

Dr. Tim Kraft

Areas of specialisation and competence

AOS epistemology, philosophy of language, experimental philosophy
AOC/additional (philosophy of) logic, philosophy of philosophy, history of analytic
teaching areas philosophy (esp. Wittgenstein), early modern philosophy

Education and academic positions

- Oct. 1998–May 2004 **Magister Artium (M.A.)**, philosophy (major), mathematics (minor), economics (minor), Univ. Göttingen.
Thesis (in German): *Should philosophers of language be modest? On John McDowell’s philosophy of language.*
- Aug. 2005–Apr. 2011 **Dr. phil.**, Univ. Göttingen.
Thesis (in German): *The normativity of linguistic meaning. A defence.*
- Scholarships DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service): for studying a year abroad at Univ. of St. Andrews, 2001–2002.
Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Merit Foundation): student scholarship 2001–2004, PhD scholarship 2005–2008.
- Apr. 2008–Aug. 2011 **Lecturer (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”)**, Univ. Göttingen, Prof. Dr. Christian Beyer’s group.
- Oct. 2011– **Lecturer/Assistant Professor (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”)**, Univ. Regensburg, Prof. Dr. Hans Rott’s group.

Publications

Articles

* = double-blind peer review

- *with Hans Rott*: “Was ist Nichtwissen?”, in: Gunnar Duttge (Hg.): *Das sogenannte Recht auf Nichtwissen: Normatives Fundament und anwendungspraktische Geltungskraft*. Münster: Mentis, i. V. (Ms. pp. 1–21)
- * *with Alex Wiegmann*: “Folk epistemology and epistemic closure”, in: *Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy 2* (2018), pp. 71–103.
- * “A new argument for distinguishing rejection and denial”, in: *Logique et Analyse* 239

(2017), pp. 285–299.

- * “How to read the *Tractatus* sequentially”, in: *Nordic Wittgenstein Review* 5 (2016), pp. 91–124.
- * “Epistemological disjunctivism’s genuine access problem”, in: *Theoria* 81 (2015), pp. 311–332.
- * “Defending the ignorance view of sceptical scenarios”, in: *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* 5 (2015), pp. 269–295.
- * “Transmission arguments against knowledge closure are still fallacious”, in: *Synthese* 191 (2014), pp. 2617–2632.
- * “Sceptical scenarios are not error-possibilities”, in: *Erkenntnis* 78 (2013), pp. 59–72.
- “Scepticism, infallibilism, fallibilism”, in: *Discipline Filosofiche* 22 (2012), pp. 49–70. (Special issue with papers from the European Epistemology Network meeting 2012, Bologna and Modena)
- * “Warum Wissen nicht der allgemeinste faktive mentale Zustand ist”, in: *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 83 (2011), pp. 33–66.
- “Kripkes Wittgensteins skeptische Lösung und die Metaphysik des Meinens”, in: Martin Grajner and Dolf Rami (Hg.): *Wahrheit, Bedeutung, Existenz*. Heusenstamm: Ontos, 2010, pp. 125–180.

Book reviews

- Anne Meylan: *Foundations of an ethics of belief*, in: *Zeitschrift für philosophische Literatur* 2 (2014), pp. 64–71.
- Jochen Briesen: *Skeptische Paradoxa*, in: *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 60 (2012), pp. 821–825.
- Anandi Hattiangadi: *Oughts and thoughts*, in: *European Journal of Philosophy* 17 (2009), pp. 336–341.

Encyclopaedia entries

- “Normativität der Bedeutung”, in: Nikola Kompa (ed.): *Handbuch Sprachphilosophie*. Stuttgart: Metzler, 2015, pp. 351–360.
- *with Felix Mühlhölzer*: “Hilary Putnam”, in: Julian Nida-Rümelin and Elif Özmen (eds.): *Philosophie der Gegenwart in Einzeldarstellungen*. Stuttgart: Kröner, 2007, pp. 505–517. (Reprinted in: Julian Nida-Rümelin and Elif Özmen (eds.): *Klassiker der Philosophie des 20. Jahrhunderts*. Stuttgart: Kröner, 2007, pp. 190–200.)

Work in progress ((rough) drafts available on request)

- “How (not) to respond to Putnam’s brain in a vat argument”
- “The sceptical toolkit: Yet another look at scepticism, underdetermination and closure” (in preparation)
- *with Christian Wirrwitz*: “Optimism and the value of truth” (in preparation)
- “The default & challenge conception of rule-following” (in preparation)
- “Belief and acceptance” (in preparation)

Talks (recent)

