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Born: November 1970 in Tübingen, Germany

1 Research areas

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Memory, Philosophy of Cognition, Epistemology, Semantics, Neurophilosophy

2 Academic positions

since 01/2016	Professor for Philosophy of Language and Cognition (tenured, W2), University of Bochum
10/2009-12/2015	Professor for Philosophy of Language and Cognition (W2), University of Bochum
2011-2012	Senior Fellow, ZiF Center for Advanced Studies, Bielefeld
04-07/2009	Replacement Professor for the Chair of Theoretical Philosophy, University Mainz
2002-2009	Lecturer (E13), University of Düsseldorf
2000-2002	Junior Lecturer (BAT IIa-Ost), University of Erfurt
1997-1998	Research Scholar, Rutgers University and Rutgers Center of Cognitive Science, New Jersey

3 Academic education

2005	Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf, Dr. phil. (summa cum laude) with a dissertation on <i>The Compositional Brain: A Unification of Conceptual and Neuronal Perspectives</i>
1999	Master of Arts, first class honors degree "sehr gut" in the two majors Philosophy and Physics, Thesis: <i>Erkenntnis und Schlussfolgerung (Knowledge and Inference)</i> , supervisors: Prof. Dr. Peter Bieri, Prof. Dr. Holm Tetens, Free University of Berlin
1997-1998	Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey Research Scholar, associated with the graduate program of philosophy and the cognitive science certificate program
1993-1999	Postgraduate studies with the two majors Philosophy and Physics, Free University of Berlin
1992-1993	Undergraduate studies of Philosophy and ("Diplom") Physics, University of Marburg

4 Scientific honors

2011-2012	Senior Fellowship, ZiF Center for Advanced Studies, Bielefeld; 1.700 €/month
2006	Barbara-Wengeler Award for the Interaction between Philosophy and Neuroscience, 10.000 €
1997-1998	Overseas stipend; German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes), 10.000 €
1994-1998	Scholarship; German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)

5 Funded proposals

2017-20	DFG-Project <i>The Interaction of Bayesian Pragmatics and Lexical Semantics in Linguistic Interpretation: Using Event-related Potentials to Investigate Hearers' Probabilistic Predictions</i> (PI) in SPP 1727 <i>XPrag.de: New Pragmatic Theories based on Experimental Evidence</i> ; German National Research Foundations DFG	€ 344,781
2017-22	DFG-Project <i>Theory of Situated Linguistic Meaning</i> (PI) in DFG Research Training Group <i>Situated Cognition</i> ; German National Research Foundations DFG	€ 258,457
2017	<i>Philosophy of Language and Mind 4</i> (conference grant); German National Research Foundation	€ 30,500
2014	<i>European Campus of Excellence Memory and Mind: Perspectives from Philosophy and Neuroscience</i> (PI & Speaker); Stiftung Mercator and Hertie Foundation	€ 100,000
2012-14	ESF-Project <i>Grasping Discourses. The Role of Mental Simulation in Linguistic Comprehension and Production Processes</i> (Host-PI); European Science Foundation, approx.	ca. € 75,000
2013	<i>Investigating Semantics: Empirical and Philosophical Approaches</i> (conference grant); German National Research Foundation DFG	€ 11,000
2013	<i>Quotation: Perspectives from Philosophy and Linguistics</i> (conference grant); German National Research Foundation DFG	€ 9,000
2011-12	Project <i>Agents and Causes</i> (PI) in DFG/ZiF-Research Group <i>The Construction of Causal Cognition</i> ; ZiF Center of Advanced Studies, Bielefeld	ca. € 25,000 of € 500,000
2010-15	Project <i>Theory of Memory</i> (PI) in Mercator Research Group <i>Structure of Memory</i> ; Stiftung Mercator	ca. € 1,500,000 of € 7,000,000
2005-11	DFG Project <i>Neuroframes – Neuronal Foundations of Functional Concepts</i> (Postdoc, PI: Prof. Dr. Gerhard Schurz) in DFG Research Group <i>Functional Concepts and Frames</i> (FOR 600) German National Research Foundation DFG	€450.000
2007-8	Project <i>What is Science?</i> Initiative ProGeisteswissenschaften (Stifterverband für die deutsche Wissenschaft, Volkswagenstiftung, Fritz-Thyssen-Stiftung, Zeit-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius)	€30,000
2007-8	Project <i>The Modularity of Mind – Revisions and Prospects</i> Humanwissenschaftlich-Medizinisches Forschungszentrum, University of Düsseldorf	€ 8,500
2006	Project <i>Theory of Mind</i> Humanwissenschaftlich-Medizinisches Forschungszentrum; Universität of Düsseldorf	€ 1000

2003-4	Project <i>Compositionality, Concepts and Cognition</i> Thyssen Foundation	€ 16,251
2003	Project <i>The Composition of Meaning</i> Gesellschaft von Freunden und Förderern der Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf	€ 1,000

6 Board memberships

Since 2013	Member of the Board of the Philosophy of Language and Mind Network
2015-17	Speaker of the Board of the Philosophy of Language and Mind Network
2013-2016	Member of the Program Committee of the Cognitive Science Society

7 Editor roles

Specialty Chief Editor of the journal *Frontiers in Psychology* (Section Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology)

Chief Editor of *The Oxford Handbook of Compositionality* (Oxford University Press)

Editor of *The Compositionality of Meaning and Content* (Vols. I & II, Ontos Verlag)

Guest Editor of special issues of the journals *Synthese* (3x), *Journal of Semantics*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*

8 Conference and workshop organization (since 2012)

2017	Philosophy of Language and Mind 4 (main organizer & host), Bochum
2017	ESPP 2017, Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (co-organizer), Hertfordshire, UK
2017	Revising formal semantic and pragmatic theories from a neurocognitive perspective (main organizer & host, DFG-funded), Xrag.de-workshop, Bochum
2017	Negation and Negativity in Natural Language (main organizer & host), Bochum
2016	Fest colloquium in honor of Gerhard Schurz, Düsseldorf (main organizer)
2016	What is episodic memory? Perspectives from Philosophy, Psychology and Neuroscience, MRG Closing Symposium, Bochum (main organizer & host)
2015	Philosophy of Language and Mind 3 (program committee), Oslo
2015	37th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (program committee), Pasadena
2015	Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 8, Cambridge (co-organizer)
2015	Emotional and Physical Suffering, Bochum
2014	European Campus of Excellence Memory and Mind – Perspectives from Philosophy and Neuroscience, Bochum
2014	36th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (program committee), Quebec City, Canada
2013	Phenomenal Mindreading, Bochum
2013	Investigating Semantics: Empirical and Philosophical Perspectives (DFG-funded), Bochum
2013	Philosophy of Language and Mind 2 (program committee), Budapest
2013	Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 6, St. Petersburg
2013	35th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (program committee), Berlin
2012	Quotation: Perspectives from Philosophy and Linguistics (DFG-funded), Bochum
2012	Agents and Causes: Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Mind, Language and Culture (ZIF-funded), Bielefeld

9 Administrative roles

2012-2017	Faculty Board Member, School of Philosophy and Education Science
2013-2014	Head of Department, Department of Philosophy II, University of Bochum
since 2012	Member of the PhD Committee, School of Philosophy and Education Science, University of Bochum
2010-now	Member/Head of several Appointment Committees for Professorships in Philosophy and Linguistics