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**FIELDS OF RESEARCH**

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AOS

Ancient philosophy – esp. Aristotle and Aristotelian Commentators in late antiquity; Aristotelian natural philosophy, philosophy of science, and logic; Metaphysics

AOC

Medieval philosophy – esp. Thomas Aquinas; Renaissance philosophy – esp. Nicholas of Cusa; Philosophy of mind; Epistemology

**EDUCATION**

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*Ongoing Studies*

Doctorate in Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria

*Dissertation title:*

‘Aristoteles’ ‘Jetzt’ und danach. Spätantike Aristoteles-Kommentatoren über das Problem der zeitlichen Indexikalität in *Physik* IV.10-14’

Courses in Classics, University of Innsbruck / University of Vienna, Austria

*Master*

2017

Philosophy, Department of Christian Philosophy, University of Innsbruck, Austria

*Master's thesis title:*

‘Metaphysik als Sprachkritik: Sprachphilosophische Beobachtungen in Cusanus’ *Idiota de mente*’

*Bachelor*

2012

Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Salzburg, Austria

*High School*

2008

Bundesgymnasium Kufstein, Austria

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND PRIZES**

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Nov. 2021–Oct. 2022

Marietta Blau Grant of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science, and Research

April 2021

Final Shortlist for the Graduate Essay Prize of the British Society for the History of Philosophy with one of the highest-quality essays

- Oct. 2018–Sept. 2021      Doctoral fellowship at the University of Vienna
- Dec. 2017                      Second-ranked candidate for a Doctoral Position, Chair of Pauliina Remes, Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University, Sweden

## EMPLOYMENT RECORD

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- Sept. 2023–Aug. 2024      Research Fellow, Chair of Ancient Philosophy, Université de Fribourg, Switzerland
- April 2022–Oct. 2022      Visiting Fellow, Munich School of Ancient Philosophy hosted by Laura M. Castelli & Andreas Anagnostopoulos, LMU Munich, Germany
- Oct. 2021–March 2022      Visiting Fellow, Chair of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy hosted by Barbara M. Sattler, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany
- Oct. 2018–Sept. 2021      Research Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria
- March 2017–Feb. 2018      Research Assistant, Chair of Philosophy at the Faculty of Theology, University of Lucerne, Switzerland
- Oct. 2014–Sept. 2018      Course instructor for the exam in Latin at the University of Innsbruck, Austria
- Oct. 2014–Feb. 2017      Administration Assistant, Deanship of the Faculty of Education, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- Feb. 2009–Feb. 2011      Student Research Assistant, Department of Philosophy at the Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Salzburg, Austria

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

2.                              ‘Aristotle’s “Now” and the Definition of Time: Method and Exegesis in Simplicius’ Interpretation of *Physics* IV.10.’ *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis* 26 (2), 366–386. URL: <https://doi.org/10.30965/26664275-bja10087>
1.                              ‘What Time is Not: εἰκὼν and ἀριθμὸς in Plato’s Account of Time in the *Timaeus* (37d5–7) and the Platonic Tradition.’ *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition*, (published online ahead of print 2022). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1163/18725473-12341542>

### *Translations*

1.                              ‘Sir Anthony Kenny: Determinism and Freedom: A Lifelong Discussion / Determinismus und Freiheit. Eine lebenslange Auseinandersetzung’. *Luzerner Universitätsreden*, 28, herausgegeben vom Rektor der Universität Luzern, o. O. 2017 [Translation into German]

### *Articles in preparation*

- c.                              ‘Aristotle on Growth in the *Physics* and *De Anima*’
- b.                              ‘Why Aristotelian Void is Empty: A Case Study on Names and Definitions in Ancient Commentators’
- a.                              ‘Saving the Definition: Simplicius and John Philoponus on Aristotle’s Definition of Time’

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- summer semester 2024 BA Seminar [German, 2h] 'Nihil sine causa fit. Der Begriff des Zufalls in der antiken Philosophie', Université de Fribourg, Switzerland  
(URL: [unifr.ch/philosophie/fr/matieres/philosophie-antique/enseignements/course/115364](https://unifr.ch/philosophie/fr/matieres/philosophie-antique/enseignements/course/115364))
- summer semester 2023 BA Seminar [German, 2h] 'Martha Nussbaum: The Fragility of Goodness' (together with Till Jesinghaus), University of Vienna, Austria  
(URL: [ufind.univie.ac.at/en/course.html?lv=180023&semester=2023S](https://ufind.univie.ac.at/en/course.html?lv=180023&semester=2023S))
- summer semester 2021 BA Lecture Course with Readings [German, 2h] 'Vorlesung mit Lektüre zur Griechischen Terminologie' (together with George Karamanolis), University of Vienna, Austria  
(URL: [ufind.univie.ac.at/en/course.html?lv=180016&semester=2021S](https://ufind.univie.ac.at/en/course.html?lv=180016&semester=2021S))
- winter semester 2020 BA Seminar [German, 2h] 'Aristoteles' *Physik* V, VI und VIII: Bewegung und Kontinuität', University of Vienna, Austria  
(URL: [ufind.univie.ac.at/en/course.html?lv=180222&semester=2020W](https://ufind.univie.ac.at/en/course.html?lv=180222&semester=2020W))
- winter semester 2017 BA Seminar [German, 2h] 'Grundprobleme der Philosophie der Antike' (together with Giovanni Ventimiglia), University of Lucerne, Switzerland

