

Walter Veit

curriculum vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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INTERESTS

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

AOC Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Bioethics, Philosophy of Medicine, Value Theory

EMPLOYMENT

Research Fellow (Pre-Doc) *August - December 2019* **Carnegie Mellon University (USA)**
Dept. of Social and Decision Sciences,
Laboratory for Social Minds

EDUCATION

PhD 2020-2022 **University of Sydney (Australia)**
[expected submission in December]
History and Philosophy of Science

Visiting PhD Student Nicola S. Clayton's Comparative Cognition Lab at the Department of Psychology, **University of Cambridge (UK)**
February-June 2021

Visiting PhD Student Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP) at the **Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany)**
Jan-Feb 2021

Visiting PhD Student Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science (CPNSS) and Jonathan Birch's Foundations of Animal Sentience (ASENT) lab at the **London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)**
Aug-Dec 2021

MA 2018-2019 **University of Bristol (UK)**
Philosophy of Biological and Cognitive Sciences

BA 2014-2018 **University of Bayreuth (Germany)**
Philosophy & Economics

Visiting Student **University of Helsinki (Finland)**
Sep-Dec 2017

Research Visitor Research Group Theoretical models of Eco-evolutionary Dynamics at the **Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Biology (Germany)**
Feb-Mar 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

36. Please find all my forthcoming publications with citation details on: <https://walterveit.com/publications>

2021

46. Veit, W. & Browning, H. (2021). **Has the Socio-Political Role of Neuroethics Been Neglected?** *AJOB Neuroscience*. VOL. 13, NO. 1, 23-25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21507740.2021.2001079> [Download]
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42. Veit, W. (2021). **The Evolution of Knowledge during the Cambrian Explosion.** *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 44, e47. <https://www.doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X20000771> [Download]
41. Browning, H. & Veit, W. (2021). **Utilitarian Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic for Non-Pandemic Diseases.** *American Journal of Bioethics*. 21(12), 39-42. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2021.1991035> [Download]
40. Veit, W. (2021). **Scaffolding Natural Selection.** *Biological Theory*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13752-021-00387-6> [Download]
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35. Veit, W. (2021). **Agential Thinking.** *Synthese*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-021-03380-5> [Download]
34. Veit, W. & Browning, H. (2021). **Extending animal welfare science to include wild animals.** *Animal Sentience* 31(1), pp. 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.51291/2377-7478.1675> [Download]
33. Veit, W. & Ney, M. (2021). **Metaphors in Arts and Science.** *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*. 11(44). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13194-021-00351-y> [Download]
32. Veit, W., Anomaly, J., Agar, N., Singer, P., Fleischman, D.S., & Minerva, F. (2021). **Can 'eugenics' be defended?** *Monash Bioethics Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40592-021-00129-1> [Download]
31. Veit, W. & Spurrett, D. (2021). **Evolving Resolve.** *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. 44, E56. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X20001041> [Download]
30. Browning, H. & Veit, W. (2021). **Freedom and Animal Welfare.** *Animals*. 11(4), 1148. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani11041148> [Download]
29. Veit, W. (2021). **Review of Nancy Cartwright's Nature, the Artful Modeler: Lectures on Laws, Science, How Nature Arranges the World and How We Can Arrange It Better.** *Philosophy of Science* 88(2), 366-369. <https://doi.org/10.1086/711505> [Download]
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27. Veit, W. & Browning, H. (2021). **Phenomenology Applied to Animal Health and Suffering.** In S. Ferrarello (Ed.), *Phenomenology of Bioethics: Technoethics and Lived-Experience*, pp. 73-88. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-65613-3_6 [Download]
26. Veit, W. (2021). **Does Birth Matter?** *Journal of Medical Ethics*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2020-107034> [Download]

25. Browning, H. & Veit, W. (2021). **Evolutionary Biology Meets Consciousness: Essay Review of Simona Ginsburg and Eva Jablonka's *The Evolution of the Sensitive Soul***. *Biology & Philosophy*, 36(5). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10539-021-09781-7> [Download]
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23. Veit, W. (2021). **Biological Normativity: A New Hope for Naturalism?** *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11019-020-09993-w> [Download]

