

## MICHAEL N. FORSTER: CURRICULUM VITAE

**Name:** Michael Neil Forster  
**Date of birth:** December 9, 1957  
**Place of birth:** Belfast, Northern Ireland  
**Nationality:** U.K., U.S.A., and Ireland/E.U.

### Employment:

March 2013–2020: Alexander von Humboldt Professor, Chair for Theoretical Philosophy, and Co-Director of the International Centre for Philosophy, Bonn University. [Since 2019 Bonn University has been an official “Exzellenzuniversität.”]

Visiting Professor, The University of Chicago, Law School and Department of Philosophy.

October 2008–2013: Glen A. Lloyd Distinguished Service Professor in Philosophy and the College, The University of Chicago. [Distinguished service professorships are the highest honor that The University of Chicago awards to its own faculty.]

June 1994–October 2008: Professor, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy

July 1994–July 2004: Chairman, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy

[This was the most successful period in the recent history of the Department. The following were some of our main achievements during it: (1) Faculty recruitment – the Department added at the senior level James Conant, John Haugeland, David Finkelstein, Michael Kremer, and Charles Larmore, and at the junior level Rachel Barney, Michael Green, Jason Bridges, Jonathan Beere, and Gabriel Lear. (2) Successful integration into the Department of three prominent faculty members who were initially appointed to other units – Jonathan Lear, Martha Nussbaum, and Robert Pippin. (3) Admission, recruitment, and funding of graduate students – both the size and the quality of the applicant pool improved greatly during this period, as did the acceptance rate, as did the level of funding offered (reaching the present state in which all graduate students admitted receive full tuition plus a generous stipend for 5 years). (4) Graduate student placement – during this period the Department was regularly ranked first among all philosophy departments in the nation by the *Lingua Franca* survey of graduate placement, many of our students securing tenure-

track positions in top departments such as Yale and Princeton. (5) Office improvements – during this period the Department negotiated and began a major re-location from scattered quarters in the Classics Building and other parts of the University to its present unified and otherwise improved quarters in the Stuart Building. (6) Cooperation with the Human Rights Program at The University of Chicago – this period saw the development of much closer cooperation between the Philosophy Department and the Human Rights Program, including joint hiring.]

October 1992–July 1994: Director of Graduate Studies, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy

May 1990–June 1994: Associate Professor, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy

October 1985–May 1990: Assistant Professor, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy

Autumn 1991: Visiting Associate Professor, Princeton University, Department of Philosophy

Autumn 1990: Visiting Associate Professor, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Department of Philosophy

Also shorter visiting professorships at Jena University (2010) and Huaqiao University (2019)

**Main areas of research:**

German philosophy, ancient philosophy, epistemology, philosophy of language

**Foreign languages:**

German, Ancient Greek, French, Latin, some Mandarin

**Educational institutions attended:**

1984-1985 Heidelberg University, Germany

1980-1984 Princeton University, U.S.A.

1977-1980 Magdalen College, Oxford University, England

1969-1977 The Lancaster Royal Grammar School, England

Additionally, shorter stays at the University of Vienna, Goethe Institutes in Schwäbisch-Hall and Berlin, the Heidelberger Pädagogium, and Yale University for the purpose of learning German and Ancient Greek.

**Academic qualifications:**

1987	Ph.D. (Princeton) in Philosophy (dissertation on Hegel's interpretation of and responses to skepticism)
1983	M.A. (Princeton) in Philosophy
1980	B.A. (Oxon.), First Class, in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
1975	Four "A-levels" (History, English Literature, French, General Studies)
1973	Nine "O-levels"

**Some recent honors:**

April 2015: Keynote speaker, BJHP conference at York University

June 2014: Keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Swiss Philosophical Society, St. Gallen University

June 2013: Michael Frede Memorial Lecture, University of Athens

April 2012: Alexander von Humboldt Professorship, international prize for research from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (together with a "call" to the Chair in Theoretical Philosophy and to the Co-Directorship of the International Center for Philosophy at Bonn University)

December 2011: Keynote speaker at the conference "The Problem of Language within the Context of German Idealism," The University of Brussels

July 2011: Keynote speaker at the International Summer School, Bonn University

April 2011: Keynote speaker for the 2011 graduate student conference, SUNY at Syracuse

September 2008–April 2009: Research fellowship held at the Franke Institute for the Humanities, The University of Chicago

September 2008: Keynote speaker at the meetings of the Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft in Leuven, Belgium

2008–2013: Glen A. Lloyd Distinguished Service Professorship in Philosophy and the College, The University of Chicago

2008: “Socrates’ Profession of Ignorance,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 32 (2007) selected by *The Philosopher’s Annual 2008* as one of the “ten best articles published in philosophy in 2007”

2007 University of Chicago’s Humanities Institute Lecturer, Osaka

2004 Keynote speaker, Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena

**Prizes, fellowships, honors at school and university:**

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| 1988      | Finalist for the Council of Graduate Schools Distinguished Dissertation Award (awarded for the best dissertation in the U.S.A. in the Humanities and Fine Arts) |
| 1984–1985 | D.A.A.D. Research Fellowship (awarded but not used due to alternative fellowship support)   |
| 1984–1985 | King Edward VII British-German Foundation Fellowship  |
| 1984–1985 | Mrs. Giles Whiting Fellowship from Princeton University   |
| 1980–1984 | William Alexander Fleet Fellowship held at Princeton University   |
| 1980      | Henry Wilde Prize awarded by Oxford University (for the best final examinations papers in the University in Philosophy)   |
| 1980      | Degree awarded by Oxford University with formal congratulations from the examiners (“Congratulatory First”)   |
| 1980      | The Wheldon-Burkhardt Prize for work in the humanities from Magdalen College, Oxford  |
| 1977–1980 | “Demyship” (i.e. open scholarship) held at Magdalen College, Oxford   |
| 1969–1977 | Various academic prizes in school (including best “O-levels” and best “A-level” in English Literature)  |

**Authored volumes published:**

*Herder’s Philosophy* (Oxford University Press, 2018)

*German Philosophy of Language: From Schlegel to Hegel and Beyond* (Oxford University Press, 2011; second, paperback edition 2013)

*After Herder: Philosophy of Language in the German Tradition* (Oxford University Press, 2010; second, paperback edition 2012)

*Kant and Skepticism* (Princeton University Press, 2008)

*Wittgenstein on the Arbitrariness of Grammar* (Princeton University Press, 2004)

*Herder: Philosophical Writings* (Cambridge University Press, 2002)

*Hegel's Idea of a "Phenomenology of Spirit"* (University of Chicago Press, 1998)

*Hegel and Skepticism* (Harvard University Press, 1989)

**Edited volumes published:**

*Romanticism, Philosophy, and Literature* (co-edited with Lina Steiner) (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2020)

*The Cambridge Companion to Hermeneutics* (co-edited with Kristin Gjesdal) (Cambridge University Press, 2019)

*Idealismus und Romantik in Jena: Figuren und Konzepte zwischen 1794 und 1807* (co-edited with Johannes Korngiebel and Klaus Vieweg) (Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2018)

*Studies in East European Thought*, two special issues: 70/4 (December 2018) & 71/1 (March 2019) (proceedings of 2017 conference "Russian Thinkers: Between the Revolution and Tradition") (co-edited with Marina Bykova and Lina Steiner)

*Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, two special issues: *Modes of Reasoning – East and West (I) & Modes of Reasoning – East and West (II)*, 44/1-2 (March-June 2017) (co-edited with Chung-ying Cheng and Guido Kreis)

