

# Curriculum Vitae Asya Passinsky

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS: metaphysics, social philosophy, feminist philosophy

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

## EMPLOYMENT

Central European University Assistant Professor (tenure track), 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

### Articles

forth	“Social Construction and Meta-Ground,” <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i>
forth	“Collective Acceptance and Attitudes,” <i>Oxford Handbook of Social Ontology</i> , edited by S. Collins, B. Epstein, S. Haslanger, and H. B. Schmid
2025	“Social Kind Essentialism,” <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <a href="https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11098-025-02307-x">https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11098-025-02307-x</a> , 1–24
2024	“Artifacts, Artworks, and Social Objects,” <i>Routledge Handbook of Essence in Philosophy</i> , edited by K. Koslicki and M. J. Raven, New York: Routledge, 261–75
2024	“Cryptocurrency: Commodity or Credit?,” <i>The Philosophy of Money and Finance</i> , edited by J. Sandberg and L. Warenski, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 32–53

- 2021 “Norm and Object: A Normative Hylomorphic Theory of Social Objects,” *Philosophers’ Imprint* 21, 1–21
- 2021 “Finean Feminist Metaphysics,” *Inquiry* 64, 937–54
- 2020 “Social Objects, Response-Dependence, and Realism,” *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 6, 431–43
- 2020 “Should Bitcoin Be Classified as Money?,” *Journal of Social Ontology* 6, 281–92
- 2020 “Social Entities,” *Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding*, edited by M. J. Raven, New York: Routledge, 510–20

### Edited Books

- 2024 *Facets of Reality — Contemporary Debates. Contributions of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society* (with Yannic Kappes, Julio De Rizzo, and Benjamin Schnieder)

### Book Reviews

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

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- “Pluralism and Amelioration,” in preparation for *Analysis*
- “Metaphysics of Social Objects,” in preparation for *Philosophy Compass*
- “Ameliorative Metaphysics”
- *Social Objects* (monograph)

### **TALKS & COMMENTS**

\* = keynote talk

Talk on Katharine Jenkins’s *Ontology and Oppression*

- XVIII NOMOS Meeting on Katharine Jenkins’s *Ontology and Oppression: Race, Gender, and Social Reality*, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, November 2025

Talk on social objects and functions

- Cornell Workshop on Mind and Value IV – The Metaphysics and Normativity of Functions, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, September 2025

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

- Christof Rapp’s seminar on “Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysics,” LMU, Munich, July 2025
- Aaron Cotnoir’s seminar on “Unity,” University of St Andrews, St Andrews, June 2025
- \* CEU In-House Doctoral Conference, Central European University, Vienna, November 2021
- Jennifer Wang’s 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”)

#### “Ameliorative Metaphysics”

- Workshop on the nature and methodology of social metaphysics, Arché Research Centre, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, June 2025
- Knowledge in Crisis Science and Society Meeting, Central European University, Vienna, April 2025
- 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

Panelist for discussion on Daniel Kelly’s *Somebody Should Do Something: How Anyone Can Help Create Social Change*

- Public event, FWF Knowledge in Crisis project, Vienna, April 2025

#### “Social Construction and Meta-Ground”

- Mind-Dependence Workshop, University of Oxford, Oxford, April 2025 (as “Social Construction, Meta-Grounding, and Mind-Dependence”)
- 1o Encontro de Ontologia Social e Intencionalidade Coletiva, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Online, April 2024
- Logic and Metaphysics Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, April 2024
- Colloquium on “Topics in Metaphysics,” Pacific APA Meeting, Portland, March 2024
- Workshop on “Grounding, Fundamentality, and Applied Metaphysics,” University of Vienna, Vienna, March 2023
- CEU and LFUI Philosophy Symposium, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, October 2022 (as “Is Social Construction Grounding?”)
- Philosophy and Political Science Departmental Colloquium, Technical University Dortmund, Dortmund, October 2022 (as “Is Social Construction Grounding?”)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium, Taiwan Association for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Online, July 2022 (as “Is Social Construction Grounding?”)
- Vienna Language and Mind Group, Central European University and University of Vienna, Online, November 2021 (as “Is Social Construction Grounding?”)
- 2021 Social Ontology Conference, University of California, San Diego, Online, August 2021 (as “Is Social Construction Grounding?”)

