

Christian Pfeiffer

University of Toronto Scarborough
Department of Philosophy
Christian.pfeiffer@utoronto.ca

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ancient Philosophy (focus Aristotle)
- Ancient and Contemporary Metaphysics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Since 07/2022 Associate Professor, University of Toronto Scarborough.
- 01/2019 Assistant Professor. University of Toronto Scarborough.
- 10/2017-3/2018 Visiting Professor. Humboldt University Berlin.
- 3/2016-5/2016 UC Berkeley. Visiting Scholar.
- 06/2012-12/2018 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (roughly, Assistant Professor without Tenure Option). Chair for Ancient Philosophy and Rhetoric (Prof. Christof Rapp). Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich.
- 04/2009-03/2012 Doctoral fellowship. Excellence Cluster “Topoi - The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations”. Humboldt University Berlin.
- 10/2008-03/2009 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter. Chair for Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy (Prof. Christof Rapp). Humboldt University Berlin.

EDUCATION

- 06/2012 Dr. Phil. (s.c.l), Humboldt University Berlin. Title: The Metaphysics of Bodies in Aristotle. Supervisors: Prof. Jonathan Beere (HU Berlin), Prof. Benjamin Morison (Princeton University), Prof. Christof Rapp (LMU München).
- 09/2010-03/2011 Princeton University. Visiting Student. Supervisor: Prof. Benjamin Morison.
- 04/2008 Magister Artium (1,0). Humboldt University Berlin and Freie University Berlin (Philosophy and Classics).
- 09/2005-04/2006 University of Edinburgh. Visiting Student. Supervisor: Prof. Theodore Scaltsas.

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Publications

Book

2018 *Aristotle's Theory of Bodies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Articles

- 2023 “De Mixtione VII–VIII: On the Possibility of a Stoic Blend.” In: F. de Haas, G. Guyomarc’h (eds.), *Studies on Alexander of Aphrodisias’ On Mixture and Growth*, Brill, 100–121.
- 2023 “Colloquium 3 Commentary on Hayes”, in: *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* 37 (1), 97–106.
- 2022 “Making Sense of Other Philosophers: Aristotle’s criticism of Parmenides in *Physics* I.3” in: M. Jas, A. Lammer (eds.), *Received Opinions. Doxography in Antiquity and the Islamic World*, Brill (*Philosophia Antiqua*), 12-32.
- 2021 “What is Matter in Aristotle’s Hylomorphism?”, in: *Ancient Philosophy Today: Dialogoi* 3.2, 148-171.
- 2019 “Aristotle on Thinking the Infinite”, in: *Mnemosyne* 72, 24-52 (joint author with Mirjam Kotwick).
- 2018 “Aristotle and the *Thesis of Mereological Potentialism*”, in: *Philosophical Inquiry* 42.3-4, 28-66.
- 2018 “Joseph Geysler on Negative Judgments”, in: G. Hartung, C.G. King, C. Rapp (eds.), *Aristotelian Studies in the 19th Century* (New Studies in the History and Historiography of Philosophy), Berlin/New York: de Gruyter, 97-129.
- 2016 “Aristotle on Being in the Same Place”, in: T. Buchheim, D. Meißner, and N. Wachsmann (eds.), *Körper. Sôma und Corpus in der antiken Philosophie und Literatur*, Hamburg: Meiner, 363-392.
- 2015 “Grasping Aristotle’s Intellect”, in: *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale* XXVI, 13-31 (joint author with Pavel Gregorić).
- 2013 “The Perfection of Bodies: Aristotle’s De Caelo I.1”, in: *Rhizomata* 1.1, 30-62 (joint author with Gábor Betegh and Francesca Pedriali)
- 2011 “Philosophie des Geistes”, in: *Aristoteles-Handbuch. Leben-Werk-Wirkung*, ed. C. Rapp und K. Corcilius, J.B. Metzler, 580-584.

Reviews

- 2020 Review of “Tim Clarke: Aristotle and the Eleatic One, Oxford University Press, 2019.” In: *The Journal of Philosophy*, 117.9, 520-525.

- 2019 Review of “D. Bronstein, Aristotle on Knowledge and Learning: The Posterior Analytics. Oxford University Press, 2016.” in: *Gnomon*, 91.1, 76-79.
- 2015 Review of “S. Odzuck: The Priority of Locomotion in Aristotle's Physics, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2014.” in: *Anzeiger für die Altertumswissenschaft*, 68, 78-83.
- 2014 Review of “C. Natali: Aristotle. His Life and School. Edited by D.S. Hutchinson. Princeton University Press, 2013 (originally published as *Bios theoretikos*, 1991).” in: *The Classical Review (New Series)*, 64.2, 625.