*Oxford Handbook of German Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century* (co-edited with Kristin Gjesdal) (Oxford University Press, 2015)

*Die Bildung der Moderne* (co-edited with Michael Dreyer, Kai-Uwe Hoffmann, and Klaus Vieweg) (Francke Verlag, 2013)

*Die Aktualität der Romantik* (co-edited with Klaus Vieweg) (LIT Verlag, 2012)

### Articles published:

- “Romanticism and *The Birth of Tragedy*,” in *Romanticism, Philosophy, and Literature*, ed. Michael N. Forster and Lina Steiner (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2020)
- “Philosophy, History of Philosophy, and Historicism,” in *Doing Humanities in Nineteenth-century Germany*, ed. Efraim Podoksik (Brill, 2020)
- “The Origin and Character of Hegel’s Concept of *Geist*,” in *Hegel’s Philosophy of Spirit*, ed. Marina F. Bykova (Cambridge University Press, 2019)
- “Imagination and Interpretation: Herder’s Concept of *Einfühlung*,” in *The Imagination in German Idealism and Romanticism*, ed. Gerad Gentry and Konstantin Pollok (Cambridge University Press, 2019)
- “Dilthey’s Importance for Hermeneutics,” in *Interpreting Dilthey*, ed. Eric S. Nelson (Cambridge University Press, 2019)
- “Nietzsche on Free Will,” in *The New Cambridge Companion to Nietzsche*, ed. Tom Stern (Cambridge University Press, 2019)
- “Hermeneutics: Francophone Approaches,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Hermeneutics*, ed. Michael N. Forster and Kristin Gjesdal (Cambridge University Press, 2019)
- “Critique,” in *The Bonn Handbook of Globality*, ed. L. Kühnhardt and T. Mayer (Springer Verlag, 2019)
- “Friedrich Schlegel and Hegel,” in *Idealismus und Romantik in Jena: Figuren und Konzepte zwischen 1794 und 1807*, ed. Michael N. Forster, Johannes Korngiebel, and Klaus Vieweg (Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2018)
- “August Wilhelm Schlegel and Hegel on Art,” in *Zeitschrift für deutsche Philologie*, Band 137, Sonderheft (2018)
- “Free Will in Antiquity and in Kant,” in *Metaphysics of Freedom? Kant’s Concept of Cosmological Freedom in Historical and Systematic Perspective*, ed. Christian H. Krijnen (Brill, 2018)
- “Homeric Contributions to Skepticism,” in *Skepticism: Historical and Contemporary Inquiries*, ed. G.A. Bruno and A.C. Rutherford (Routledge, 2018)
- “Forms of Reasoning in Western and Chinese Philosophy,” in *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 44/1-2, 2017
- Review of Eugenio Coseriu, *Geschichte der Sprachphilosophie*, vols. 1 and 2, in *Historiographia Linguistica* 44/1 (2017)
- “Anaximander’s thesis that *to apeiron* is the *archê*,” in *Welt und Unendlichkeit*, ed. Markus Gabriel, Csaba Olay, and Sebastian Ostritsch (Karl Alber, 2017)

- “The Autonomy of Grammar,” in *A Companion to Wittgenstein*, ed. H.-J. Glock and J. Hyman (Wiley-Blackwell, 2017)
- “Herder and Human Rights,” in *Herder: Philosophy and Anthropology*, ed. A. Waldow and N. DeSouza (Oxford University Press, 2017)
- “Kritik,” in *Bonner Enzyklopädie der Globalität*, ed. L. Kühnhardt and T. Mayer (Springer Verlag, 2017).
- “Kants transzendentaler Idealismus. Das Argument hinsichtlich des Raumes und der Geometrie,” in *Raum erfahren*, ed. D. Espinet, T. Keilung, and N. Mirkovic (Mohr Siebeck, 2017)
- “Nietzsche on Morality as a ‘Sign Language of the Affects,’” in *Inquiry* 60/1-2 (2017)
- “Historicizing Genre: The German Romantic Rethinking of Ancient Tragedy,” in *Historisierung. Begriff – Geschichte – Praxisfelder*, ed. M. Baumstark and R. Forkel (J.B. Metzler, 2016)
- Review of Charles Taylor, *The Language Animal*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2016)
- “Romanticism,” in *Debates in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Philosophy*, ed. Kristin Gjesdal (Routledge, 2016)
- “Ein Anfang der Metaphysik. Parmenides über den Widerspruch und das Paradoxon des Nichtseins,” in *Das neue Bedürfnis nach Metaphysik. The New Desire for Metaphysics*, ed. M. Gabriel, W. Högbebe, and A. Speer (de Gruyter, 2015)
- “Dogmatism, Skepticism, Criticism, and Toleration”, in *Studia philosophica* 74 (2015)
- “Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?” in *From Hegel to Windelband: Historiography of Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. G. Hartung and V. Pluder (de Gruyter, 2015)
- “Eine Revolution in der Philosophie der Sprache, der Linguistik, der Hermeneutik und der Übersetzungstheorie im späten 18. und frühen 19. Jahrhundert: deutsche und französische Beiträge,” in *Friedrich Schleiermacher and the Question of Translation, 1813-2013*, ed. L. Cercel and A. Serban (de Gruyter, 2015)
- Review of *The Impact of Idealism*, vol. 1, ed. N. Boyle, L. Disley, K. Ameriks, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2015) (online)
- “Ideology,” in *Oxford Handbook of German Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. M.N. Forster and K. Gjesdal (Oxford University Press, 2015)
- “Herder’s Doctrine of Meaning as Use,” in *Linguistic Meaning: New Essays in the History of Philosophy of Language*, ed. M. Cameron and R. Stainton (Oxford University Press, 2015)
- “Protagoras’ Bildungstheorie im Rahmen seiner theoretischen Philosophie,” proceedings of a conference on Werner Jaeger held at Krickenberg Castle in 2014 (2015, available online on a webpage created by the conference organizers: <https://vvv-lobberich.de>)
- “Schelling and Skepticism,” in *Interpreting Schelling*, ed. L. Ostaric (Cambridge University Press, 2014)

