

# Walter Veit

## *curriculum vitae*

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### INTERESTS

**AOS** Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Economics, Cognitive Science and Philosophy of Mind

**AOC** Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Bioethics, Evolutionary Game Theory, Philosophy of Medicine, Meta-Ethics

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Research Fellow** *August - December 2019* Dept. of Social and Decision Sciences,  
**Carnegie Mellon University**

### EDUCATION

**PhD** 2020-2023  
*[expected]* University of Sydney  
**Philosophy of Science**

**MA** 2018-2019 University of Bristol  
**Philosophy of Biology and Cognitive Sciences**

**BA** 2014-2018 University of Bayreuth  
**Philosophy & Economics**

### TEACHING

**TA** *Summer 2017* **Philosophy of Economics,**  
University of Bayreuth

**TA** *Winter 2016* **Philosophy of Science,**  
University of Bayreuth

## ARTICLES

- In Prep.** “Psychedelic Drugs, MDMA and Prison Reform” (Co-Author: Brian D. Earp)
- In Prep.** “Who is Afraid of Model Pluralism?” – Intended Journal: BJPS
- In Prep.** Review – Jonathan Birch: The Philosophy of Social Evolution
- In Prep.** Review – Samir Okasha: Agents and Goals in Evolution
- In Prep.** “Why Humeans are committed to Moral Nihilism”
- In Prep.** “Evolutionary Game Theory: A History of Successful Integration”
- In Prep.** “Naturalizing Health and Disease” – Philosophy
- Review** “Modelling Morality” – Model Based Reasoning
- Forthcoming** “Enhancement Technologies and Inequality” In Díez, J., García-Carpintero, M., Martínez, J., Oms, S. (eds.) Proceedings of the IX Congress of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science: 333- (2018).
- 2019** [“Evolution of multicellularity: cheating done right”](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10539-019-9688-9) – Biology & Philosophy 34: 34.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10539-019-9688-9>
- 2019** [“Existential Nihilism: The Only Really Serious Philosophical Problem”](#) – Journal of Camus Studies 2018: 211-236
- 2018** [“Cognitive Enhancement and the Threat of Inequality”](https://doi.org/10.1007/s41465-018-0108-x) – Journal of Cognitive Enhancement  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s41465-018-0108-x>
- 2018** [“Procreative Beneficence and Genetic Enhancement”](#) KRITERION – Journal of Philosophy 32(1):75-92 (2018).

## INVITED SPEAKER

- 2019** Istanbul: Boğaziçi University  
*From Scaffolding to Natural Selection*
- 2019** Istanbul Medeniyet University  
*Ecological Scaffolding and Natural Selection*
- 2019** Ankara: University of Bilkent  
*Ecological Scaffolding and Natural Selection*
- 2019** University of Bath: Centre for Networks and Collective Behaviour  
*Against Methodology in Modelling*

## SELECTED RESEARCH TALKS

- 2019** Turku: European Society for Evolutionary Biology  
*Evolution of Multicellularity: Cheating Done Right*
- 2019** Helsinki: International Network for Economic Method  
*Who is Afraid of Model Pluralism?*
- 2019** Prague: 16th Congress on Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science and Technology  
*Who is Afraid of Model Pluralism?*
- 2019** Oslo: International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB 2019)  
*Novel Perspectives on the Major Transitions* (Symposium Organizer)
- 2019** Barbados: Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium  
*Enhancement Technologies and the Threat of Inequality*
- 2019** University of Vermont: Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable  
*Who is Afraid of Model Pluralism?*
- 2019** Cambridge: Evolution evolving: Process, mechanism and theory  
*Evolution of Multicellularity: Cheating Done Right*
- 2019** University of Leeds: Interdisciplinary Workshop on Evolution and Ecology  
*Evolution of Multicellularity: Cheating Done Right*
- 2019** University of Cologne: Third International Conference of the German Society for Philosophy of Science  
*How does Evolutionary Game Theory Explain?*

