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Education

Ph.D. (Dr. phil.), Philosophy, **University Augsburg**, January 23, 2020, Thesis: *Alles kann nichts muss?! Theorien der Modalität bei D. Lewis, G.W. Leibniz und A. Plantinga und ihre Vereinbarkeit mit unterschiedlichen Spielarten des Theismus (Lewis', Leibniz's, and Plantinga's Theory of Modality and their Compatibility with Different Theisms)*, First Supervisor: Professor Dr. Dr. Thomas Schärtl-Trendel (Regensburg), Second Supervisor: Professor Dr. Uwe Voigt (Augsburg), Third Supervisor: Professor Dr. Dr. Benedikt Göcke (Bochum), grade: *summa cum laude* (0,0).

BA, Philosophy, **Ludwig Maximilian University**, Munich, April 15, 2014, Thesis: *Theologia Naturalis und relationale Ontologie (Theologia Naturalis and Relational Ontology)*, Supervisor: Dr. Hans Otto Seitschek (Munich).

Diploma (Dipl. theol.), Catholic Theology, **Ludwig Maximilian University**, Munich, July 17, 2013, Thesis: *Peter Knauers Theologia Naturalis: Eine kritische Analyse des Ersten Vatikanischen Konzils (Peter Knauer's Theologia Naturalis. A Critical Analysis of the First Vatican Council)*, Supervisor: Professor Dr. Bertram Stubenrauch (Munich).

Area of Specialization

Philosophy of G.W. Leibniz • analytic modal metaphysics

Area of Competence

Analytic philosophy of religion • religious epistemology • early modern rationalism • faith and reason • history of Christianity in Japan

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Chair of Philosophy, University of Regensburg, Regensburg (Germany), since 2021.

Assistant Professor, Chair of Dogmatics, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich (Germany), since 2018.

Visiting Research Fellow (Advisor: Prof. Dr. Toru Kashima), Graduate School of Letters, Arts and Sciences, Department of Philosophy, Waseda University, Tokyo (Japan), since 2018.

Teaching and Research Assistant, Faculty of Catholic Theology, Chair of Philosophy, University of Augsburg, Augsburg (Germany), 2016-2020.

First-placed candidate of the appointment procedure for a full time Assistant Professorship for Philosophy and Religion at Miyazaki International College (renewable contract every two years up to the age of 60), Miyazaki (Japan), July 2019.

Examined Student Assistant, Faculty of Catholic Theology, Chair of Dogmatics, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich (Germany), 2013-2018.

Lecturer, Faculty of Catholic Theology, Chair of Dogmatics, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich (Germany), 2015-2016.

Academic Service

Member of the Mentoring Committee of the Faculty of Catholic Theology at LMU Munich.

Member of the higher education didactics program of the Faculty of Catholic Theology at LMU Munich.

Annual Meeting of the Catholic Theological Faculty Association in Stuttgart as an elected member of the University Assistants of the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Augsburg, January 30-February 1, 2020.

Annual Meeting of the Catholic Theological Faculty Association at the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg as an elected member of the University Assistants of the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Augsburg, January 25-27, 2018.

Scholarships, Grants, and Rewards

Reward, [Richard-Schaeffler-Preis](#), Munich School of Philosophy (2021, 2,000 €)

Grant, LMUexcellent Postdoc Support Fund (2021, 2,000 €)

Grant, [DFG \(German Research Foundation\)](#), project number 449550980, (2020, approx. 3,400 €)

Grant, *VG WORT* (2020, approx. 3,000 €)

Grant, *DAAD* (German Academic Exchange Service) (2019, 2,200 €)

Grant for Foreign Students, *Waseda University* (2018, 200,000 ¥)

Grant, *John Templeton Foundation* (2017, approx. 1,200 €)

Ph.D. Scholarship, *Hanns Seidel Foundation* (2014-2016, approx. 34,500 €)

Student Scholarship, *Hanns Seidel Foundation* (2010-2013, approx. 5,400 €)

References

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Memberships

Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft

Societas Leibnitiana Japonica

Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie

European Academy of Religion

Deutsche Tolkien Gesellschaft

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens

German Japan-Society-for-the-Promotion-of-Sciences Alumni Association

PUBLICATIONS

Jan Levin Propach

Books

- (27) *Alles kann, nichts muss?! Theorien der Modalität bei D. Lewis, G. W. Leibniz und A. Plantinga und ihre Vereinbarkeit mit Spielarten des Theismus.* (= STEP 21), Münster: Aschendorff 2020, 294 pages, DOI: 10.17438/978-3-402-11849-8.
- (26) *Geist-Erfahrung. Ein Beitrag zu einem Erfahrungsbegriff für die Geisteswissenschaften.* Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2019, edited together with Manfred Negele, 230 pages.