- “Romanticism and Language,” in *The Relevance of Romanticism*, ed. D. Nassar (Oxford University Press, 2014)
- “Humboldts Bildungsideal und sein Modell der Universität,” in *Die Bildung der Moderne*, ed. M. Dreyer, M.N. Forster, K.-U. Hoffmann, and K. Vieweg (Francke Verlag, 2013)
- Review of Frederick C. Beiser, *The German Historicist Tradition*, in *Mind*, 122/485 (2013)
- “Hypothesis in Natural Science and Interpretation,” in *Naturalistische Hermeneutik: Zum Stand der Debatte*, ed. L.C. Madonna (Königshausen und Neumann, 2013)
- “Dilthey’s Significance for Hermeneutics,” *Mythos-Magazin*, May 2012 (online)
- “History of Philosophy,” in *Cambridge History of Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. Allen W. Wood and Susan Hahn (Cambridge University Press, 2012)
- “Language,” in *Cambridge History of Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. Allen W. Wood and Susan Hahn (Cambridge University Press, 2012) (Also available in M.N. Forster, *German Philosophy of Language: From Schlegel to Hegel and Beyond*.)
- “Herder and Spinoza,” in *Spinoza and German Idealism*, ed. E. Förster and Y. Melamed (Cambridge University Press, 2012)
- “Kant’s Philosophy of Language?” in *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*, 74/3 (2012) (Also available in *The Linguistic Dimension of Kant’s Thought*, ed. F. Schalow und R. Velkley [Northwestern University Press, 2014].)
- “Herders Beitrag zur Entstehung der Idee *romantisch*,” in *Die Aktualität der Romantik*, ed. M.N. Forster and K. Vieweg (LIT Verlag, 2012)
- “Bildung bei Herder und seinen Nachfolgern,” in *Bildung und Freiheit: Ein vergessener Zusammenhang*, ed. K. Vieweg and M. Winkler (Schöningh Verlag, 2012)
- “Hat jede wahre Philosophie eine skeptische Seite?” in *Skeptizismus und Metaphysik = Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, Sonderband 28, ed. M. Gabriel (Akademie Verlag, 2012). (An English-language version of this article, from which the printed version was translated, is available on web page. It is somewhat more reliable than the version in German.)
- “Hermeneutik und Tiere,” in *Natur und Geist. Über ihre evolutionäre Verhältnisbestimmung*, ed. C. Tewes and K. Vieweg (Akademie Verlag, 2011)
- “Genealogy and Morality,” in *American Dialectic*, 1/3 (2011) (online)
- “Concluding Overview,” in *Interdisciplinary Anthropology*, ed. Wolfgang Welsch et al. (Springer Verlag, 2011) (co-authored with Wolfgang Welsch)
- “Schlegel and Hegel on Skepticism and Philosophy,” in *Die Begründung der Philosophie im Deutschen Idealismus*, ed. E. Ficara (Königshausen und Neumann, 2011)



- “Gadamer’s Hermeneutics: A Critical Appraisal,” in *Mythos-Magazin*, July 2011 (online) (Also available in the *Yearbook of Philosophical Hermeneutics*, 5/2012, “50 Jahre Wahrheit und Methode.”)
- “Herder on Interpretation and Imagination,” in *Inventions of the Imagination*, ed. R.T. Gray et al. (University of Washington Press, 2011)
- “Genealogy,” in *American Dialectic*, 1/2 (2011) (online)
- “Ursprung und Wesen des Hegelschen Geistbegriffs,” in *Hegel-Jahrbuch* (2011)
- “Wittgenstein on Family Resemblance Concepts,” in *Wittgenstein’s Philosophical Investigations: A Critical Guide*, ed. A. Ahmed (Cambridge University Press, 2010)
- “Die Bewegung des Begriffs,” in *Der blaue Reiter*, 29 (2010) (co-authored with Claudia Wirsing)
- “A Wittgensteinian Anti-Platonism,” in *The Harvard Review of Philosophy*, 15 (2009)
- “Hegel and Hermeneutics,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel and Nineteenth-Century Philosophy*, ed. Frederick C. Beiser (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- “Das geistige Tierreich,” in *Hegels Phänomenologie des Geistes*, ed. K. Vieweg and W. Welsch (Suhrkamp Verlag, 2008)
- “Hermeneutics,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Continental Philosophy*, ed. B. Leiter and M. Rosen (Oxford University Press, 2008) (Also available in M.N. Forster, *German Philosophy of Language: From Schlegel to Hegel and Beyond*.)
- “Menschen und andere Tiere,” in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, Heft 5 (2007)
- “Herder’s Importance as a Philosopher,” in *Von der Logik zur Sprache*, ed. R. Bubner and G. Hindrichs (Klett-Cotta, 2007) (Also available in M.N. Forster, *After Herder: Philosophy of Language in the German Tradition*.)
- “Socrates’ Profession of Ignorance,” in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 32 (2007) (This article was selected by *The Philosopher’s Annual 2008* as one of the “ten best articles published in philosophy in 2007.”)
- “Socrates’ Demand for Definitions,” in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 31 (2006)
- “Socratic Refutation,” in *Rhizai*, 3/1 (2006)
- “Wittgenstein on Alternative Concepts and Grammars, and the Problem of Access,” in *Internationale Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, 14/2 (2005)
- “Herder,” in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition, ed. D.M. Borchert (Macmillan, 2005)
- “Hegelian vs. Kantian Interpretations of Pyrrhonism: Revolution or Reaction?” in *Kritisches Jahrbuch der Philosophie*, 10 (2005)
- “Kant and Skepticism,” in *Kritisches Jahrbuch der Philosophie*, 10 (2005)

“Schleiermacher’s Hermeneutics: Some Problems and Solutions,” in *The Harvard Review of Philosophy* (July, 2005) (Also available in *The Space of Love and Garbage And Other Essays from ‘The Harvard Review of Philosophy,’* ed. S.P. Upham [Open Court Press, 2008], and in M.N. Forster, *After Herder: Philosophy of Language in the German Tradition.*)

“The Liberal Temper in Classical German Philosophy: Freedom of Thought and Expression,” in *Internationales Jahrbuch des Deutschen Idealismus / International Yearbook of German Idealism* (2004) (Also available in M.N. Forster, *After Herder: Philosophy of Language in the German Tradition.*)

“Gods, Animals, and Artists: Some Problem Cases in Herder’s Philosophy of Language,” in *Inquiry* (March, 2003) (Also available in M.N. Forster, *After Herder: Philosophy of Language in the German Tradition.*)

“Hegel and Some (Near) Contemporaries: Narrow or Broad Expressivism?” in *Das Interesse des Denkens: Hegel aus heutiger Sicht*, ed. K. Vieweg and W. Welsch (Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2003) (Also available in M.N. Forster, *German Philosophy of Language: From Schlegel to Hegel and Beyond.*)

“Herder’s Philosophy of Language, Interpretation, and Translation: Three Fundamental Principles,” in *The Review of Metaphysics* (December, 2002) (Also available in M.N. Forster, *After Herder: Philosophy of Language in the German Tradition.*)

“Schleiermacher,” in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (online; 2002; substantially expanded and revised version 2017)

“Herder,” in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (online; originally 2001, substantially expanded and revised version 2007; further substantially expanded and revised version 2017)

“On the Very Idea of Denying the Existence of Radically Different Conceptual Schemes,” in *Inquiry* (June, 1998)

“Hegel on the Superiority of Ancient over Modern Skepticism,” in *Skeptizismus und spekulatives Denken in der Philosophie Hegels*, ed. Hans-Friedrich Fulda (Klett-Cotta, 1996)

“Hegel’s Dialectical Method,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel*, ed. Frederick C. Beiser (Cambridge University Press, 1993)

**Forthcoming authored or edited volumes:**

*After Wittgenstein: Essays on Modern Philosophy of Language* (Oxford University Press)

*Palgrave Companion to Russian Thought* (co-editor with Marina Bykova and Lina Steiner) (Palgrave-Macmillan)

### **Forthcoming articles:**

“Afterword: Russian Thought and *Russian Thinkers*,” in the *Palgrave Companion to Russian Thought*, ed. Marina Bykova, Michael Forster, and Lina Steiner (Palgrave-Macmillan)

“Nietzsche: Three Genealogies of Christianity,” in the proceedings of a conference on Nietzsche and the Greeks held at Naumburg in 2016

“Goethe et Hegel: *Faust et la Phénoménologie de l’esprit*,” in the proceedings of a conference held at the Château de Cérisy, Normandy in 2018 on “Goethe: l’actualité d’un inactuel,” ed. Christoph König and Denis Thouard

“L’herméneutique de Friedrich Schlegel,” in the proceedings of a conference held at the University of Poitiers in 2017 on Romanticism, ed. Giulia Valpione