2. Invited talks (last 6 years)

- 10/2023: “On the Use of the History of Philosophy for Philosophy.” University of Bergen. Departmental Talk.
- 10/2023: “Aristotle’s project in *Metaphysics H*.” University of Bergen. Presentation to the Ancient Philosophy Group.
- 9/2023: “Aristotle on Senses and Causes of Being in H.2.” University of Oxford. Conference *Philosophizing With the Greats*.
- 7/2023: “The Argument of *Metaphysics α*”. LMU Munich. Departmental Talk.
- 6/2023: “The Argument of *Metaphysics α*”. UNAM Mexico. Departmental Talk.
- 4/2023: “The Argument of *Metaphysics α*”. University of Turin.
- 3/2023: “The Argument of *Metaphysics α*”. McGill University.
- 3/2023 “Aristotle on Senses and Causes of Being in H.2.” McGill University.
- 2/2023 “Comments on ‘Aristotle on Asymmetric Boundaries’” APA Central.
- 9/2022 “Artifacts vs. Natural Beings - Two kinds of Hylomorphism?” HU Berlin. GAP Conference.
- 8/2022 “Is there a Difference between the Physics and Metaphysics of Perceptible Substances?” Cornell University. Keynote lecture.
- 8/2022 “Categories 6.” University of Oslo. *Symposium Aristotelicum*.
- 4/2022 “The argument of *Metaphysics H*.” Notre Dame University. 4 Talks in the Ancient Colloquium
- 4/2022 “Causes of Being and Causes of Unity - The Argument of H.3-6” Notre Dame University. Keynote Lecture.
- 2/2022: “Causes of Being and Causes of Unity - The Argument of H.3-6”. LMU Munich. Workshop on *Metaphysics H*.
- 9/2021: “Causes of Being and Causes of Unity - The Argument of H.3-6”. University of Pittsburgh. CPAS Lecture.
- 9/2021: “Causes of Being and Causes of Unity - The Argument of H.3-6”. KU Leuven. Conference: Part and Whole in Antiquity.
- 2/2021: “Comments on *Cassidy Finlay: Aristotle and Philoponus on Bodiless Extension*”. Central APA
- 3/2020 “Comments on *Sean Kelsey: ch. 8 Intelligence*”. UCLA. Book Symposium.
- 11/2019 “Aristotle on the Definition of Hylomorphic Substances”. NYU. WIP Talk.
- 8/2019 “Categories 6”. Oxford. Conference: Pushing the Boundaries. *Kinesis* and *peras* in Aristotle’s Physics.

- 4/2019 “What is Matter? Hylomorphism in H and Θ ”. Cambridge. Workshop on Aristotle’s Metaphysics Theta (Paris 1 – Cambridge).
- 11/2018 “Was ist Materie? Hylemorphismus in Metaphysik H”. University of Trier. Philosophisch-philologisches Kolloquium.
- 9/2018 “Alexander of Aphrodisias: De Mixtione ch.7-8”. University of Lyon. Crux Workshop.
- 6/2018 “A puzzle for Aristotle’s Causal Account of Thinking”. Charles University Prague. Conference: Aristotle on NOUS.
- 5/2018 “Ideas and First Principles”. University of Cambridge. Mayweek.
- 3/2018 “Metaphysics X.1 1052a15-34”. Rome. Meeting of European Society of Ancient Philosophy.
- 3/2018 “Making Sense of Other Philosophers: Exegesis and Interpretation in Aristotle”. LMU Munich. Conference: Received Opinions: Doxography in Antiquity and the Islamic World.
- 1/2018 “The Topology of Motion in Aristotle’s *Physics* VIII.8”. Ligerz. Conference: Contemporary Perspectives on Aristotle’s Physics.
- 10/2017 “Forms as Causes. Hylomorphism in Z.17”. University of Milano. Conference: FORMS. New Perspectives on Ancient Metaphysics and Epistemology.
- 9/2017 “Comments on K. Koslicki: *The Hylomorphic Tie*”, LMU Munich. Workshop with K. Koslicki on her book: *Form, Matter, Substance*.
- 8/2017 „Preexisting and Constitutive Matter in *Metaphysics* H“, UC Berkeley. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 6/2017 „The Composition of Matter and Form: Aristotle against the Platonists in *Metaphysics* H“, Renmin University of China, Conference *Aristotle’s Criticisms of Plato’s Metaphysics and Plato’s Possible Responses*.
- 5/2017 „Matter in H. A Response to Ackrill’s Problem“. LMU Munich.
- 5/2017 „Posterior Analytics II.1-2“. University of Oxford. Conference *Aristotle’s Posterior Analytics*.
- 3/2017 „Aristotle’s Theory of Body“. University of Cambridge. Keynote at Graduate Conference.
- 1/2017 „Die kausale Rolle der Form und die “Zergliederung” der Substanz. Hylemorphismus in Metaphysik Z.17-H.2“, University of Tübingen. Institutskolloquium.
- 6/2015 “Aristotle on the Topology of Motion. Physics VIII.8 261b27-263b9”, Tel Aviv University. The Central European Reading Group in Ancient Philosophy.
- 5/2015 “Metaphysics Iota.4”, Cambridge University. Cambridge May Week.
- 9/2014 “The Topic and Argument-Structure of Z.17-H”, UC Berkeley. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 9/2014 “Two Puzzles in *De Anima* III.4” (with Pavel Gregorić), University of Prague. The Central European Reading Group in Ancient Philosophy.
- 7/2014 “A Puzzle for Aristotle’s Causal Account of Thinking”, LMU Munich. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 6/2014 “Bodies and Natural Philosophy” and “Aristotle and *Thesis of Mereological Potentialism*”, Two Talks at the University of Edinburgh. PG Ancient Philosophy Conference.
- 8/2013 “An interpretation of Aristotle’s *APo* I.31/33”, UC Berkeley. LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.
- 3/2013 “Verneinung und Urteil bei Joseph Geyser”, LMU Munich. Conference “Aristotelische Forschungen im 19. Jahrhundert”.

SERVICE

- Editor with Béatrice Lienemann and Christof Rapp of *Philosophical Studies in Ancient Thought*, Schwabe.
- Referee for *Phronesis*, *Ergo*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Rhizômata*, *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*.
- Organizer/co-organizer for various conferences, including the *Annual Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy* in 2019 and 2020.

GRANTS

- Connaught Grant
- SIG funds
- SSHRC Grant
- LMU Berkeley Kooperation