Review: *Zeitschrift für katholische Theologie* 142 (2020), 617–620.

Papers (published)

- (25) “Why God Thinks what He is Thinking? An Argument against Samuel Newlands’ Brute-Fact-Theory of Divine Ideas in Leibniz’ s Metaphysics.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 13(3) (2021), 171–185, DOI: 10.24204/ejpr.2021.3301. [peer-reviewed]
- (24) “Der Link zu den Göttern. Ursprung und Bedeutung der japanischen *ema*.” In *Bild und Sinn*, ed. by Rudolf Lütke, Stefanie Voigt, and Eduard Zwierlein. Münster: LIT 2021, 215–226.
- (23) “Japans Verborgene Christen. Ihre Geschichte und gegenwärtige Situation.” *Münchener Theologische Zeitschrift* 72(1) (2021), 18–34.
- (22) “‘Rick, can we not leave without my sister?’—‘Urgh. You have infinite sisters, Morty. Not that I want to spend the rest of my day looking for another one.’ On the Metaphysical Foundations of *Rick and Morty*.” *Hélice* 6(1) (2020), 93–98.
- (21) “Die verborgenen Christen Japans. Ihr Mentalitätenamalgam als interkulturell-theologisches Paradigma.” In *Ökumene der konfessionelle Mentalitäten. Interdisziplinäre Vorüberlegungen in theologischer Absicht* (Beiträge aus dem Zentrum für ökumenische Forschung, vol. VIII), ed. by Michael Huber and Peter Schütz. Münster: LIT 2020, 105–140.
- (20) “Leibniz’s Worlds. The Connection between the Best Possible World and the Monadic Realm.” *Synthesis Philosophica* 68(2) (2019), 415–431, DOI: 10.21464/sp34211. [peer-reviewed]
- (19) “Ideen bei Leibniz. Das Verhältnis zwischen den Ideen im göttlichen Intellekt und den Ideen des menschlichen Geistes.” In *Geist-Erfahrung. Ein Beitrag zu einem Erfahrungsbegriff für die Geisteswissenschaften*, ed. by Manfred Negele and Jan Levin Propach. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2019, 155–177.

- (18) “Wenn es Gott nicht gäbe, so müsste man ihn erfinden.” In *Calvin and Hobbes. Philosophieren über Gott und die Welt*, ed. by Martin Blay and Michael Winkmann. Freiburg i. Br.: Herder 2018, 61–70.
- (17) “How to Distinguish Secondary from Primary Creations? A Leibnizian Elucidation of a Distinction by J.R.R. Tolkien.” *Hither Shore* 14 (2017), 34–45.

Papers (forthcoming)

- 16 “Die ‘Bibel’ des japanischen Untergrundchristentums. Die Transformation biblischer Erzählungen im Spannungsverhältnis von Buddhismus, Shinto, Christenverfolgung und dem Erbe der jesuitischen Mission in 天地始之事 (*Der Anfang von Himmel und Erde*).” In *Global Christianities*. Boston: Brill 2021, forthcoming.
- (15) “Leibniz und die Lehre von der Gottebenbildlichkeit. Eine Offenbarungswahrheit als Zugang zu den platonisch-neuplatonischen Fundamenten seiner Metaphysik.” *Comenius-Jahrbuch* 29 (2021), forthcoming.
- (14) “Masks of the Gods. Masking and Unmasking in Shinto.” In *Maskierung und Demaskierung in Zeiten der Pandemie. Ein aktueller Zugang zu einem alten Phänomen*, ed. by Alena Bischoff and Manfred Negele. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2021, forthcoming.
- (13) “The Puzzle of Metaphysical Evil and Theodicy in Leibniz.” In *The Labyrinths of Leibniz’s Philosophy*, ed. by Aleksandra Horowska. New York: Peter Lang 2021, forthcoming.
- (12) “Leibniz’s Argument for the Existence of God from Eternal Truths.” *Coleção CLE* 87 (2021), forthcoming.