“Les origines de la théorie de la traduction défamiliarisante chez d’Alembert, Abbt, Herder et Schleiermacher,” in a volume on the philosophy of translation based on a conference on translation held at the University of Paris, Nanterre in 2017, ed. Christian Berner and Tatiana Millaressi

“German Philosophy of Language Before Kant,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Eighteenth-Century German Philosophy*, ed. Frederick C. Beiser and Brandon Look (Oxford University Press)

“Skepticism,” in *The Cambridge Kant Lexicon*, ed. J. Wuerth (Cambridge University Press)

“Language,” in *The Cambridge Kant Lexicon*, ed. J. Wuerth (Cambridge University Press)

“Skepticism about Logic in Germany around the Turn of the Nineteenth Century,” in the *Palgrave Handbook of German Idealism and Analytic Philosophy*, ed. James Conant and Jonas Held (Palgrave-Macmillan)

“Nietzsche’s Centaurs: Synthesizing Philosophy, Science, and Art,” in *Nietzsche and Literary Studies*, ed. James Porter (Cambridge University Press)

“Proust and the Legacy of German Romanticism,” in a volume on Proust in the series Routledge Philosophical Minds, ed. Tom Stern (Routledge)

“The Humboldt Brothers and the Birth of Modern Linguistics,” in the proceedings of a Humboldt-Kolleg on Alexander von Humboldt held in Moscow in December, 2019

“Hermeneutics and the Variability of the Concept of Meaning, or Why Accurate Interpretation is Even More Difficult Than You Probably Realized,” in the proceedings of a Ringvorlesung organized by Günter Figal at Freiburg University

“Goethe and Hegel: *Faust and the Phenomenology*,” in *Aesthetics and Idealism in the Age of Goethe*, ed. C. Flodin, G. Gentry, and M. Pirholt (probably OUP)

“Les frères Humboldt et les idéaux de la Révolution Française,” in *Lumières* (2021)

### **Papers/talks delivered:**

February 2020, lecture at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, in the context of a conference on politics and hermeneutics in Spinoza and German philosophy, “Spinoza’s Politics and Hermeneutics in 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-Century German Thought”: “Spinoza and Herder on Hermeneutics and Politics”

January 2020, lecture at the École normale supérieure, Paris, in the context of a conference on the topic “Der Fremde / L’étranger” held at the University of Paris, Nanterre and the École normale supérieure: “L’étranger et la naissance de l’anthropologie”

December 2019, lecture at the Research Center for Chinese Cultural Subjectivity in Taiwan of the National Chengchi University in the context of a conference on the aesthetics of Chinese landscape painting, “Chinese Aesthetics and the Art of Landscape Painting”: “Art and Individuality: The Case of China”

December 2019, lecture in the context of a conference sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at the Lomonosov University, Moscow with the title “Humboldt-Kolleg. Interactive cosmos ‘Russia – Europe’. Alexander von Humboldt and Wilhelm von Humboldt for Modern Russia”: “The Humboldt Brothers and the Birth of Modern Linguistics”

November 2019, lecture at a conference at Bielefeld University mark the fiftieth year since its founding, “The Theoretical University in the Digital Age”: “Wilhelm von Humboldts Modell der Universität im digitalen Zeitalter” (available online)

October 2019, lecture in the context of a conference on Alexander von Humboldt, “Alexander von Humboldt im Kontext,” held at Bonn University: “Gentle Revolutionaries: die Gebrüder Humboldt und die Ideale der Französischen Revolution”

July 2019, multiple lectures on hermeneutics in the context of our Bonn Summer School on German Philosophy, for which the topic this year was hermeneutics

June 2019, lecture at the Sorbonne, Paris as part of a conference on Voltaire and German philosophy held at the Logis du roi, Amiens and the Sorbonne in Paris with the title “Journées Voltaire 2019”: “Voltaire et Herder”

May 2019, lecture at the École normale supérieure as part of a conference on the theme “Langues, textes, oeuvres: culture et décentrement”: “La traduction défamiliarisante et le chinois”

May 2019, lecture at the Sorbonne, Paris for the “Séminaire Wittgenstein 2018–2019”: “Réflexions sur Wittgenstein et l’historisme”

March 2019, lecture at Fudan University, Shanghai, Department of Philosophy: “The Origin and Character of Hegel’s Concept of *Geist*”

March 2019, nine lectures/public talks delivered at Huaqiao University in Xiamen, Department of Philosophy, on Romanticism, hermeneutics, and meta-ethics East and West

February 2019, four seminars given at the Law School of The University of Chicago on Nietzsche and the Greeks

February 2019, Forschungskonferenz der Philosophischen Fakultät at Bonn University: “Genealogien der Moral: die Rolle von Sklaverei und Unterdrückung”

November 2018, conference at Melbourne University on exclusivity and inclusivity in ancient Greece and early China: “Skepticism in Ancient China and Ancient Greece: Zhuangze and the Pyrrhonists”

October 2018, conference at the University of Paris, Nanterre on “Europe and cosmopolitanism, between the Enlightenment and Romanticism”: “Lumières et romantiques: deux variétés de cosmopolitisme moral”

September 2018, Ischia International Festival of Philosophy: “Interpretation and Imagination: Herder’s Concept of *Einführung*”

September 2018, DAAD-sponsored conference at Mainz and Cologne on conceptions of unity in German philosophy: “The Legacy of Spinoza’s Monism in German Romanticism and Idealism”

August 2018, conference at the Château de Cérisy, Normandy on “Goethe: l’actualité d’un inactuel”: “Goethe et Hegel: *Faust et la Phénoménologie de l’esprit*”

July 2018, lecture at the International Centre for Philosophy NRW – CNRS workshop “Sense and Sensibility”: “Herder’s Concept of *Einführung*”

June 2018, lecture at the Kant Prize ceremony of the Philosophy Department at Bonn University: “Überlegungen zur Moralphilosophie”

June 2018, lecture at conference “Ludwig Wittgenstein: Ethics and Aesthetics”: “Wittgensteinian Approaches to Naturalizing Moral Objectivity”

March 2018, conference “Tragedy: Ancient and Modern” at the University of Oslo: “Plato and Aristotle on the Nature of Tragedy”

March 2018, University of Chicago mini-conference on Romanticism and Realism with Françoise Meltzer, Larry Norman, and Thomas Pavel: “The Realism of Romantic Hermeneutics”

February 2018, lecture at Northwestern University Philosophy Department: “The Origin and Character of Hegel’s Concept of *Geist*”

February 2018, University of Chicago Law School conference on new directions in Marxist philosophy: “Marx’s Critique of Religion”

December 2017, conference “Aesthetic Thinking: Philosophy and Art in Dialogue” organized by the International Centre for Philosophy, NRW in the Kunstmuseum, Bonn: “Does Art Think Beyond Language?”