2020

22. Veit, W., Brown, R. & Earp, B.D. (2020). **In science we trust? Being honest about the limits of medical research during COVID-19**. *American Journal of Bioethics*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2020.1845861> [Download]
21. Chapman, R. & Veit, W. (2020). **“The essence of autism: fact or artefact?”** *Molecular Psychiatry*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41380-020-00959-1> [Download]
20. Veit, W. & Browning, H. (2020). **Perspectival pluralism for animal welfare**. *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* 11(9). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13194-020-00322-9> [Download]
19. Veit, W. (2020). **Dennett and Spinoza**. *Australasian Philosophical Review*. 4(3), 259–265. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24740500.2021.1962653> [Download]
18. Veit, W. & Browning, H. (2020). **Why Socio-Political Beliefs Trump Individual Morality: An Evolutionary Perspective**. *AJOB Neuroscience*, 11(4), 290–292. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21507740.2020.1830879> [Download]
17. Veit, W., Earp, B.D., Faber, N., Bostrom, N., Caouette, J., Mannino, A., Caviola, L., Sandberg, A. & Savulescu, J. (2020). **Recognizing the Diversity of Cognitive Enhancements**. *AJOB Neuroscience*, 11(4), 250–253. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21507740.2020.1830878> [Download]
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15. Browning, H. & Veit, W. (2020). **Is Humane Slaughter Possible?** *Animals*, 10(5), 799. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani10050799> [Download]
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12. Veit, W. & Huebner, B. (2020). **Drawing the boundaries of animal sentience**. *Animal Sentience* 29(13). <http://doi.org/10.51291/2377-7478.1595> [Download]
11. Browning, H. & Veit, W. (2020). **Improving invertebrate welfare**. *Animal Sentience* 29(4). <http://doi.org/10.51291/2377-7478.1585> [Download]
10. Chapman, R. & Veit, W. (2020). **Representing the Autism Spectrum**. *The American Journal of Bioethics* 20(4), 46–48. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2020.1730495> [Download]
9. Browning, H. & Veit, W. (2020). **The Measurement Problem of Consciousness**. *Philosophical Topics*. 48(1), 85–108. <https://doi.org/10.5840/philtopics20204815> [Download]

2019

8. Veit, W., Dewhurst, J., Dolega, K., Jones, M., Stanley, S., Frankish, K. & Dennett, D.C. (2019). **The Rationale of Rationalization – Behavioral and Brain Sciences** 43, e53. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X19002164> [Download]
7. Veit, W. (2019). **Model Pluralism**. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 50(2), 91–114. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0048393119894897> [Download]
6. Veit, W. (2019). **Modeling Morality**. In L. Magnani, A. Nepomuceno, F. Salguero, C. Barés and M. Fontane (eds), *Model-Based Reasoning in Science and Technology*, Springer, 83–102. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-32722-4_6 [Download]

5. Veit, W. (2019). **Evolution of multicellularity: cheating done right.** *Biology & Philosophy*, 34(34). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10539-019-9688-9> [Download]

2018

4. Veit, W. (2018). **Existential Nihilism: The Only Really Serious Philosophical Problem.** *Journal of Camus Studies* 2018: 211-236. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.26965.24804> [Download]
3. Veit, W. (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. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.21932.08326> [Download]
2. Veit, W. (2018). **Cognitive Enhancement and the Threat of Inequality.** *Journal of Cognitive Enhancement*, 2: 404–410. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41465-018-0108-x> [Download]
1. Veit, W. (2018). **Procreative Beneficence and Genetic Enhancement.** *KRITERION – Journal of Philosophy* 32(1):75-92. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.11026.89289> [Download]