Others

- (11) “Engraved Illustrations of Jesuit Martyrdoms During the Persecution of Christianity in Early Modern Japan.” *The Oliveira Lima Library Blog (The Catholic University of America)* (2021).
- (10) “‘Alles bleibt anders.’ Die japanische Kirchengeschichte als Lernort theologischer Akkommodation.” *feinschwarz.net* (2021).
- (9) “**Ecumenism of Confessional Mentalities.**” *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog* (2020), together with Peter Schüz.
- (8) “Einführung.” In *Geist-Erfahrung. Ein Beitrag zu einem Erfahrungsbegriff für die Geisteswissenschaften*, ed. by Manfred Negele and Jan Levin Propach. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2019, IX–XII, together with Manfred Negele.

Book Reviews

- (7) Book Review of Stepanow, Kathrin. [Analysis dubii. Die theologische Legitimität iterativen Zweifels](#). Regensburg: Friedrich Pustet 2020. *ThRv* (2021), 1–3, together with Michael Huber.
- (6) Book Review of Inderst, Inja and Robinson, Matthew Ryan (ed.). *What Does Theology Do, Actually? Observing Theology and the Transcultural*. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt 2020. *SaThZ* 24(2) (2020), 248–254, together with Dominik Baumgartner.
- (5) Book Review of Nebel, Johannes (ed.). *Kardinal Leo Scheffczyk (1920–2005). Das Vermächtnis seines Denkens für die Gegenwart*. Regensburg: Friedrich Pustet 2017. *MThZ* 70(3) (2019), 284–286, together with Michael Huber.
- (4) Book Review of Barth, Christian. *Intentionalität und Bewusstsein in der frühen Neuzeit. Die Philosophie des Geistes von René Descartes und Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz*. Frankfurt a. M.: Vittorio Klostermann 2017. *ThPh* 94(3) (2019), 427–429.
- (3) Book Review of Buckareff, Andrei and Nagasawa, Yujin (ed.). *Alternative Concepts of God. Essays on the Metaphysics of the Divine*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2016. *ThPh* 94(2) (2019), 274–277.
- (2) Book Review of Bender, Sebastian. *Leibniz' Metaphysik der Modalität (Quellen und Studien zur Philosophie; Band 130)*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter 2016. *ThPh* 93(2) (2018), 269–272.
- (1) Book Review of Schneider, Ruben. *Sein, Gott, Freiheit. Eine Studie zur Kompatibilismus-Kontroverse in klassischer und analytischer Religionsphilosophie (STEP, Bd. 4)*. Münster: Aschendorff 2016. *ThPh* 93(1) (2018), 97–99.

PRESENTATIONS

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Academic Presentations

- (31) “[The History of Christianity in Japan](#)”, German-Iranian Intensive Study Program: Exploring Christianity in Asia II, Mashhad (Iran), September 29, 2021.
- (30) “[The 'Bible' of Japan's Underground Christians as an Example of Religious Syncretism](#)”, Annual Conference of the European Academy of Religion, Münster (Germany), September 1, 2021.
- (29) “[Japan's Hidden Christians. Their History and Current Situation](#)”, German-Iranian Intensive Study Program: Exploring Christianity in Asia, *zoom*, December 10, 2020.
- (28) “[Leibniz's Proof of the Existence of God from Eternal Truths](#)”, 3rd CLE4Science Conference: Theologia Naturalis, University of Campinas, Campinas (Brazil), May 27-29, 2020. [postponed]
- (27) “[Religious Transhumanis. A Mormon Approach](#)”, 12th Beyond Humanism Conference, University of the Aegean, Lesvos (Greece), July 1-4, 2020. [postponed]
- (26) “[Why God Thinks what He is Thinking? An Argument for Grounding Divine Ideas in Divine Perfections within Leibniz's Metaphysics](#)”, Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy 2019 (ASEMP 2019), The University of Queensland, Brisbane (Australia), November 25-27, 2019.
- (25) “Was ist analytische Metaphysik?” (What is Analytic Metaphysics?), University of Augsburg, Augsburg (Germany), July 18, 2019.
- (24) “[Leibniz on Socinianism, the Holy Trinity, and Divine Simplicity](#)”, at the Conference “Natural and Revealed Theology in the German Enlightenment”, Research Institute of the University of Bucharest, Bucharest (Romania), May 23-24, 2019.
- (23) “[Ideas are no Brute Facts. An Argument against Samuel Newlands' Understanding of Divine Ideas as Brute Facts in Leibnizian Metaphysics](#)”, 13th Conference of the Leibniz Society of North America (LSNA), Emory University, Atlanta (GA/USA), May 17-19, 2019.
- (22) “[Lewis and Leibniz on Possible Worlds and Possible Individuals](#)”, Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo (Japan), April 17, 2019.

