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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Sept 1999–April 2003: **PhD in Philosophy**, University of London, King's College. Thesis: "Putnam's internal realism". Supervisor: Dr Keith Hossack.
- Sept 1997–Sept 1998: **MLitt in Logic and Metaphysics**, University of St. Andrews (Scotland). Dissertation: "Hilary Putnam against cognitive relativism" (*Distinction mark for the dissertation*). Supervisor: Dr Leslie Stevenson.
- Nov 1995–Nov 1996: **Graduate Specialisation Course in History of Science**, University of Florence. Dissertation: "On Imre Lakatos' Methodology of Research Programmes".
- Nov 1989–Nov 1994: **Laurea in Filosofia** (BA Hons in Philosophy), University of Pisa. Dissertation: "The Problem of Theory Underdetermination in Contemporary Philosophy of Science" (*Summa cum laude*).

Areas of specialisation

Epistemology, Formal Epistemology, Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics.

Areas of competence

Philosophy of Science.

Present position

August 2009: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen (Scotland).
Member of the Steering Committee of the Northern Institute of Philosophy (NIP).

Former positions

- March–July 2009: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, La Trobe University (Melbourne).
- Feb 2006–Feb 2009: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Time, University of Sydney.
- Sept 2005–Jan 2006: Research Fellow, Centre for Junior Research Fellows (ZWN), University of Konstanz (Germany).
- May 2004–Aug 2005: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, *Philosophy, Probability and Modelling* Research Group (PPM), University of Konstanz.

Visiting and casual positions

- Oct–Nov 2006: Temporary Lecturer in Epistemology, Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney.
- Oct 2005: Visiting Scholar, University of Sydney.
- Sept 2005–Jan 2006: Temporary Lecturer in Metaphysics, Department of Philosophy, University of Konstanz.
- Sept 2003–Apr 2004: Teaching Fellow in Epistemology and Metaphysics, King's College London.
College Teacher in Philosophy, University College London.

Edited journals

2011. Guest editor with N. Pedersen of a special issue of *Synthese* dedicated to “Epistemic Transmission and Interaction”. (Contributors: A. Baltag & S. Smets, B. Fitelson, S. Hartmann, H. Leitgeb, E. Olsson, L. Moretti & T. Piazza, N. Pedersen, O. Roy, T. Shogenji).
2008. Guest editor with H. Price of a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (vol. 141(1), October) dedicated to “Ontological commitment”. (Contributors: B. Brogaard, M. Colyvan, U. Kriegel, M. Michaelis, L. Moretti, J. Shaffer, and A. Thomasson).

Articles and contributions to volumes

2010. “Wright, Okasha and Chandler on transmission failure”. Forthcoming in *Synthese*.
2009. (With N. Ciprotti). “Logical Pluralism is compatible with monism about metaphysical modality”. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87(2), pp. 275-284.
2008. (With H. Price). “Introduction” (special issue on ontological commitment). *Philosophical Studies* 141(1), pp. 1-5.
2008. “The ontological status of minimal entities”. *Philosophical Studies* 141(1), pp. 97-114.
2008. “On creeping minimalism and the nature of minimal entities”. In H. Dyke (ed.), *From Truth to Reality*, London: Routledge, pp. 123-180. (The other contributors are: JC Beall, M. Colyvan, M. Devitt, J. Heil, F. Jackson, F. Kroon, D. H. Mellor, A. Musgrave, R. Nola, J. J. C. Smart, P. Snowdon, and D. Stoljar).
2008. “Brogaard and Salerno on antirealism and the conditional fallacy”. *Philosophical Studies* 140(2), pp. 229-246.
2008. “Dummett and the problem of the vanishing past”. *Linguistic and Philosophical Investigations* 7, pp. 37-47.
2007. “A thick realist consequence of Wright’s minimalism”. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 88(1), pp. 24-38.
2007. “Ways in which coherence is confirmation conducive”. *Synthese* 157(3), pp. 309-319. (Special issue dedicated to "Coherence and Truth: Recovering from the Impossibility Results", edited by E. Olsson).
2007. (With K. Akiba). “Probabilistic measures of coherence and the problem of belief individuation”. *Synthese* 154(1), pp. 73-95.
2006. “The tacking by disjunction paradox: Bayesianism versus Hypothetico-deductivism”. *Erkenntnis* 64(1), pp. 115-138.
2005. (With F. Dietrich). “On coherent sets and the transmission of confirmation”. *Philosophy of Science* 72(3), pp. 403-424.
2004. “Grimes on the tacking by disjunction problem”. *Disputatio* Vol. 1, No. 17 (November), pp. 16-20.
2004. “From the indirect confirmation of theories to theory unification”. *Kriterion* 18, pp. 10-14.
2003. “Why the Converse Consequence Condition cannot be accepted”. *Analysis* 63, 4 (October), pp. 297-300.
2002. “For a Bayesian account of indirect confirmation”. *Dialectica*, 56(2), pp. 153-173.
2000. “Sul problema della convergenza della verità nel realismo interno” (“On the problem of truth convergence in internal realism”). *Iride*, n. 31, anno XIII, dicembre, pp. 595-617.
1999. “Is auxiliary empirical support efficacious against the underdetermination of scientific theories?” *Philosophical Writings*, No. 12, Autumn, pp. 53-65.