November 2017, conference “Practical Philosophy East and West” at Aarhus University, Denmark: “Meta-ethics East and West”

October 2017, conference on Romanticism at the University of Poitiers, France:  
“L’herméneutique de Friedrich Schlegel”

October 2017, Podiumsdiskussion “Schutz durch Bildung? Humboldts Bildungsideal im digitalen Zeitalter,” Humboldt Forum, Berlin

October 2017, Humboldt-Kolleg “The Idea of an Idea,” Istanbul University, Turkey:  
“Hermeneutics and the Variability of the Concept of an Idea”

August 2017, summer school on philosophy and anthropology organized by King’s College, London at Renmin University in Beijing. 5 lectures delivered: “The Herderian Tradition’s Revolution in Philosophy of Language, Hermeneutics, Translation Theory, and Linguistics”; “Herder and the Birth of Anthropology”; “Völkerpsychologie”; “Franz Boas”; and “Bronislaw Malinowski”

June 2017, Ringvorlesung organized by the Lehrstuhl of Günter Figal at Freiburg University:  
“Hermeneutics and the Variability of the Concept of Meaning, or Why Accurate Interpretation is Even More Difficult Than You Probably Realized”

June 2017, conference “Free Will in Historical and Cultural Perspective” at Bonn University:  
“Towards a Genealogy of the Idea of Free Will”

June 2017, conference on autonomy at Bonn University: “Kant’s Theory of Free Will in Historical Perspective”

June 2017, conference on “Humankind and Humanity in the Philosophy of the Enlightenment” at LMU in Munich: “Herder on Humanity”

May 2017, conference “August Wilhelm Schlegel und die Philologien” at Bonn University:  
“August Wilhelm Schlegel and Hegel on Art”

April 2017, conference on translation at Nanterre University, Paris, section “Traductologie et traduction en sciences humaines”: “Les origines de la théorie de la traduction défamiliarisante chez d’Alembert, Abbt, Herder et Schleiermacher”

April 2017, conference on hermeneutics at Bonn University in preparation for the *Cambridge Companion to Hermeneutics*: “Francophone Contributions to Hermeneutics”

March 2017, Humboldt-Kolleg on Kant and free will at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam: “The Ancient Origins and the Modern Consequences of the Idea of Free Will”

March 2017, conference on German Idealism and German Romanticism at Jena University:  
“Friedrich Schlegel and Hegel”

March 2017, mini-conference on A.W. Schlegel at the University of Chicago: “The German Romantic Rethinking of Ancient Tragedy”

February 2017, lecture at a Humboldt-Kolleg on the academic disciplines in Germany in the nineteenth century held at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem: “Philosophy, History of Philosophy, and Historicism”

December 2016, talk for the Philosophy Department at Istanbul University, Turkey: “Herder’s Philosophy of Language”

December 2016, talk for the Philosophy Department at Boisiygy University, Istanbul: “Herder”

December 2016, conference on Nietzsche and the Greeks at the Nietzsche-Dokumentationszentrum in Naumburg: “Nietzsche: Three Genealogies of Christianity”

October 2016, Greek-Turkish Humboldt-Kolleg at the University of Thessaloniki: “Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?”

October 2016, conference on philosophy and the history of philosophy at Bonn University: “Some Reflections on Western and Non-Western Philosophy”

September 2016, conference of the Nietzsche Gesellschaft at the Nietzsche Dokumentationszentrum, Naumburg, plenary lecture: “Nietzsche on Morality as a ‘Sign Language of the Affects’”

September 2016, conference on P.I. Novgorodtsev at the Department of Philosophy of the Lomonossov University, Moscow: “Herder and Human Rights”

September 2016, lecture at the Department of Philosophy of the Lomonossov University, Moscow: “*Einführung* und Interpretation”

September 2016, lecture at the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow: “Genealogy and Morality”

July 2016, conference on “Understanding, Knowledge, and Truth” at Renmin University, Beijing: “Skepticism in Western and Chinese Philosophy”

July 2016, conference on “Theorien, Modelle und Simulationen” at Bonn University: “Naturalismus”

June 2016, inaugural conference of The International Society for Nietzsche Studies, held at Bonn University: “Nietzsche on Morality as a ‘Sign Language of the Affects’”

June 2016, DAAD-sponsored conference on unity at Cambridge University, Department of Philosophy: “The Unity of Language? The Emergence and Prospects of Semantic Holism”

June 2016, conference on empathy at the Paris Center of The University of Chicago: “*Einführung* and Interpretation”

May 2016 workshop on the history of post-Kantian Logic at McMasters University, Canada: “Hegel on Skepticism about Logic and the Need for a New Logic”

May 2016, lecture for Oxford University, Department of Philosophy: “Historicizing Genre: The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy”

April 2016, workshop on Nietzsche’s *The Birth of Tragedy* at Temple University, Philadelphia: “Romanticism and *The Birth of Tragedy*”

December 2015, Ringvorlesung at the Institut français, Bonn: “Aufklärung und Sprache. Eine Revolution in der Sprachtheorie im 18. Jahrhundert”

November 2015, conference “Welt und Unendlichkeit” at Bonn University: “Anaximander’s Thesis that *to apeiron* is the *archê*”

October 2015, lecture for the Nietzsche Forum, Birkbeck College, University of London: “Genealogy and Morality”

September 2015, lecture at the Toulouse University journée d’études: “Eine Revolution in der Philosophie der Sprache, der Linguistik, der Hermeneutik und der Übersetzungstheorie im späten 18. und frühen 19. Jahrhundert: deutsche und französische Beiträge”

July 2015, conference “Wozu Literatur-(wissenschaft)?” at Bonn University: “Why Philosophers Can Learn By Taking Literature Seriously”

July 2015, conference “Modes of Reasoning – East and West” at Bonn University: “Forms of Reasoning in Western and Chinese Philosophy”

June 2015, conference “Raum erfahren” at Freiburg University: “Kants transzendentaler Idealismus. Das Argument hinsichtlich des Raumes und der Geometrie”

May 2015, presentation at the Wissenschaftszentrum, Bonn: “Unsere Globalisierungsstrategie im Internationalen Zentrum für Philosophie NRW”

April 2015, conference of the *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* held at York University, keynote lecture: “Dogmatism, Skepticism, Criticism, and Toleration”

March 2015, conference “Romanticism: Philosophy, Literature, and Music” at Bonn University: “Historicizing Genre: The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy”

January 2015, workshop on “Logic after Kant” at McMasters University, Canada: “Skepticism about Logic after Kant”

December 2014, conference on “The Coherence of Relativism” at Bonn University: “Protagoras’s Relativism”

December 2014, podium discussion on the European languages held at the Institut français, Bonn: „Das Problem der Sprachen im Rahmen des Internationalen Zentrums für Philosophie NRW“

November 2014, conference on “Skeptical Solutions” at Bonn University: “The Homeric Contribution to Skepticism”

October 2014, conference on “Global Philosophy?” at the University of California, Berkeley: “Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?”

September 2014, conference on Werner Jaeger at Krickenbeck Castle: “Protagoras’ Bildungstheorie im Rahmen seiner theoretischen Philosophie” (available online)



September 2014, conference on concepts of Reason at the Chinese University of Hong Kong: “Parmenides on Contradiction and the Paradox of Non-being”

June 2014, symposium of the Swiss Philosophical Society at St. Gallen University, Switzerland, keynote address: “Criticism, Skepticism, Toleration”

May 2014, lecture series on “Historisierung” at Halle University: Comment on F.C. Beiser, “Historicization and Historicism”

May 2014, lecture at the Humboldt University, Berlin, Department of Philosophy: “Historicizing Genre: Voltaire, Herder, the Schlegel Brothers, and Boeckh”

April 2014, lecture series on “Historisierung” at Halle University: “Historicizing Genre: Voltaire, Herder, the Schlegel Brothers, and Boeckh”

November 2013, lecture for the Bildakt-Kolleg of the Humboldt University in Berlin: “Herder und Hegel über Kunst und Sprache”

November 2013, interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, “The Philosopher’s Zone” (for broadcast and podcast at a later date)

November 2013, lecture in the “Sydney Ideas” series at Sydney University: “Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?”

