysics Conference, North Carolina State University and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Online, June 2021
- Re-Evaluating Social Essences Workshop, University of Victoria, Online, April 2021
- Early Career Social Metaphysics Workshop, North Carolina State University and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Online, July 2020
- 2020 Social Ontology Conference, University of Neuchatel, Online, July 2020 (as “An Essentialist Framework for Social Ontology”)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference/Metaphysics on the Mountain 3, Boise State University, Online, July 2020

“Norm and Object: A Normative Hylomorphic Theory of Social Objects”

- \* CEU In-House Doctoral Conference, Central European University, Vienna, November 2021
- Jennifer Wang’s Graduate Seminar on “Metaphysics of Social Reality,” Simon Fraser University, Online, April 2021
- UCLA Legal Theory Workshop, University of California, Los Angeles, Online, March 2021
- UCSB Philosophy Departmental Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara, Online, February 2021
- Chapel Hill PPE Workshop, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Online, August 2020
- Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, April 2019
- Work in Progress Seminar, Dartmouth College, Hanover, April 2019
- Metaphysics Reading Group, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, October 2018
- 2018 Social Ontology Conference, Tufts University, Boston, August 2018 (as “A Hylomorphic Theory of Social Objects”)

- 2017 Hylomorphism Conference, Banff Centre, Banff, May 2017 (as “A Hylomorphic Theory of Social Objects”)

Comments on Tim Juvshik, “Good ‘Cat,’ Bad ‘Act’”

- Colloquium on “Metaphysics,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Online, April 2021

“Finean Feminist Metaphysics”

- Jennifer Wang’s Graduate Seminar on “Metaphysics of Social Reality,” Simon Fraser University, Online, February 2021
- Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, January 2019

Comments on Scott Altman, “Selling Silence: The Morality of Sexual Harassment NDAs”

- Legal Philosophy Workshop, University of Southern California, Online, June 2020

“Is Bitcoin Money?”

- Conference on “Money: What Is It? How Should It Function?” University of Groningen, Groningen, November 2019
- 2019 Social Ontology Conference, Tampere University, Tampere, August 2019

“Money as Metaphysically Reflexive”

- Panel on “The Metaphysics of Money,” 2019 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting, New Orleans, March 2019

Comments on Louis de Rosset, “The Nonreductivist’s Trouble with Explanation”

- Dartmouth/UVM Workshop, University of Vermont, Burlington, November 2018

“Social Objects, Response-Dependence, and Realism”

- Language and Essence Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, October 2018
- Work in Progress Seminar, Dartmouth College, Hanover, September 2017
- Logic and Metaphysics Workshop, City University of New York, New York, May 2016 (as “A Response-Dependent Theory of Social Objects”)

“Social Entities”

- Workshop on Metaphysical Grounding, Hamburg, May 2018

Comments on Nurbay Irmak, “The Problem of Abstract Artifacts”

- Colloquium on “Social Ontology,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, March 2018

“The Ontology of Borders”

- The Thought Project, Dartmouth College, Hanover, February 2018

Comments on Jessica Wilson, “The Metaphysical Emergence of Material Artifacts”

- Symposium on “Metaphysics of Artifacts,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, April 2016

“Norm and Object: A Normative Theory of Social Objects”

- Departmental Talk, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, February 2016
- Graduate Student Conference on “Normativity and the Human Sciences,” City University of New York, New York, April 2015
- Colloquium on “Objects,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, April 2015
- Workshop on “Artifacts and Artifact Talk: Cognitive and Semantic Aspects,” University of Padua, Padua, June 2014
- Eidos Metaphysics Seminar, University of Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, May 2014

“The Creation and Destruction of Social Objects”

- Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, Humboldt University, Berlin, June 2015
- Graduate Student Conference on “Social Structures: Social Ontology & Feminist Metaphysics and Epistemology,” Princeton University, Princeton, April 2015

“The Metaphysics of Social Objects”

- Workshop for Women in Metaphysics, Rochester, May 2013
- Doc’ in Nicod Seminar, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, May 2013
- Eidos Metaphysics Seminar, University of Geneva, Geneva, April 2013