Articles in progress and under review

- “Hyper-empiricism” in preparation for the special issue of *Synthese* on “Scepticism and Justification”, edited by A. Coliva.
- “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities” (submitted).
- (With P. Girard). “Defusing the conditional fallacy: a semantic approach” (submitted).
- (With T. Shogenji). “Moore’s proof and epistemic closure” (submitted).
- (With T. Piazza). “When warrant transmits and when doesn’t” (in progress).

Refereeing activity

Journals: *Acta Analytica, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal for Philosophy of Science, Dialectica, Erkenntnis, Mind, Synthese.*

Organizations: *Australian Research Council (ARC).*

Invited talks

- Jun 2010: “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities”. *Research Seminars*. COGITO, University of Bologna.
- April 2010: “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities”. *Research Seminars*. Department of Philosophy, University of Porto (Portugal).
- Jan 2010: “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities”. *Southern California Epistemology Workshop*. University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).
- Dec 2009: “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities”. *Formal Epistemology Seminars*. NIP. University of Aberdeen.
- April 2009: “Okasha and Wright on failure of transmission of warrant”. *Research Seminars*. La Trobe University (Melbourne).
- August 2008: “A Bayesian model for Wright’s notion of failure of transmission of warrant”. *Department Seminars*. University of Auckland.
- May 2008: “Wright-Okasha’s argument for the inexistence of the world”. *Research Seminars*. Australian National University (ANU).
- Oct 2007: “Can a realist be a deflationist about everything?” *Current Projects Seminars*. Centre for Time, University of Sydney.
- Jan 2007: “A thick realist consequence of Wright’s minimalism”. International Conference on *Truth and Reality*. University of Otago (New Zealand).
- May 2006: “On Dummett’s justificationism and the conditional fallacy”. *Research Seminars*. Australian National University (ANU).
- Oct 2005: “A thick realist consequence of Wright’s minimalism”. *Philosophy Department Seminars*. University of Sydney.
- Sept 2005: “On Crispin Wright’s minimalism”. *Guests Seminars*. University of Yeditepe, Istanbul.
- June 2004: “Can coherence be measured?” *Bayesian Epistemology Workshop*, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).
- May 2001: “Putnam on brains in a vat”. *Research Seminars*. Florence University

Talks in conferences

- July 2008: “A Bayesian model for Wright’s notion of failure of transmission of warrant”. *Annual meeting of the Australasian Association for Philosophy (AAP)*. Melbourne.
- Dec 2007: “The ontological status of minimal entities”. Conference on *Ontological Commitment*. University of Sydney.
- Jun 2006: “A thick realist consequence of Wright’s minimalism”. International Colloquium on *(Anti-)Realisms, Logic and Metaphysics*. University of Nancy 2 (France).
- Feb 2006: “On Dummett’s justificationism and the conditional fallacy”. *Mini-conference on anti-realism*. University of Sydney.
- Aug 2005: “Probabilistic measures of coherence and the problem of belief individuation”. *Fifth European Congress for Analytic Philosophy (ECAP)*. University of Lisbon.

May 2005: “Probabilistic measures of coherence and the problem of belief individuation”. Annual Meeting of the *Society for Exact Philosophy* (SEP). University of Toronto.

May 2004: Commentary on Michael Strevens’ paper “The Wrong Problem: Relevance and Irrelevance in Bayesian Confirmation Theory”. *Formal Epistemology Workshop* (FEW), University of Berkeley.