November 2013, conference on the history of anthropology at Sydney University, Department of Philosophy: “Herder on Anthropology and Human Rights”

October 2013, conference on Schelling at Temple University, Department of Philosophy: “Schelling and Skepticism”

September 2013, conference “Die Facetten der Philosophiegeschichtsschreibung im 19. Jahrhundert” at Wuppertal University: “Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?”

June 2013, Michael Frede Memorial Lecture, University of Athens, Department of History and Philosophy of Science: “The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy”

June 2013, lecture at a conference on Herder held at the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin: “Herder and Human Rights”

June 2013, lecture for the Rotary Club, Bonn: “Humboldt und Chicago”

May 2013, lecture for the Institute of Philosophy, Warsaw University: “Eine Revolution in der Philosophie der Sprache, der Linguistik, der Hermeneutik und der Übersetzungstheorie im späten 18. und frühen 19. Jahrhundert: deutsche und französische Beiträge”

May 2013, lecture for the Institute of Philosophy, Warsaw University: “The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy”

November 2012, lecture for the centre Eikones in Basel: “Between Tradition and Subversion: Athenian Culture in General and Tragedy in Particular”

November 2012, lecture for the centre Eikones in Basel: “Plato and Aristotle on the Nature of Tragedy”

November 2012, lecture for the centre Eikones in Basel: “The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy”

October 2012, lecture at the Humboldt-Stiftung Preisträgerforum, Bonn: “A Beginning of Metaphysics: Parmenides on Contradiction and the Paradox of Not-Being”

September 2012, presentation at a conference held by The Nida Institute of the American Bible Society, New York: “Remarks on Lawrence Venuti, ‘Genealogies of Translation Theory: Locke and Schleiermacher’”

September 2012, lecture at Toulouse University, Department of Philosophy: “Eine Revolution in der Philosophie der Sprache, der Linguistik, der Hermeneutik und der Übersetzungstheorie im späten 18. und frühen 19. Jahrhundert: deutsche und französische Beiträge”

June 2012, conference “Linguistic Meaning: History of the Philosophy of Language” at the University of Western Ontario, Canada: “Kant’s Philosophy of Language?”

June 2012, conference “Linguistic Meaning: History of the Philosophy of Language” at the University of Western Ontario, Canada: “Herder’s Doctrine of Meaning as Use”

May 2012, conference “Skepticism and Politics in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries” at UCLA: “Skepticism and Toleration”

December 2011, conference “The Problem of Language within the Context of German Idealism” at The University of Brussels, keynote address: “Herder’s Doctrine of Meaning as Use”

December 2011, lecture for The University of Leuven, Belgium, Department of Philosophy: “Kant’s Philosophy of Language?”

December 2011, conference “Bildung der Moderne” at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: “Humboldts Bildungsideal und sein Modell der Universität”

November 2011, conference “Concepts of *Bildung* around 1800 and Wilhelm von Humboldt’s Idea of the University” at The University of Chicago: “Humboldt’s Ideal of *Bildung* and His Model of the Modern University”

July 2011, conference on “Die Aktualität der Romantik” at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena: “Herders Beitrag zur Entstehung des Begriffs *romantisch*”

July 2011, Bonn University, International Summer School, keynote address: “Why Hegel’s Subjective Logic is Philosophically Interesting”

May 2011, annual meeting of the American Friends of the German Literary Archive Marbach held at The University of Chicago: “The German Tradition in the Philosophy of Language and Its Importance Today”

April 2011, lecture at Bonn University, Department of Philosophy: “Skeptische Zweifel an der Logik in der deutschen Philosophie um 1800”

April 2011, graduate student conference at the State University of New York at Syracuse, keynote address: “Skepticism about Logic in Germany around the Turn of the Nineteenth Century”

February 2011, interdisciplinary conference “The Actuality of Romanticism” at Monash University, Australia: “Schlegel and Hegel on the Law of Contradiction”

February 2011, lecture at University of Melbourne, Australia, Department of Philosophy: “Does Every Genuine Philosophy Have a Skeptical Side?”

January 2011, presentation at a symposium on Mark Johnston’s *Saving God and Surviving Death* held at Princeton University, Department of Philosophy: “Mark Johnston’s *Surviving Death*”

November 2010, “Modern Philosophy Conference” held at New York University, Department of Philosophy: “Comments on Pirmin Stekeler-Weithofer, ‘Reality as a Modal Notion’”

October 2010, conference “50 Years *Truth and Method*” organized by the University of Rome Tor Vergata and the Italian Institute of German Studies: “Gadamer’s Hermeneutics: A Critical Appraisal”

September 2010, conference on “Bildung” at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena: “*Bildung* bei Herder und seinen Nachfolgern: Drei Begriffe”

May 2010, conference on Herder across the disciplines held at Oslo University: “Herder and Spinoza”

May 2010, conference on Spinoza and German philosophy held at Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy: “Herder and Spinoza”

February 2010, talk at Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: “Hegels ‘Das geistige Tierreich’ und Goethes ‘Reineke Fuchs’”

February 2010, lectures at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy on German philosophy of language, hermeneutics, and translation-theory in the context of an intensive course taught by myself and Klaus Vieweg

December 2009, conference on “The Continuity of Evolution and the Special Character of the Human” at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena: “Concluding Comments”

October 2009, lecture at Notre Dame University, Department of Philosophy: “Kant’s Philosophy of Language?”

October 2009, conference on naturalistic approaches to ethics held at The University of Chicago, Law School: “Genealogy and Morality”

April 2009, Visiting Scholar Lecture delivered at James Madison University, Department of Foreign Languages: “Herder, Schleiermacher, and the Birth of Foreignizing Translation”

October 2008, lecture at the Franke Institute for the Humanities, The University of Chicago: “Hermeneutics”

September 2008, meeting of the Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft held in Leuven, Belgium, keynote address: “Ursprung und Wesen des Hegelschen Geistbegriffs”

April 2008, conference on hermeneutics held at Temple University, Department of Philosophy: “Herder, Schleiermacher, and the Birth of Foreignizing Translation”

March 2008, lecture at Marquette University, Department of Philosophy: “Does Every Genuine Philosophy Have a Skeptical Side?”

February 2008, lecture at University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy: “Does Every Genuine Philosophy Have a Skeptical Side?”

January 2008, conference “Metaphysics and Skepticism” at Heidelberg University, Germany, Department of Philosophy: “Does Every Genuine Philosophy Have a Skeptical Side?”

