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Areas of Specialisation:

- Fichte
- Bergson

Areas of Interest:

- Ecology
- Idealism and Realism
- Epistemology and Phil. of Science

ACADEMIC HISTORY:

- since 2010** **Independent reseacher.**
ERRAPHIS, Université de Toulouse Le Mirail, France
- 2005-2010** **Ph.D. in Philosophy.**
Dept. of Philosophy, University of Warwick, UK.
Thesis title: *Towards a Philosophy of Freedom: Fichte and Bergson.*
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. K. Ansell-Pearson and Prof. Dr. S. Houlgate
Examiners: Prof. Dr. W. Martin (Essex); Dr. J. Mullarkey (Dundee)
- 2007-2008** **Exchange programme with ERRAPHIS, France**
Dept. of Philosophy, Université de Toulouse – Le Mirail, France.
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. J.-C. Goddard.
- 1994-2000** **Doctoraal Examen in Philosophy (Combined MA/BA)**
Dissertation: *Nihilism: In search of a Beyond.* (in English)
Dept. of Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 1998-1999** **Exchange programme with the New School University**
Dept. of Philosophy, Graduate School
New School University, New York, USA.

PUBLICATIONS:

Articles:

- 'The Simultaneity of the Three Principles of the *Grundlage der gesamten Wissenschaftslehre*', in *Fichte-Studien*, 2011
- 'Fichte's Programme for a Philosophy of Freedom', in *Analecta Husserliana*, 2011
- 'Met de hele ziel gezamenlijk, Henri Bergson over vrijheid en evolutie', in *Nieuwe Stemmen*, (92): 3&4, September 2009
- 'Editor's Foreword' in *SubStance*, issue 114, vol. 36, no. 3, Dec 2007
- 'Review of *Rights, Bodies and Recognition. New Essays on Fichte's Foundation of Natural Rights*, Tom Rockmore and Daniel Breazeale (eds.)', in *Philosophy in Review*,

October 2007

-**Review of Suzanne Guerlac's *Thinking in Time: An Introduction to Henri Bergson***, in *Philosophy in Review*, June 2007

Bookchapters:

- 'From "Inversion" to "Interruption": The Nature of Force in *Creative Evolution***'. In *Disséminations de L'évolution créatrice de Bergson*, eds S. Abiko, H. Fujita and N. Sugiyama, Hildesheim, Olms Verlag, 2012
- 'A Philosophy of Freedom: Bergson's *Creative Evolution***'. In *After the Postmodern and the Postsecular: New Essays in Continental Philosophy of Religion*. eds. D. Whistler and A.P. Smith, Cambridge, Cambridge Scholar's Press, 2010

Ph.D. Thesis:

-*Towards a Philosophy of Freedom: Fichte and Bergson*, University of Warwick, 2010

As editor:

- Guest co-editor of *SubStance Journal: 'Henri Bergson's Creative Evolution. 100 Years Later'***, Issue 114, vol. 36, no. 3, Dec 2007
- Co-editor of 'Bergson Centennial Series'**, includes new editions of Henri Bergson's *An Introduction to Metaphysics*, *Mind-Energy* and *Creative Evolution*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007

CONFERENCE PAPERS & ADDRESSES:

- **'The Montessori Method and Teaching English as a Second Language (LANSAD)**, LAIRDIL conference, Université de Toulouse, June 2014,
- **'Kant, Fichte et Bergson sur le transcendantal et l'empirique'**, École de l'été franco-allemand', Université de Toulouse Le Mirail, September 2012
- **'Au tour du livre *Slights of Reason de Mme Mader***', Université de Toulouse Le Mirail, April 2011
- **'Van egologie naar ecologie: relativiteit of relationaliteit van het kennen?'**, Filosofische Gespreksgroep Utrecht, October, 2010
- **'Nihilisme, Crisis en Zingeving'**, Jaaropening, Vrije Gemeente, Amsterdam, Sept, 2010
- **'Fichte's idea of "complete consciousness"'**, Centrum voor Duits Idealisme, VU Amsterdam, August 2010
- **'Bergson over spontaniteit, leven en vrijheid'**, Nieuwjaarslezing, Vrije Gemeente, Amsterdam, January 2010
- **'Fichte's Programme for a Philosophy of Freedom'**, *Work in Progress Seminars*, University of Warwick, November 2009
- **'The Simultaneity of the Three Principles of the *Grundlage der gesamten Wissenschaftslehre***', *Fichte / Schelling. Der Idealismus in der Diskussion*, Siebter