## ACADEMIC TALKS AND RESPONSES – Refereed (\*) and Invited (\*\*)

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13. Nov. 25, 2023\*\* 'Saving the Definition: Simplicius and John Philoponus on Aristotle's Definition of Time', Kolloquium Süd-West für antike Philosophie, University of Heidelberg, Germany
12. Nov. 11, 2022\*\* 'John Philoponus and Simplicius on Elemental Motion: *Physics* VIII.4', Workshop 'Motion, Activity and Time in Neoplatonism', ELTE Budapest, Hungary
11. July 10, 2022\* 'The Greatest Kind of Change: Simplicius on Relative Change in Aristotle', Conference 'Categories and Kinds: Ancient Philosophers on the Structure of Reality', Gründungstreffen der Arbeitsgruppe Theoretische Philosophie der Gesellschaft für antike Philosophie, LMU Munich, Germany
10. June 11, 2022\*\* 'Comment on *Magna Moralia* 1195b5-1197a1', Workshop on Aristotle's *Magna Moralia*, University of Vienna, Austria
9. March 25, 2022\*\* 'Why Does the 'Now' not Fit in Aristotle's Definition of Time? Simplicius' Reading of *Physics* IV.10 and its Metaphysical Implications', Conference 'Now, Exaiphnês, and the Present Moment in Ancient Philosophy', University of Bochum, Germany
8. Nov. 27, 2021\*\* 'Comment on *Protrepticus* XI, 56.12–58.10', Workshop on Aristotle's *Protrepticus*, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic
7. June 7, 2021\* 'How to Take It Literally? Simplicius' Relecture of Aristotelian Issues as a Neoplatonic Interpretation of the *Timaeus*', Online Conference 'The Reception of Plato in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages', National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

6. Nov. 29, 2020\* 'What Time is Not: Image and Number in Plato's Account of Time in the *Timaeus*', The 3rd Asia Regional Meeting of the International Plato Society, Online Conference 'Image and Imagination in Plato', Seoul National University, South Korea
5. March 7, 2020\*\* Response to Arnold Brooks' 'Aristotle's *Physics* on the Priority of the Actual', 43rd Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas at Austin, USA
4. Nov. 2, 2019\* 'How to Make Time For Soul? Alexander of Aphrodisias and Simplicius on an Aristotelian Paradox in *Physics* IV.14' (second version), Second Central European Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic
3. Sept. 16, 2019\* 'How to Make Time For Soul? Alexander of Aphrodisias and Simplicius on an Aristotelian Paradox in *Physics* IV.14', FINO Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy 'Platonism and Aristotelianism in the History of Philosophy', North-Western Italian Philosophy Consortium, Università di Pavia, Italy
2. Aug. 2, 2019\* 'How to Give a (Non-)Circular Definition of Time: Simplicius' Criticism of Aristotle's Definition of Time and a Platonic Way Out', Workshop 'Structuring Nature: An Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Summer School on Premodern Science and Philosophy', Humboldt-Universität Berlin and Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science, Germany
1. Aug. 3, 2018\* 'Nicholas of Cusa's Methodical Scepticism: Knowledge as an Approximation to Truth', International Summer School 'Sceptical Strategies, Methods, and Approaches in the Middle Ages: Christian, Islamic, and Jewish Traditions', Maimonides Centre, University of Hamburg, Germany

## ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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| June 20-21, 2024          | 'Void in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy' (together with James Fisher), Université de Fribourg, Switzerland                                                                                                                                       |
| Oct. 13-15, 2022          | 'Third Central European Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy' (together with Stefan Röttig, Dániel Kovács & Till Jesinghaus), University of Vienna, Austria                                                                                  |
| March 24-25 & 28-29, 2022 | 'Now, <i>Exaiphnês</i> , and the Present Moment in Ancient Philosophy' (together with Barbara M. Sattler, Anna Pavani & Celso Vieira), Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany (URL: <a href="https://rubphi.github.io/now/">rubphi.github.io/now/</a> ) |

## REFERENCES

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Associate Professor Dr. George E. Karamanolis (advisor)  
 george.karamanolis@univie.ac.at  
 Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria

Professor Dr. Barbara M. Sattler (co-advisor)  
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 Department of Philosophy II, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany

## LANGUAGES

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German (native) · English (fluent) · Italian (advanced) · French (elementary)

Latin (reading proficiency) · Classical Greek (reading proficiency)

## MEMBERSHIPS

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since October 2018      Gesellschaft für Antike Philosophie (GANPH)

since October 2018      International Plato Society (IPS), associate member