September 2007, three lectures delivered at the Humanities Institute Osaka in Japan as the Humanities Institute Lecturer for 2007 on the subject: “Philosophy of Language, Interpretation, and Translation”

May 2007, conference on “Inventions of the Imagination” at The University of Washington, Seattle: “Herder’s Importance as a Philosopher”

April 2007, lecture for The University of Chicago, Philosophy of Religion Club: “Herder’s Importance as a Philosopher”

April 2007, presentation at the Central Division APA: “Response to Paul Franks, *All or Nothing*”

March 2007, international symposium “Gestalten des Bewusstseins. Genealogisches Denken im Kontext Hegels” at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of the Sciences, Berlin: “Phänomenologie als Genealogie”

January 2007, lecture for The University of Chicago, Social Sciences Workshop: “Herder and the Birth of Modern Anthropology”

October 2006, conference on Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit* held at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: “Das geistige Tierreich”

May 2006, conference on Herder and anthropology held at Oslo University, Norway: “Herder and the Birth of Modern Anthropology”

April 2006, seminar in the series “New York University Seminars on Mind and Language” at New York University, Department of Philosophy: “Kant, Hegel, and Skepticism”

May 2005, meeting of the Internationale Hegel-Vereinigung held in Stuttgart, Germany: “Hegel and Hermeneutics”

April 2005, lecture for The University of Chicago, Wittgenstein Workshop: “A Wittgensteinian Anti-Platonism”

February 2005, lecture at the National Technical University, Athens, Greece: “Socratic Refutation”

February 2005, lecture at Anatolia College, Salonica, Greece: “Socrates’ Demand for Definitions”

February 2005, lecture at the Aristotle University, Salonica, Greece: “Hegel and Hermeneutics”

June 2004, lecture in the context of an international conference hosted by the University of Athens, Department of Philosophy and History of Science on the island of Aegina that focused on my recently published book *Wittgenstein on the Arbitrariness of Grammar*: “A Wittgensteinian Anti-Platonism”

May 2004, lecture at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: “Wittgenstein on the Arbitrariness of Grammar”

May 2004, conference on “Skeptizismus um 1800” at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: “Kantian vs. Hegelian Interpretations of Pyrrhonism: Reaction or Revolution?”

May 2004, conference on “Skeptizismus um 1800” at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy, keynote address: “Kant and Skepticism”

March 2004, lecture at the University of Crete, Greece, Department of Philosophy: “Herder’s Importance as a Philosopher”

March 2004, lecture at the University of Athens, Department of Philosophy and History of Science: “Herder, Schleiermacher, and the Birth of Foreignizing Translation”

June 2003, lecture at Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy: “Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access”

May 2003, lecture at University of Patras, Greece, Department of Philosophy: “The Liberal Temper in Classical German Philosophy: Freedom of Thought and Expression”

May 2003, lecture at University of Athens, Department of Philosophy and History of Science: “Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access”

April 2003, conference “Von Kant bis Hegel” at Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy: “Hegel and Some (Near) Contemporaries: Narrow or Broad Expressivism?”

October 2002, “Beijing International Symposium on Wittgenstein and 20th Century Analytic Philosophy” at Peking University, Institute of European Philosophy: “Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access”

April 2002, lecture at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Philosophy and German Departments: “Hegel and Some (Near) Contemporaries: Narrow or Broad Expressivism?”

April 2002, lecture at University of California at Berkeley, Institute for European Studies: “Herder’s Philosophy of Language, Interpretation, and Translation: Three Fundamental Principles”

January 2002, lecture at The University of Chicago, Franke Institute for the Humanities: “Herder as a Philosopher”

December 2001, lecture at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: “Hegel and Some (Near) Contemporaries: Narrow or Broad Expressivism?”

December 2001, lecture at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: “Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access”

November 2001, lecture at New York University, Department of Philosophy: “Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access”

June 2001, lecture at The University of Chicago, Wittgenstein Workshop: “Wittgenstein’s Later Philosophy: The Question of the ‘Arbitrariness of Grammar’”

April 2001, lecture at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Department of Philosophy: “Herder’s Hermeneutical Theory: Foundations in the Philosophy of Language”

April 2000, international conference on Schleiermacher held at Drew University, New Jersey: “Schleiermacher’s Hermeneutics: Some Problems and Solutions”

December 1999, lecture delivered as part of a session on my recently published book *Hegel’s Idea of a “Phenomenology of Spirit”* at the Eastern Division American Philosophical Association Meeting, held in Boston: “Hegel’s Intellectual Debts to Herder”

April 1999, lecture at Columbia University, Department of Philosophy: “Herder on Language and Interpretation”

April 1999, lecture at University of Georgia, Department of Philosophy: “Herder on Language and Interpretation”

April 1998, conference on philosophy in the 18th century held at the University of Notre Dame: “Herder on Conceptual Change, Interpretation, and Translation”

March 1998, lecture at Mc’Gill University, Canada, Department of Philosophy: “Herder on Conceptual Change, Interpretation, and Translation”

March 1998, lecture at Mc’Gill University, Canada, Department of Philosophy: “On the Very Idea of Denying the Existence of Radically Different Conceptual Schemes”

March 1997, lecture at Princeton University, Department of Philosophy: “On the Very Idea of Denying the Existence of Radically Different Conceptual Schemes”

April 1996, lecture at the Central Division American Philosophical Association Meeting held in Chicago: “The Historicism of Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*”

September 1995, lecture at the meeting of the Internationale Hegel-Vereinigung, held in Pisa, Italy: “Hegel on the Superiority of Ancient over Modern Skepticism”

June 1995, lecture at The University of Chicago, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar: “The Motivation of Kant’s Transcendental Idealism”

June 1993, conference on Hegel held at Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy: “Curing Modern Culture: Hegel on the Ills of Modern Society”

April 1990, lecture at The University of Chicago, German Department: “The Historicism of Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*”

March 1990, lecture at The University of Chicago, Ancient Philosophy Workshop: “Socrates’ Demand for Definitions”

February 1990, lecture at the University of Illinois, Chicago, Department of Philosophy: “Socrates’ Demand for Definitions”

January 1990, lecture at Lincoln College, Oxford: “The Philosophical Tasks of Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*”

January 1990, lecture at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Department of Philosophy: “Hegel’s Dialectical Method”

October 1988, lecture at Princeton University, Department of Philosophy: “Kant and Skepticism concerning Metaphysics”

May 1988, conference on Kant held at The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy to mark the retirement of Manley Thompson: “Kant and Skepticism concerning Metaphysics”

February 1988, lecture at Harvard University, Department of Philosophy: “The Philosophical Tasks of Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*”

February 1988, lecture at Harvard University, Department of Philosophy: “Hegel and Skepticism”

May 1984, lecture at The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy: “Hegel and the History of Skepticism”

### **Some upcoming talks:**

October 2020, lecture for workshop at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland on Wilhelm von Humboldt’s political philosophy: “Gentle Revolutionaries: Die Gebrüder Humboldt und die Ideale der französischen Revolution”

May 2021, lecture at Schleiermacher congress, University of Paris, Nanterre: “Repenser l’histoire: l’influence de l’herméneutique de Schleiermacher sur la recherche historique au dix-neuvième siècle”

### **Conferences organized:**

Since 2013 I have organized and funded or co-organized and -funded many conferences and similar academic events in connection with my Professorial Chair at Bonn University and my Alexander von Humboldt Professorship. Among them were:

