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Areas of Interest: Theories of (Collective & Animal) Agency, Reasons, Moral Responsibility, Practical Rationality, Metaethics, Animal Cognition, Social Cognition

SUMMARY

EDUCATION: **MA Philosophy**, University of Vienna

BA Philosophy, University of Vienna (*with distinction*)

BEd English, Philosophy & Psychology, University of Vienna

Exchange semester at the University of Chicago

EXPERIENCE: **Organizational Assistant** for Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid

Student Assistant for Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid, and Prof. Angela Kallhoff

Main Stage Manager for Mid Europe Wind Orchestra Festival

PUBLICATIONS: One paper in an **undergraduate journal of philosophy**, one in a **journal for writing science**, and one **short story** in a short story collection

TALKS: I have presented papers at **12 different conferences** and workshops — among them a workshop at *King's College London*, the *Social Ontology Conference 2023*, and the *European Congress for Analytic Philosophy 2023*

ORG: I have lead the organization of **one graduate conference, three workshops, and various reading groups**. I have co-organized **three more graduate conferences**.

AWARDS: Award for **outstanding student performance** from the University of Vienna (twice)
Travel stipends from *King's College London*, *University of Leeds*, and *UChicago*
Exchange stipend for spending two quarters at the *University of Chicago*
Funding from various institutions for all the conferences and workshops

SERVICE: **Chairperson** of the Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy
Vice-chairperson for the Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy
Reviewer for British Undergraduate Review
Writing Mentor and **Peer Mentor** at the University of Vienna

EDUCATION

- expected 2024: **MA Philosophy**, University of Vienna
 Thesis: *Reason Explanations and the Agent's Perspective*
 Supervisors: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Paulina Sliwa
 Dr. Niels de Haan
- 2022: **BA Philosophy**, University of Vienna (*with distinction*)
- 2022: **BEd English, Philosophy & Psychology**, University of Vienna
- 2021: **Exchange semester** at University of Chicago

WORK EXPERIENCE (EXCERPT)

- 2023 - present: **Organizational Assistant** to Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid
 - *Responsible for administrative work surrounding his research*
 - *Responsible for co-organization of conferences and workshops*
- 2020 - 2023: **Student Assistant** to Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid
 - *Responsible for administrative work surrounding seminars and lectures*
 - *Occasionally leading individual classes of these seminars*
- 2020 - 2023: **Teaching Assistant**
 - *Leading weekly seminar-like sessions for first-year students*
- 2017 - present: **Main Stage Manager**, Mid Europe Wind Orchestra Festival Schladming
 - *On-site communication with orchestras and conductors*
 - *Master of Ceremony for afternoon and evening performances*

PUBLICATIONS

Academic

- 2021, "Practical Animal Reasoning", in *The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia*, 73-89.
- 2021, joint work with Marlene Valek. "Übersehene Generische Maskulina: Einheitlichkeit von Gendering in der Deutschen Zeitschrift für Philosophie (2020)", in *zisch: zeitschrift für interdisziplinäre schreibforschung*, 64-76. doi: <https://doi.org/10.48646/zisch.210505>.

Fiction

- 2020, "Either he stays, or you don't leave", in Pocket Universe #3. silence, eds. Uni-Verse – Verein für Kreatives Schreiben an der Universität Wien.

CONFERENCE TALKS (ALL REFEREED)

2023

“Reason Explanations & the Agent’s Perspective”

University of Salzburg, AT

Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (September 6-8)

“Actions, Reasons, and Animals”

Central European University/University of Vienna, AT

European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (August 21-25)

“Actions, Reasons, and Animals”

Stockholm University, SE

Social Ontology Conference 2023 (August 16-19)

“Actions, Reasons, and Animals”

University of Connecticut, USA

ECOM Kinds of Action Graduate Conference (Feb 25)

2022

“Re-Telling the Standard Story of Action”

University of Vienna, AT

Graduate Workshop on Action Theory (Dec 16)

“Rationalizing Animals”

King’s College London, UK

Non-Human Agency and the Standard Story of Action (Sept 16-17)

“Animal Reasoning Via Conative Salience”

University of Salzburg, AT

Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (Sept 7-9)

2021

“Practical Animal Reasoning”

UPJA Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Philosophy (Nov 20-21)

“Practical Animal Reasoning”

University of Salzburg, AT

Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (Sept 9-11)

“Why Did The Chicken Really Cross The Road? Conceptualizing Reasons Without Language”