Kongress der internationalen Fichte Gesellschaft, Académie Royale des sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Arts de Bruxelles, October 2009

- '**Fichte's Programme for a Philosophy of Freedom**', *Transcendentalism Revisited*, 59th International Congress of Phenomenology, World Phenomenology Institute, University of Antwerp, July 2009.
- '**Kant and Fichte on Intellectual Intuition**', *Transcendental Philosophy: Its History and Nature*, British Society for the History of Philosophy, Manchester Metropolitan University, April 2009.
- '**Bergson and Fichte**', *Bergson and Bergsonism*, European Network for Contemporary French Philosophy, Institute de la France, London, April 2008.
- '**From "Inversion" to "Interruption": On The Nature of Force in Creative Evolution**', *Disséminations de l'Évolution créatrice*, Projet Bergson au Japon, University of Kyoto, October 2007.
- '**Materiality as Force: Henri Bergson**', *Time as Materiality*, Theory Reading Group, Cornell University, USA, April 2007.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

As Convenor:

- *Cultures et sociétés*, ISEG Marketing and Communication School Toulouse, Summer term 2012, 2013
- *Nihilisme, Crisis en Zingeving*, De Vrije Gemeente, Amsterdam. Vocational four-week course, Sept. 2010
- *Bergson over vrijheid en spontaniteit*, De Vrije Gemeente, Amsterdam. Vocational four-week course, January 2010

As Teaching Assistant:

at the Dept. of Philosophy, University of Warwick

Teaching assessments available upon request

- *Elements of Scientific Method*, seminar teacher, first-year course in philosophy (topics: Problem of Induction, Popper, Kuhn, Scientific Realism, Under-determination), Summer term 2009.
- *Issues in Philosophy*, seminar teacher, first-year course in philosophy (Mackie, Moore, Quine, Descartes, F. Jackson, Van Gulick, Hume), Autumn term 2008.
- *Elements of Scientific Method*, seminar teacher, first-year course in philosophy (topics: Hume, Popper, Problem of Induction, Probabilistic Logics, Propensity Logics), Summer term 2007.

Language Teaching:

- *English language*, at the three universities of Toulouse, at ISEG Marketing and Communication School Toulouse; *Le challenge des langues*; Adecco Formation, Toulouse France, since 2011
- *Dutch language*, Alpha Tutors, UK, Summer 2006.

LANGUAGES:

- Dutch native speaker
- English excellent (five years of residency in USA/UK)
- French good (six years of residency in France)
- German reasonable oral and written comprehension

INITIATIVES:

- *Creative Evolution: One Hundred Years on: Biology, Ecology, Complexity*

Specialist' workshop and separate conference, University of Warwick, November 9-10, 2007.

Organised together with fellow PG student, included all activities before, during and after: contacting potential speakers; fund raising; advertisement; management of delegates and speakers; logistics during the event. The event broke near-even.

- *Henri Bergson's Creative Evolution. 100 Years Later*

Special issue of *SubStance* Journal, issue 114, vol. 36, no 3, Dec 2007.

All activities, from its initiation to final review: proposal to journals; contacting potential authors; review, selection and ordering of submissions; liaising with the journal editor and the authors; writing the Editor's Foreword.

FUNDS SECURED:

Over the years I have managed to attract the following funds:

Conference funding: *HRC Fund* and the *Dept. of Philosophy*, University of Warwick; *Palgrave Macmillan*

To help fund the Ph. D.: *DeBussy Stichting*, *Dr. H. Muller Vaderlandsch Fonds*, *The De Lancey and De La Hantj Foundation*

For an exchange programme with the USA: Funds from the *University of Amsterdam* and the *New School University*

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

-Freelance philosopher and editor with <http://helice.nl>

-Member of the *Centrum voor Duits Idealisme, Société des amis de Bergson, Post-Kantian Research Seminar* (University of Warwick, 2005-2009)

-Member of a NWO (Netherlands Scientific Organisation) "valorisation panel" on Life-span extension, 2010

-Reviewer for *Mosaic* journal, 2009

-Student representative on the Dept. of Philosophy Library Board, University of Amsterdam, 1997 - 1998

-Student representative (with full voting rights) on the Dept. of Philosophy Board (*Faculteitsraad Wijsbegeerte*, an independent budgeting body with full autonomy), University of Amsterdam, 1996 - 1997