Comments on Jonathan Schaffer’s “Staging the Social”

- 2023 Social Metaphysics Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC, June 2023

Comments on David Liebesman and Ofra Magidor’s “The Metaphysics of Establishments”

- Book Manuscript Workshop on *Copredication and Property Versatility*, Banff, May 2023

“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’s “Moral Stance-Independence”

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

“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’s “Realism and Debunking about Social Kinds”

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

Comments on Hans Bernhard Schmid’s *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 Neuchâtel, 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

Comments on Tim Juvshik's "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's "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's "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, CUNY Graduate Center, 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's "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's "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**

*At CEU:*

Graduate:

Philosophy of Gender and Race	Fal 21, Wtr 23, Wtr 25
Contemporary Issues in Ontology and Social Ontology (team-taught)	Sum 23
Aristotelian Metaphysics (with István Bodnár)	Fal 22
Social Metaphysics	Wtr 22

Undergraduate:

Feminist Philosophy	Wtr 25
Social Philosophy	Wtr 23
Critical Reasoning	Fal 22
Philosophy of Social Science	Fal 21

*At UNC Chapel Hill:*

Undergraduate:

Justice, Rights, and the Common Good	Spg 21
Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	Fal 20

*At Dartmouth:*

Undergraduate:

Philosophy and Economics	Spg 18, Spg 19, Spg 20
Philosophy and Gender	Wtr 19

The Social World Fal 18  
Philosophy of Race, Gender, and Sexuality Wtr 18  
Ethics of Freedom, Paternalism, and Intervention Fal 17

*At NYU:*

Undergraduate:

Logic Fal 16, Spg 17  
Aesthetics Sum 13, Spg 17  
Philosophy of Science Sum 14

## **STUDENT ADVISING AND EXAMINING**

*At CEU:*

PhD level:

- Denis Kazankov, PhD Advisor, 2021–present
- László Koszeghy, PhD Internal Examiner, Mar 2025
- Maarten van Doorn, PhD Internal Examiner, May 2022

MA level:

- Sophia Schroth (Humboldt University of Berlin), Thesis Examiner, 2025
- Mohammadjavad Hajialikhani, Thesis Supervisor, 2024–25
- Yerlan Abulkhair, Thesis Examiner, 2023
- Ali Mousareza, Thesis Examiner, 2023
- Jooseppi Räikkönen, Thesis Supervisor, 2022–23
- Shabnam Singla, Thesis Supervisor, 2022–23
- Ayda Uzel, Thesis Supervisor, 2022–23
- Manuela Rondón Triana, Thesis Secondary Supervisor, 2022–23
- Andreas Kauderer, Thesis Examiner, 2022
- Rex Laird, Thesis Examiner, 2022
- James Luong, Thesis Supervisor, 2021–22

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

*At CEU:*

- MA Graduate Admissions Committee, Member, 2021–22, 2022–23, 2024–25
- Committee on Academic Integrity, Member, 2021–22, 2024–25
- Committee on Hosting Visitors, Member, 2024–25
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CEU Undergraduate Philosophy Essay Competition, Faculty Judge, 2021

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES**

Leadership roles:

- Founder and Co-director, ISOS Mentorship Scheme, 2022–
- Vice President, International Social Ontology Society, 2022–24
- Co-founder, Annual Social Metaphysics Workshop, 2020

Committee work:

- Steering Committee, International Social Ontology Society, 2022–26
- Nominating Committee, International Social Ontology Society, 2022
- Scientific Committee, 2022 Social Ontology Conference, 2022

Journal refereeing:

*Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy (x2), 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 (x5), Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

Conference refereeing:

11<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, 45<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium, Annual Meeting of the PPE Society (2021, 2022), Annual Social Ontology Conference (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025), Conference on Essentialism and Anti-Essentialism

Other refereeing:

Institute for Advanced Study at CEU (x3), Swiss National Science Foundation

Organizing of workshops, conferences, and other events:

- Workshop on “Grounding and Truthmaking: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,” Organizer, Central European University, Vienna, June–July 2025
- Knowledge in Crisis Social Metaphysics Workshop, Co-organizer (with Kevin Richardson), Central European University, Vienna, June 2025
- Rethinking Metaphysics Workshop, Co-organizer (with Denis Kazankov), Central European University, Vienna, March 2025
- Social Philosophy Reading Group, Co-organizer (with Emilie Pagano), Central European University, Winter 2025
- 45<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium on “Facets of Reality: Contemporary Debates,” Co-organizer (with Julio De Rizzo and Benjamin Schnieder), Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August 2024
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Metaphysics Workshop, Co-organizer (with Jonathan Schaffer and Kevin Richardson), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 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