- 2018** University of Cardiff: Feminism & Technology  
*Enhancement Technologies and Feminist Concerns*
- 2018** University of Bordeaux: First meeting of the PhilInBioMed international network  
*Evolution of Multicellularity: Cheating Done Right*
- 2018** Camus Society Conference 2018: London  
*Existential Nihilism: The Only Really Serious Philosophical Problem*
- 2018** IX Conference of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science  
*Human Enhancement and the Threat of Inequality*
- 2018** Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (Seattle)  
*Who is Afraid of Model Pluralism?*
- 2018** University of Seville: 'Model-Based Reasoning in Science and Technology. Inferential Models for Logic, Language, Cognition and Computation'  
*What can we learn from Models for the Evolution of Morality?*
- 2018** University of Rijeka: '26th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology'  
*What can we learn from Models for the Evolution of Morality?*
- 2018** IV FINO Graduate Conference in Mind, Language and Cognition "Kinds of Reasoning"  
*Model-Based Reasoning: A case study of evolutionary game theory*
- 2018** University of Bayreuth: '3<sup>rd</sup> think! Conference in Analytical Philosophy'  
*The Explanatory Power of Evolutionary Game Theory*
- 2018** University of Turin: 'Models of Explanation, 11th MuST Conference in Philosophy of Science'  
*The Explanatory Power of Evolutionary Game Theory*
- 2018** University of Calgary: 'Philosophy of Biology - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference'  
*The Evolution of Multicellularity: Cheating Done Right*
- 2018** University of Düsseldorf: Conference 'The Generalized Theory of Evolution'  
*The Evolution of Multicellularity: Cheating Done Right*
- 2016** University of Bayreuth: Conference 'LSE-UBT Conference in Philosophy'  
*Procreative Beneficence and Genetic Enhancement*

#### VISITING

- 2017** Visiting Student at the University of Helsinki (September - December)
- 2017** Research Visitor at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Biology (February - March)

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2017** Social Media Management for the Evolution Institute
- 2015-2016** Local Assistant for MEP (Member of European Parliament)
- 2015** Internship: European Parliament (September 2015)

#### HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2018** Bristol Alumni Foundation Travel Grant (550.00 £)
- 2018** Feminism & Technology Conference Grant (70.00 £)
- 2018** PhilInBioMed International Network (500.00 €)
- 2018** Philosophy of Science Association Travel Grant (192.32 \$)
- 2018** Philosophy & Economics Alumni Association Grant (150.00 €)
- 2018** Philosophy & Economics Alumni Association Grant (375.00 €)

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2019 -	Board Member Philosophy of Science Association – Social Media Committee	
2019 -	Writer for Psychology Today's <a href="#">Science and Philosophy Series</a>	
2019	Symposium Organizer Oslo for ISHPSSB 2019	
2018 -	Philos-L Contributor (ongoing)	
2018	Organizer Reading Group: Philosophy of Biology	<i>University of Bristol</i>
2017	Organizer Reading Group: Philosophy of Psychology	<i>University of Bayreuth</i>
2017	Organizer Reading Group: Philosophy of Biology	<i>University of Bayreuth</i>
2016	Organizer Reading Group: Philosophy of Biology & Psychology	<i>University of Bayreuth</i>

## INTERVIEWS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2019 -	Author of <a href="#">Science and Philosophy Series</a> on Psychology Today
2018	<a href="#">Genetic Engineering on Humans – TheNonSequiturShow</a>

## AFFILIATIONS

Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)  
European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB)  
European Society for Philosophy of Science (ESPS)  
British Society for Philosophy of Science (BSPS)  
German Society for Philosophy of Science (GWP)  
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)

## LANGUAGES

German (native)  
English (fluent)  
Spanish (beginner)  
Latvian (beginner)

## PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Python (beginner)  
NetLogo (beginner)

## REFERENCES

**Samir Okasha**  
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Professor of Philosophy  
University of Bristol  
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