“Economics and Social Ontology”

- Collective Intentionality VI, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, July 2008

**TEACHING**

U = undergraduate, G = graduate

*At CEU:*

Philosophy of Gender and Race (G)	Fall 2021, Winter 2023
Social Philosophy (U)	Winter 2023
Aristotelian Metaphysics (with István Bodnár) (G)	Fall 2022
Critical Reasoning (U)	Fall 2022
Social Metaphysics (G)	Winter 2022
Philosophy of Social Science (U)	Fall 2021

*At UNC Chapel Hill:*

Justice, Rights, and the Common Good (U)	Spring 2021
Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (U)	Fall 2020

*At Dartmouth:*

Philosophy and Economics (U)	Spring: 2018, 2019, 2020
Philosophy and Gender (U)	Winter 2019
The Social World (U)	Fall 2018
Philosophy of Race, Gender, and Sexuality (U)	Winter 2018
Ethics of Freedom, Paternalism, and Intervention (U)	Fall 2017

At NYU:  
Logic (U)  
Aesthetics (U)  
Philosophy of Science (U)

Fall 2016, Spring 2017  
Sum 2013, Spring 2017  
Sum 2014

### STUDENT ADVISING AND EXAMINING

At CEU:

- Denis Kazankov, PhD student, PhD Advisor, 2021–present
- Jooseppi Rääkkönen, MA Thesis Supervisor, 2022–23
- Shabnam Singla, MA Thesis Supervisor, 2022–23
- Ayda Uzel, MA Thesis Supervisor, 2022–23
- James Luong, MA student, MA Thesis Supervisor, 2021–22
- Maarten van Doorn, PhD student, Internal Examiner for PhD Defense, May 2022

### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

At CEU:

- MA Graduate Admissions Committee, Member, 2021–22, 2022–23
- Committee on Academic Integrity, Member, 2021–22
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CEU Undergraduate Philosophy Essay Competition, Faculty Judge, 2021

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Leadership positions:

- Vice President, International Social Ontology Society, 2022–2024
- Co-founder, Annual Social Metaphysics Workshop (with Kevin Richardson)

Committees:

- Nominating Committee of the International Social Ontology Society, Member, 2022
- Scientific Committee of the Social Ontology/Collective Intentionality 2022 Conference, Member, University of Vienna, Vienna, 2022

Journal refereeing:

*Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Philosophy Association Congress, Dialectica, Hypatia, Inquiry, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Social Ontology, Journal of Social Philosophy, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Metaphysics (x2), Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies*

Conference refereeing:

*11<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, 2021 Meeting of the PPE Society, 2022 Meeting of the PPE Society, 2022 Social Ontology/Collective Intentionality Conference, 2023 Social Ontology Conference, Conference on Essentialism and Anti-Essentialism*

Other refereeing: *Institute for Advanced Study at CEU (x2), Swiss National Science Foundation*

Organizing of talks and conferences:

- 45<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium on “Facets of Reality”, Co-organizer (with Julio De Rizzo and Benjamin Schnieder), Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August 2024
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Metaphysics Workshop, Co-organizer (with Kevin Richardson), Duke University, Durham, NC, June 2023
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Social Metaphysics Workshop, Co-organizer (with Kevin Richardson), Duke University, Durham, NC, June 2022
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social Metaphysics Workshop, Co-organizer (with Kevin Richardson), North Carolina State University and UNC Chapel Hill, Online, June 2021
- PPE Spring Author Series, Organizer, UNC Chapel Hill, Online, Spring 2021
- Early Career Social Metaphysics Workshop, Co-organizer (with Kevin Richardson), North Carolina State University and UNC Chapel Hill, Online, July 2020
- Sapientia Departmental Talk, Organizer, Dartmouth (x2), Hanover, NH, 2017–19
- California Metaphysics Conference, Assistant Organizer, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, January 2014
- NYU/Columbia Graduate Student Conference, Co-organizer, New York University, New York, April 2011

**LANGUAGES**

English, Russian