- May 2013 “Rejection and denial of epistemic principles” (in German), Univ. Duisburg-Essen
- Sep. 2013 Comment on Conor McHugh, *Doxastic freedom and normativity*, Univ. Regensburg
- Sep. 2013 “The sceptical argument according to Duncan Pritchard”, *8th Cologne summer school in philosophy: Radical scepticism (with Duncan Pritchard)*
- May 2014 “The right and the good in epistemology” (in German), *Neue Perspektiven in der Erkenntnistheorie*, Univ. Dresden
- Jun. 2014 “Is Regensburg the town at the Regen? Philosophical perspectives on proper names” (in German), *Ringvorlesung Eigennamen*, Univ. Regensburg (for non-philosophers)
- Sep. 2014 “Reconciling optimism with the value of truth: Optimism as emotional insight”, *Optimism and the value of truth*, Univ. Regensburg
- Jun. 2015 “Rejection and denial”, *Belief and Probability*, Univ. Regensburg
- Sep. 2015 with Christian Wirrwitz “Optimism and the value of truth”, *GAP.9*, Univ. Osnabrück
- Nov. 2015 “Scepticism, closure and folk epistemology”, *1st conference of the experimental philosophy group Germany*, Univ. Bochum
- June 2016 “My belief, your belief, our belief” (in German), *Social epistemology*, Univ. Cologne
- Sep. 2016 “Belief and acceptance. Cohen’s distinction revisited”, *Conceptions of belief*, Univ. Regensburg
- Sep. 2017 “Belief and acceptance”, *Attitudes in context*, Univ. Regensburg
- Nov. 2017 “Three experimental approaches to epistemic closure”, *2nd conference of the experimental philosophy group Germany*, Univ. Osnabrück
- Nov. 2017 “Kripke’s Wittgenstein and the epistemology of understanding”, *Knowledge and understanding*, Univ. Dresden
- Apr. 2018 with Jan Gertken “Strukturierte philosophische Dialoge mit Gedankenexperimenten”, *Lernen im Dialog – Möglichkeiten philosophischer Gespräche im Unterricht*, Univ. Köln & Zentrum für LehrerInnenbildung Köln
- Sep. 2018 “Knowledge, belief and the how/why-asymmetry”, *GAP.10*, Univ. Cologne
- Sep. 2018 “Nichtwissen als Entschuldigung: Können wahre Meinungen, die kein Wissen sind, entschuldigen?”, *VI. Tagung für Praktische Philosophie*, Univ. Salzburg

Oct. 2018 tba, *Suspension of Belief*, Univ. Mannheim

Oct. 2018 tba, *Research Seminar Prof. Dr. Ernst*, Univ. Erlangen

Academic service

- Workshops (co-organised) *Michael Williams and the problems of knowledge* (Graduate workshop with Michael Williams, Göttingen 2004),
Doxastic freedom and normativity (Regensburg 2013),
Optimism and the value of truth (Regensburg 2014),
Pyrrhonian scepticism and agnosticism (Regensburg 2015),
Conceptions of belief in philosophy and science (Regensburg 2016),
Attitudes in context (Regensburg 2017),
New perspectives on conditionals and reasoning (Regensburg 2018)
- Reviewer *Journals*: Acta Analytica, Analysis, Analytic Philosophy, Dialectica, Episteme, Erkenntnis, Grazer Philosophische Studien, Inquiry, Nordic Wittgenstein Review, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies, Ratio, Synthese, Theoria; *Funding agencies*: German National Merit Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation
- University service Studienberater Student advisor BA/MA philosophy, Univ. Regensburg (2012–14, 2018/19)
“Evaluationskommission Philosophie” (Univ. Regensburg, 2013–2015)
“Fakultätsrat”, elected member, Univ. Regensburg (2017–2019)

Teaching

(All courses taught in German.)

- Introductory courses *Introduction to logic* (Göttingen 2010/11, Regensburg 2012, 2013),
Introduction to theoretical philosophy (Göttingen 2008/09, 2011,
co-taught with Holger Leuz Regensburg 2018/19),
Philosophical methods (Regensburg 2013/14, 2015, 2016/17,
2017/18),
Epistemology (Göttingen 2010/11, Regensburg 2016),
Philosophy of language (Göttingen 2010),
Philosophy of mind (Regensburg 2015/16)
- Seminars in epistemology *Scepticism* (Göttingen 2008, Regensburg 2013/14),
Value of truth (Regensburg 2012),
Doxastic freedom (co-taught with Verena Wagner, Regensburg 2013),
Social epistemology (Regensburg 2015),
What I believe (Regensburg 2016/17)
- Seminars in philosophy of language *Proper names* (Regensburg 2011/12),
Rule-following (Regensburg 2012/13),
Semantic externalism (Regensburg 2014),
Advanced topics in philosophy of language (Regensburg 2016)
- Seminars in metaphilosophy *Philosophy of philosophy* (Göttingen 2011, Regensburg 2014/5),
Experimental philosophy (Regensburg 2017)
- Seminars in logic *Non-classical logic* (Göttingen 2011)
- Seminars on classical texts *Descartes: "Meditations"* (Regensburg 2011/12),
Locke: "Essay" (Regensburg 2012),
Berkeley: "Principles" (Regensburg 2012/13),
Berkeley: "Three Dialogues" (Regensburg 2017),
Hume: "Enquiry concerning Human Understanding" (Regensburg 2014),
Kant: "Critique of Pure Reason" (Regensburg 2014/15),
History of analytic philosophy: Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein (Regensburg 2017/18),
Wittgenstein: "Tractatus" (Regensburg 2015/16),
Russell: "Problems of Philosophy" (Göttingen 2009/10),
Heidegger: "Being and Time" (co-taught with Andree Hahmann, Göttingen 2009)
Wittgenstein: "Philosophical Investigations" (Regensburg 2018/19)

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