Fellowships

Feb 2008–Feb 2009: Research Fellowship, Centre for Time & School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry (SOPHI) of the University of Sydney.

Feb 2006–Feb 2008: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Centre for Time, University of Sydney.

Feb 2006–Feb 2010: Senior Research Fellowship, the Swedish Research Council (DECLINED).

Sept 2005–Jan 2006: Research Fellowship, Centre for Junior Research Fellows (ZWN), University of Konstanz.

May 2004–Aug 2005: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and the Program for the Investment in the Future (ZIP) of the German Government.

Grants and minor fellowships

Feb 2010: Conference Travel Grant, School of Divinity, History and Philosophy, University of Aberdeen.

Aug 2008: Conference Travel Grant, SOPHI, University of Sydney.

Nov 2006: Assistance Grant in the preparation of an ARC Fellowship Application, SOPHI.

Sept 2006: Overseas Conference Travel Grant, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS), University of Sydney.

Oct 2005: Visiting Scholarship, University of Sydney.

Studentships

2001–2002: Jacobsen Graduate Fellowship, The Royal Institute of Philosophy.

1999–2001: Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Florence.

1997–1998: Scottish Scholarship, SAAS.

1993: Erasmus Fellowship, European Community.

Event organization

Oct 2010: *Epistemic Transmission and Interaction Workshop*. Copenhagen University and Northern Institute of Philosophy. (Organization shared with Nikolaj Pedersen).

14-18 June 2010: *Formal Epistemology School*. Northern Institute of Philosophy. (Organization shared with Dylan Dodd).

5–10 July 2009: *Annual Meeting of the Australasian Association for Philosophy* (AAP). (Organization shared with Sam Butchart, Norva Lo, Laura and Francois Schroeter, and Edoardo Zamuner).

30 Nov – 1 Dec 2007: *Ontological Commitment Workshop*. Centre for Time, University of Sydney.

Teaching experience*Aberdeen University*

Feb 2010 – May 2010: *Scepticism*, seminar for 4th year honours students.
Knowledge and Mind, course for 1st year undergraduates, lectures and tutorials shared with Dr Ulrich Stegmann.

Oct 2009 – Mar 2010: Honours Dissertation supervisor.

Oct 2009 – Jan 2010: *Scientific Methodology*, course for 3rd year honours students.

La Trobe University

Mar – June 2009: *Astronomy and Philosophy* (introduction to philosophy of science), course for 1st year undergraduates, lectures and tutorials shared with Mr John Fox and Dr Edoardo Zamuner.

Philosophy of Mind and Epistemology, for 4th year honours students, lectures shared with Dr Edoardo Zamuner.

University of Sydney

Feb 2008 – Feb 2009: Associate PhD supervisor of Mr Daniel Haggard. Topic of the thesis: truth conditional meaning and ontological commitment.

Oct – Nov 2006: *Scientific Methodology*, four lectures and four tutorials as part of the course on *Knowledge, Reason and Action* for 2nd and 3rd year undergraduates.

University of Konstanz

Sept – Dec 2005: *Contemporary Theories of Truth from a Metaphysical Point of View*, seminar for postgraduates and honours students.

King's College London

Jan – Feb 2004: Tutorials in metaphysics, epistemology & scientific methodology, for 2nd year undergraduates.

Oct – Nov 2003: Tutorials in metaphysics, epistemology & scientific methodology, for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year undergraduates.

Feb – Mar 2003: Tutorials in epistemology & scientific methodology, for 2nd year undergraduates.

Jan – Feb 2003: Tutorials in logic, metaphysics and epistemology, for 1st and 2nd year undergraduates.

Oct – Nov 2002: Tutorials in epistemology & scientific methodology, for 2nd year undergraduates.

Feb – Mar 2002: Tutorials in metaphysics, for 2nd year undergraduates.

University College London:

Feb – Mar 2004: Tutorials in metaphysics and epistemology, for 2nd and 1st year undergraduates.

Jan – Feb 2004: Tutorials in epistemology, for 2nd year undergraduates.

Nov – Dec 2003: Tutorials in metaphysics and epistemology, for 2nd and 1st year undergraduates.

Administrative responsibilities*Aberdeen University*

2010: Coordinator of the Undergraduate Open Day.

2009-2010: Honours dissertation coordinator.

NIP

2009-2010: Member of the steering committee.

Languages

Italian (mother tongue), English

French, Latin (reading knowledge)

References

Prof. Crispin Wright

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