23-24/2/20: conference “Spinoza’s Politics and Hermeneutics in 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-Century German Thought” at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore  
24-25/1/20: conference on “Der Fremde” at the University of Paris, Nanterre und the École normale supérieure  
12-15/12/19: conference “Chinese Aesthetics and the Art of Landscape Painting” at the Research Center for Chinese Cultural Subjectivity in Taiwan, National Chengchi University, Taiwan  
30-31/10/19: conference “Alexander von Humboldt im Kontext” at Bonn University  
15/11/18: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation research workshop “Geschichte, Philosophie, Rechts- und Sozialwissenschaft” held in the International Centre for Philosophy NRW  
20/10/18: conference at the University of Paris, Nanterre on “Europe and cosmopolitanism, between the Enlightenment and Romanticism”  
27-30/9/18 Ischia International Festival of Philosophy  
11-12/6/18: conference “Ludwig Wittgenstein: Ethics and Aesthetics,” International Centre for Philosophy NRW  
23-24/3/18: conference “Tragedy: Ancient and Modern” at Oslo University, Norway  
15-17/12/17 conference “Aesthetic Thinking: Philosophy and Art in Dialogue,” International Centre for Philosophy NRW, held at the Bonner Kunstmuseum  
2-4/11/17 conference “Practical Philosophy East and West,” Aarhus University, Denmark  
26-8/10/17 conference “Russian Thinkers: Between the Revolution and Tradition,” International Centre for Philosophy NRW, Bonn University (proceedings: *Studies in Eastern European Thought*, 70/4, December 2018)  
4-6/10/17 Humboldt-Kolleg “The Idea of an Idea,” Istanbul University, Turkey  
22-25/6/17 conference on “Free Will in Historical and Cultural Perspective” at Bonn University  
17-18/6/17 conference on “the unity of the object” at Bonn University (part of a DAAD-sponsored series of conferences on the concept of unity involving colleagues from the universities of Bonn, Cambridge, and San Diego)  
5-7/4/17 conference on hermeneutics (in preparation for the *Cambridge Companion to Hermeneutics*) at Bonn University  
28/3/17 “Gedenkfeier” for Josef Simon at Bonn University  
16-18/3/17 conference on German Idealism and German Romanticism at Jena University  
3-4/3/17 second conference of the International Society of Nietzsche Studies at The University of Chicago  
1/3/17 conference on A.W. Schlegel at The University of Chicago  
12-13/12/16 symposium with Tyler Burge and Ned Block at Bonn University  
4-8/12/16 conference on “Nietzsche and the Greeks” at the Nietzsche-Dokumentationszentrum, Naumburg  
5-7/10/16 conference on Philosophy and History of Philosophy at Bonn University  
16-17/7/16 conference “Understanding, Knowledge, and Truth” at Renmin University, Beijing  
24-25/6/16 inaugural conference for the International Society of Nietzsche Studies at Bonn University  
3/6/16 conference on empathy at the Paris Center of The University of Chicago in Paris  
6-9/5/16 conference on “Logic in Kant’s Wake” at McMaster University, Canada  
29-30/4/16 conference on Nietzsche and tragedy at Temple University, Philadelphia  
26-27/11/15: conference “Welt und Unendlichkeit” at Bonn University  
18/9/15: journée d’études at Toulouse University  
10-12/7/15: conference “Modes of Reasoning – East at West” at Bonn University  
26-29/3/15: conference “Romanticism: Philosophy, Literature, and Music” at Bonn University



Dec. 2014 – Jan. 2015 Ringvorlesung on Romanticism, Institut français in Bonn  
 13-14/12/14: conference “The Coherence of Relativism” at Bonn University  
 26-28/11/14: conference “Skeptical Solutions: Provocations of Philosophy” at Bonn University  
 2-3/10/14: conference “Global Philosophy” at the University of California, Berkeley  
 17-19/09/14: conference “Concepts of Rationality” at Chinese University of Hong Kong  
 30/5/14: UN Global Citizenship Commission hosted at Bonn University (including a public lecture by Anthony Appiah)  
 20-21/5/14: conference “Ontologie des Sozialen,” Bonn University  
 13-14/12/14: philosophical advisors to UN Global Citizenship Commission hosted at Bonn University (including a public lecture by Jeremy Waldron)  
 2-4/10/13: conference on the contemporary relevance of Schelling’s philosophy at Temple University

I also organized several conferences at the University of Chicago both as departmental chairman and in other capacities, including conferences to mark the retirements and the achievements of William Tait and Alan Gewirth, a 2011 conference supported by the Franke Institute for the Humanities and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft titled “Concepts of *Bildung* around 1800 and Wilhelm von Humboldt’s Idea of the University,” and most recently several smaller conferences on Romanticism (together with Françoise Meltzer and Thomas Pavel).

**Former Ph.D. advisees who have gone on to academic positions:**

David Brendel (Freud) – Harvard Medical School  
 Marc Djaballah (Foucault/Kant) – University of Memphis  
 Stephen Engstrom (Kant) – Pittsburgh University  
 Mihaela Fistioc (Plato/Kant) – Washington College; Yale University  
 Susan Hahn (Hegel) – Johns Hopkins University; Concordia University  
 Jim Kreines (Hegel) – Yale University; Pomona College  
 Alison Laywine (Kant) – McGill University  
 Jadran Lee (Bentham/animal rights) – University of Melbourne  
 Alyssa Luboff (Relativism) – Grand Valley State University  
 Wing Sze Leung (Rousseau/Kant/Wordsworth) – Fordham University  
 Barbara Montero (philosophy of mind) – Georgia State University; CUNY  
 Kurt Mosser (Kant) – University of Dayton  
 Ulf Nilsson (Marx) – Kenyon College  
 Jim Oates (Kant) – California State University  
 Gregg Osborne (Kant) – American University in Beirut; Washington and Jefferson College  
 John Person (German Philosophy in pre-war Japan) – UCLA  
 Erich Reck (Wittgenstein) – University of California, Riverside  
 James Reid (Heidegger) – College of William and Mary  
 Miles Rind – Virginia Technical University; Cincinnati University; Boston University  
 Tim Rosenkoetter (Kant) – Dartmouth College; NYU  
 Irina Ruvinsky (Proust) – School of the Art Institute, Chicago  
 Motohide Saji (Kant) – International University of Japan  
 Justin Shaddock (Kant) – Williams College  
 Philip Shields (Wittgenstein) – Beloit College  
 Daniel Smith (Deleuze) – Purdue University  
 David Sussman (Kant) – Princeton University; University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana

Ben Vilhauer (Kant) – Claremont McKenna College; William Paterson University  
Rachel Zuckert (Kant) – Bucknell University; Rice University; Northwestern University

**Philosophical society memberships:**

American Philosophical Association  
International Herder Society  
Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft  
Internationale Hegel-Vereinigung  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie

**Miscellaneous:**

Have reviewed many books, book proposals, and articles for presses and journals, including Blackwell, Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, The University of Chicago Press, and *Synthese*

Have written many external reviews for appointment and promotion cases at universities, including Princeton University, NYU, and the University of Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne

Have reviewed fellowship applicants and prize nominees for several funding agencies, including the American Philosophical Society, the ACLS, and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

In 2017 taught for one week in an intensive Summer School organized by King's College London at Renmin University, Beijing (on the topic of philosophy and anthropology)

Since 2015 have co-organized, attended, and funded approx. 4 times annually the Deutsch-Französische Lesegruppe, which alternates between Bonn and Paris (co-organized with Christian Berner and François Thomas)

Since 2014 have co-organized, -taught, and -funded for two weeks each June/July the International Summer School for German Philosophy at Bonn University (co-organized, -taught, and -funded with Markus Gabriel)

Editorial board member *Symphilosophie* (international journal for Romanticism) (2019-present)

Editorial board member for the *Internationales Jahrbuch des Deutschen Idealismus* / *International Yearbook of German Idealism* (2003-present)

Editorial board member and 19th Century editor for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2005-15)

Co-editor of LIT Verlag series "Romantik heute" (2011-present)

Founding member of the International Society of Nietzsche Studies (2015-present)

Member of the governing board of the Institut français, Bonn (2015-present)

Member of the research group “Erklärende Hermeneutik” (University of Düsseldorf) (2010-present)

Member of the ACLS national selection committee (2011/12, 2012/13, and 2013/14)

Served two terms as board member for the Franke Institute for the Humanities, The University of Chicago (1990s and 2000s)

Board member, *The Philosophical Gourmet*, ed. B. Leiter et al. (beginning in 2000)

External assessor, University of Athens, Department of History and Philosophy of Science (2004)