INVITED LECTURES

- 2021 Joint Brazilian Annual Ethological/Latin American Ethological Conference
Towards an Ethological Science of Consciousness [Recording available]
- 2021 University of St Andrews: Wild Animal Ethics conference
Positive Wild Animal Welfare [presented by co-author Heather Browning] [Recording available]
- 2021 Oxford University: 7th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research
Wild Animal Welfare [presented by co-author Heather Browning]
- 2021 Tel Aviv University: 24th Annual Meeting of the ASSC
[with H. Shevlin, H. Browning, M. Crosby, and C. Whitely]
Non-human consciousness: current paradigms and debates
- 2021 Oxford University: 6th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research
Longtermism and animals [presented by co-author Heather Browning]
- 2020 Bordeaux-Sydney workshop on Philosophy of Biology and Biomedicine:
Of mosasaurs, turtles, and scuba divers: A challenge for evolutionary accounts of health and disease
- 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

REFEREED TALKS

- 2021 Arizona State University: International Network for Economic Method
The Evolution of Preferences [Recording available]
- 2021 Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (Baltimore)
Integrating Animal Consciousness into Welfare [presented by co-author Heather Browning]
- 2021 International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB 2021)
Pathological Complexity and the Evolution of Consciousness
- 2021 University of Waikato: AAP 2021
Pathological Complexity and the Evolution of Consciousness
- 2019 Turku: European Society for Evolutionary Biology
Evolution of Multicellularity: Cheating Done Right [Recording available]
- 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

TEACHING

<i>Lecturer</i>	2022	History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences , Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
<i>Lecturer</i>	2022	Advanced Topic in the Philosophy of Economics , University of Bayreuth
<i>Lecturer</i>	2021	Advanced Principles of Animal Welfare (HANVFQ-30-7) , Hartpury University (Two sessions and tutorials on sentience, wellbeing, and the animal sentience bill)
<i>Guest Lecturer</i>	2021	Idealized Models in Economics <u>(00205)</u> , University of Bayreuth
<i>TA</i>	2017	Philosophy of Economics <u>(50156)</u> , University of Bayreuth
<i>TA</i>	2016	Introduction to the Philosophy of Science <u>(50125)</u> , University of Bayreuth

FURTHER 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)

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 – 2021** 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

- 2021** Do Explain Podcast with Christofer Lövgren: [Animal Sentience](#)
2021 Interviewed by Cody Turner's Tent Talks: [Naturalizing Consciousness](#)
2021 Interviewed by Jamie Woodhouse's Sentientism Podcast: [Animal Sentience, Ethics, and Religion](#)
2021 Interview with the Philosophy Exchange Podcast: [Model Diversity and the Embarrassment of Riches](#)
2019 - Author of the [Science and Philosophy Series](#) on Psychology Today and Medium
2018 Interviewed by the The NonSequitur Show: [Ethics of Genetic Engineering](#)

REFEREE

Book Publisher Referee for: Routledge; Wiley

Journal Referee for: Behavioral and Brain Sciences; Philosophy of Science; Journal of Philosophy; Biology & Philosophy; Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution; European Journal for Philosophy of Science; Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour; Philosophy of Medicine; Acta Biotheoretica; Livestock Science; Philosophia; Journal of Medical Ethics; Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy; South African Journal of Philosophy; Kriterion – Journal of Philosophy; Studies in History and Philosophy of Science

PAST AND PRESENT AFFILIATIONS (may be expired)

International:

1. Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)
2. International Network for Economic Method (INEM)
3. American Psychological Association (APA)
4. American Philosophical Association (APA)
5. Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC)
6. Animal Behavior Society (ABS)
7. Comparative Cognition Society (CSS)
8. Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology (SBNCP)
9. International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE)
10. Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW)
11. The Society for the Philosophy of Animal Minds (SPAM)
12. The International Society for Evolution, Medicine & Public Health (ISEMPH)
13. International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)
14. International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST)

European:

15. European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB)
16. Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB)
17. European Society for Philosophy of Science (ESPS)

British:

18. British Society for Philosophy of Science (BSPS)
19. British Ecological Society (BES)

Australasian:

20. Australasian Association of Philosophy (AAP)
21. Australasian Association for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science (AAHPSSS)

German:

22. German Society for Philosophy of Science (GWP)
23. Ethologische Gesellschaft

LANGUAGES

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

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Python (beginner)
NetLogo (beginner)

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