

Walter Veit

curriculum vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

EMPLOYMENT

Research Fellow	<i>August - December 2019</i>	Carnegie Mellon University Dept. of Social and Decision Sciences, Laboratory for Social Minds
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EDUCATION

PhD	<i>2020-2023</i> [expected]	University of Sydney History and Philosophy of Science
MA	<i>2018-2019</i>	University of Bristol Philosophy of Biological and Cognitive Sciences
BA	<i>2014-2018</i>	University of Bayreuth Philosophy & Economics

TEACHING

TA	<i>Summer 2017</i>	Philosophy of Economics, University of Bayreuth
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TA	<i>Winter 2016</i>	Philosophy of Science, University of Bayreuth
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PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming** Review of Nancy Cartwright's *Nature, the Artful Modeler* – Philosophy of Science.
- Forthcoming** Agents, Goals, and Evolution – Essay Review of Samir Okasha's *Agents and Goals in Evolution* – Biological Theory.
- Forthcoming** [The Rationale of Rationalization](#) – Brain and Behavioral Sciences (first author, with, J. Dewhurst, K. Dolega, M. Jones, S. Stanley, K. Frankish, & D.C. Dennett)
- 2020** [Model Pluralism](#) – Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Philosophy of the Social Sciences, 50(2), 91–114. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0048393119894897>
- 2019** [Modeling Morality](#) – in L. Magnani, A. Nepomuceno, F. Salguero, C. Barés and M. Fontane (eds), *Model-Based Reasoning in Science and Technology*, Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-32722-4_6
- 2019** [Evolution of multicellularity: cheating done right](#) – Biology & Philosophy 34: 34. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10539-019-9688-9>
- 2018** [Existential Nihilism: The Only Really Serious Philosophical Problem](#) – Journal of Camus Studies 2018: 211-236.
- 2018** [Enhancement Technologies and Inequality](#) – in Saborido, C., Oms, S. & González de Prado, J. (eds.) *Proceedings of the IX Conference of the Spanish Society of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*: 471-476.
- 2018** [Cognitive Enhancement and the Threat of Inequality](#) – Journal of Cognitive Enhancement, 2: 404–410. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41465-018-0108-x>
- 2018** [Procreative Beneficence and Genetic Enhancement](#) KRITERION – Journal of Philosophy 32(1):75-92.

INVITED LECTURES

- 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 Modeling

REFERREED TALKS

- 2019** Turku: European Society for Evolutionary Biology
Evolution of Multicellularity: Cheating Done Right
- 2019** University of Helsinki: International Network for Economic Method
Who is Afraid of Model Pluralism?
- 2019** University of Bristol: Annual UK Kant Society Annual Conference
Kant as an Error Theorist
- 2019** Prague: 16th Congress on Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science and Technology
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** Lake Como: Economic Behaviours: Models, Measurements, and Policies – Summer School
Model Pluralism
- 2019** Krakow: Workshop on Fitness and Niche Construction at Jagiellonian University
Evolution of Multicellularity: Cheating Done Right
- 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 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 Vercelli: 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: '3rd think! Conference in Analytical Philosophy'
The Explanatory Power of Evolutionary Game Theory
- 2018 University of Calgary: 'Philosophy of Biology - 7th 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

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Stanford University: Metascience 2019 Symposium
Metascience of Consciousness
- 2018 Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (Seattle)
Who is Afraid of Model Pluralism?
- 2018 University of Turin: 11th MuST Conference in Philosophy of Science
The Explanatory Power of Evolutionary Game Theory

VISITING

- 2019** Unofficial Visitor at the *University of Pittsburgh* (as a Research Fellow of CMU)
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

- 2020-2022** Postgraduate Research Scholarship in the Philosophy of Biomedicine (228,900.00 AUS \$)
2019 Templeton World Charity Foundation Grant, Research Fellow CMU (roughly 12,000.00 \$)
2019 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 - Author of Psychology Today's [Science and Philosophy Series](#)
2019 – 2021 Student Representative Advisor ISHPSSB
2019 Symposium Organizer Oslo for ISHPSSB 2019
2018 - Philos-L Contributor (ongoing)
2018 Organizer Reading Group: Philosophy of Biology *University of Bristol*
2017 Organizer Reading Group: Philosophy of Psychology *University of Bayreuth*
2017 Organizer Reading Group: Philosophy of Biology *University of Bayreuth*
2016 Organizer Reading Group: *University of Bayreuth*
Philosophy of Biology & Psychology

INTERVIEWS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2019 -** Author of the [Science and Philosophy Series](#) on Psychology Today and Medium
2018 [Genetic Engineering on Humans – TheNonSequiturShow](#)

REFEREE

Philosophia

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 Network for Economic Method (INEM)
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)
Philosophers for Sustainability

LANGUAGES

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

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Python
NetLogo

REFERENCES

Simon DeDeo

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Carnegie Mellon University / Santa-Fe Institute
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Samir Okasha

President of European Philosophy of Science Association
Professor of Philosophy
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