- (21) [“Leibniz’s Worlds. The Connection Between the Best Possible World and the Monadic Realm”](#), at “The Concept of World in Philosophy”, Annual Conference of the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Zagreb, Zagreb (Croatia), December 6-7, 2018.
- (20) “Von alten und neuen Göttern – Fantasy und Religion” (About Old and New God’s – Fantasy and Religion), at “Fantasy, Science Fiction: Konstruktion, Interpretation und Faszination”, Lecture Series of the Chair of English Studies of the University of Augsburg, Augsburg (Germany), November 12, 2018.
- (19) [“Leibniz’ Bestimmung des Verhältnisses zwischen Ideen im göttlichen Intellekt und den Ideen des menschlichen Geistes”](#) (Leibniz’s Conception of Divine and Human Ideas), at “Plurality in Philosophy and Beyond”, 10th Conference of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP.10), Cologne (Germany), September 17-20, 2018.
- (18) [“Eingeborene Ideen oder Teilhabe? Leibniz’ Bestimmung der Beziehung zwischen den Ideen im Intellekt Gottes und den Ideen im menschlichen Geist”](#) (Innate Ideas or Participation? Leibniz’s Conception of Divine and Human Ideas), at “Was ist Geist?”, Conference of the Swiss Society of Philosophy, Basel (Switzerland), September 6-8, 2018.
- (17) [“Unterschied von Erst- und Zweitschöpfung aufgrund ihrer \(Un\)vollständigkeit”](#) (The Distinction Between First and Second Creation in Consequence of Their (In)completeness), at “Fantasy, Science Fiction und literarische Weltschöpfungen”, 14th Conference of the German Tolkien Society, Augsburg (Germany), October 27-29, 2017.
- (16) [“Is There a Way to Make Compatible Modal Realism and Classical Theism?”](#), at “Advancing and Challenging Classical Theism”, Summer School, Analytic Theology Project, funded participant (John Templeton Foundation), Weltenburg Abbey (Germany), July 27-August 6, 2017.

Conference Organized

- (15) *Leibniz — Pionier der Ökumene in neuem Licht. Die Einheit von Theologie, Philosophie, Wissenschaft und Kirchenunion bei Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz*, together with Prof. Dr. Klaus Unterburger, in cooperation with the German Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Society and the Catholic Akademy, January 19-20, 2021, Munich (Germany). [postponed]

Others

- (14) “Die verborgenen Christen Japans” (Japan’s Hidden Christians), at Hanns-Seidel-Foundation, December 15, 2020.
- (13) “Augustinus und die Willensfreiheit” (Augustine and Free Will), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), June 8, 2018.

- (12) "Der Krieg aller gegen alle – Thomas Hobbes und sein Leviathan" (Hobbes's Leviathan), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), December 4, 2017.
- (11) "Cogito ergo sum! - Descartes' Meditationen von der ersten Philosophie" (Descartes's Meditations), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), April 3, 2017.
- (10) "Vom Atom zum Subjekt – Leibniz und die Monadologie" (Leibniz's Monadology), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), December 12, 2016.
- (9) "Der letzte Grund der Wirklichkeit – Zur Differenz von Spinoza und Leibniz" (Spinoza and Leibniz on the First Reason), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), November 29, 2016.
- (8) "Entdeckungsreisen als philosophische Herausforderung" (Expeditions as Philosophical Challenges), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), July 4, 2016.
- (7) "Wie kann man heute noch glauben?" (Religious Beliefs and their Epistemic Status), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), March 17, 2016.
- (6) "Könnte alles auch anders sein? Zur Philosophie der Möglichen Welten" (The Concept of Possible World in Metaphysics), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), February 19, 2016.
- (5) "Islamische Theologie und Philosophie im Mittelalter" (Medieval Islamic Philosophy), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), November 18, 2015.
- (4) "Leben wir in Leibniz' bester aller möglicher Welten?" (The Best Possible World in Leibniz), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), October 16, 2015.
- (3) "Einstein und die Philosophie" (Einstein and Philosophy), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), May 12, 2015.
- (2) "Die Fünf Wege des Thomas von Aquins" (Aquinas' *quinque viae*), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), May 11, 2015.
- (1) "Der Neue Atheismus" (New Atheism), at Munich Community College, Munich (Germany), April 20, 2015.