University of Geneva, CH (online)

International Conference for Students of Analytic Philosophy (May 1)

**only talk by an undergraduate*

“Individuals, Thresholds, and Individual’s Thresholds in Climate Change”

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA (online)

Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference (Apr 17)

**only talk by an undergraduate*

2020

“On the Importance of Concept Possession Conditions”

UPJA Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Philosophy (Nov 28-29)

ORGANIZATION

2023: Workshop “On Attention in Action” at SOPhiA 2023, University of Salzburg
(Head of organization)

12th Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy Graduate Conference
(Head of organization)

Workshop on PhD Applications
(Organized with the Vienna Doctoral School)

WIP — Work In Progress Series
(Organized with the Vienna Doctoral School)

Action Theory Reading Group
(Head of organization)

2022: Graduate Workshop on Action Theory with Prof. Anton Ford (UChicago)
(Head of organization)

Social Ontology & Collective Intentionality Conference 2022
(responsible for overseeing student aides and on-site support)

11th Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy Graduate Conference
(Co-organizer, co-responsible for funding, responsible for keynote speakers)

2021: 10th Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy Graduate Conference
(Co-organizer, co-responsible for funding, technical support)

2020 - 2021: Meta-Normativity Reading Group
(Head or organization)

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

- 2023: **MA Seminar on Practical Rationality** (Teaching Assistant)
Primary Instructor: [Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hans Bernhard Schmid](#)
Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
- Introduction to Practical Philosophy** (Teaching Assistant),
Primary Instructor: [Univ.-Prof. Dr. Angela Kallhoff](#),
Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
- 2022: **Introduction to Practical Philosophy** (Teaching Assistant),
Primary Instructor: [Univ.-Prof. Dr. Angela Kallhoff](#),
Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
- MA Seminar on Practical Rationality** (Teaching Assistant)
Primary Instructor: [Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hans Bernhard Schmid](#)
Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
- 2021: **Introduction to Practical Philosophy** (Teaching Assistant),
Primary Instructor: [Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hans Bernhard Schmid](#),
Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
- MA Seminar on Philosophy and Economics** (Teaching Assistant)
Primary Instructor: [Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hans Bernhard Schmid](#)
 & Geoffrey Castillo, PhD
Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
- 2020: **MA Seminar on Collective Responsibility** (Teaching Assistant)
Primary Instructor: [Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hans Bernhard Schmid](#)
Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
- Introduction to Practical Philosophy** (Teaching Assistant),
Primary Instructor: [Univ.-Prof. Dr. Angela Kallhoff](#),
Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
- Introduction to Academic Writing in Philosophy** (Teaching Assistant),
Primary Instructor: Eva Bobst, MA,
Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna

AWARDS, STIPENDS, AND GRANTS

- 2023: Travel Stipend, [University of Leeds](#)
- 2022: Travel Stipend, [King's College London](#)
- 2021 - 2022: Non-EU-Exchange Stipend, [University of Chicago](#)
- 2019 - 2021: Stipend for Outstanding Student Performance, [BMBWF](#)

SERVICE

- 2022 - present: Chair of the [Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy](#)
- 2020 - 2021: Vice-Chair of the [Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy](#)
- 2020: Referee for the [British Undergraduate Review](#)
- 2020 - 2022: [Writing Mentor](#)
Institute of Philosophy, University of Vienna (AT)
- 2019 - 2020: Peer Mentor
Institute of Philosophy, University of Vienna (AT)

HOBBIES & OTHER

I play **guitar & bass** in [Fritsch & The Jims](#), [Sara Brandy & The Jims](#), and [Amanda](#)

I help [translate and edit scripts for movies/short films/short stories](#) for my friend [Daniel Simair](#)

I have participated in a **Summer School** on [Causation and Responsibility](#)

I did some **editing work** for Prof. Angela Kallhoff's "[Der Mensch – das moralische Tier](#)"
(translating passages from German to English; bibliography & index)

I also **read the final proofs** for Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid's "[We, together](#)"

LINGUISTIC COMPETENCES

- German: Native
- English: Native-like (C2) [TOEFL 2023: 115/120]
- French: Simple conversational and writing skills (A1)

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Hans Bernhard Schmid	<u>hans.bernhard.schmid@univie.ac.at</u>
Anton Ford	<u>antonford@uchicago.edu</u>
Paulina Sliwa	<u>paulina.sliwa@univie.ac.at</u>